

**WAHSET State/District Meeting
December 8, 2007 9:00 am
Lacey Fire Station 33**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bev Matney called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Member schools present include Hockinson, Eatonville, Tumwater, Mossyrock, Cascade, Yelm, Rainier, Adna, Toledo, Ridgefield, Firm Foundation, LaCenter, and Elma with a total of 14 voting members (adult and student representatives).

Minutes

Minutes from last meeting approved 11:0

Treasurer's Report

We have a balance of \$11,897.19.

OLD BUSINESS

New Schools/Teams

Discussion of progress of new schools/teams. Eastside is growing.

Co-op progress discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

**Report from Rules/Policy
Committee**

The committee will meet following the state meeting.

Patterns 07/08

Drill maneuvers, in particular the wagon wheel, explained how the drill association is completing the maneuver with a 4-man team.

Motion and seconded to maintain the wagon wheel maneuver as is. Motion carried 14:0.

Judging

Pattern demo meeting at N Joy Arabians at 1PM 12/8/07 for riders, coaches, and judges.

Co-Ops

Discussion of coop requests.

Grandfathered Rochester riders, Centralia, & Napavine with Adna HS.

Motion and second to allow a Rochester (new rider) coop with the Adna due to not having her own horse. Motion failed - 4:7 with 1 abstention

Grandfathered Prarie and Skyview with LaCenter

Stevenson with Washougal

Ellensburg with Cascade

Motion and second to approve coops. Motion carried 14:0

Exception requested for an Orting rider to ride with Yelm (Orting coops with Eatonville).

Motion and second to approve exception passed 10:4

District Issues

Status of last year's district audit – training in January (points and treasurer), then audit will take place.

District numbers: District 3 has 147 paid members – numbers for other districts? Should a team be moved to equalize numbers? Discussion followed. Motion and second to move Rochester from District 3 to District 4 (this would nullify the motion under coops) motion carried 12:0 with 1 abstention.

District 4 has 112 paid with the possibility of a few more.

District 2 has 102 with more anticipated (Enumclaw).

District 1 has 88

Scribing – parent with child in event should not scribe for that event (this is not a rule, but a direction all Districts should strive to achieve). Also, scribes need to be trained. District 1 volunteers to create a scribe shorthand sheet to get uniformity in symbols, etc., for scribes to use.

Ideas on developing guidelines for coaches (Ferndale). If someone wants a mentor he or she is free to contact other coaches (see list on website) to ask for help/ideas. Oregon has an advisors/coaches handbook that can be referenced as well.

Brief report on issues dealt with the past month (Montesano/Yelm). A first warning of inappropriate behavior (did not follow chain of command – code of conduct violation) has been given to a Yelm parent. Next incident will result in removal of child from the team. Montesano issue of residence transfer but no school transfer discussed. No change allowed per state rules.

State Meet

Sponsors/vendors – (National sponsor) Circle Y and (local sponsor) Tack Room Too - donated saddles (performance and gaming) will go to high point champions in gaming and performance. Tooled with 2008 WAHSET Champion. Will have banners to be displayed for each District meet. Financial cost to WAHSET is \$830 for both saddles.

Motion and second to approve expenditure for saddle tooling. Carried 14:0

Confirmation of 07/08 state meet at Appleatchee May 16-18, 2008 – may arrive the afternoon of the 15th

State program update – pages created from what Hockinson sent. Looks fantastic. Please send pictures and information to District chairs as soon as possible. April 1, 2008 is the absolute deadline.

Shavings – reminder to pre-order by May 1, 2008 or bring your own.

Portable stalls – requested pricing (waiting)

Schedule considerations – still compiling – any last requests need to be submitted to Chair Matney.

Judges – hiring almost completed

Judges – discussion of fees (still negotiating with one performance judge). Does WAHSET need to consider increasing judge's fees? We have paid \$150 per day; should we increase?

Motion and second to raise judge's fee to \$200 per day carried 14:0 (mileage and lodging paid, as well as a food stipend)

Mileage is reimbursed at IRS rate (currently \$0.47 per mile)
Meals: \$30 per day for meals

Motion and second to reimburse judges at IRS mileage rate and provide a meal stipend of \$30 per day carried 13:0

Interstate Meet

Proposal: "At will" competition between two states, end of May, new patterns for just this competition (probably drawn from past OHSET files), a one-day event, in Portland/Vancouver area (centrally located), costs shared – discuss details at January meeting.

Website

New pattern book on website – Thank you to Russ!

Still need photos on website for officers. Also, new photos are not updated in general yet.

District chairs need to submit current info for schools, check event dates for accuracy.

Next General Meeting

January 13, 2008, 11:00AM, at Lacey Fire Station 34. Points and treasurer training will take place.

OPEN FLOOR

Eastside pattern demonstration day scheduled for Saturday, December 29, 2007, 10:00AM, at Appleatchee indoor arena.

Insurance information has been sent – if a school needs to be listed as additional insured, contact Linda Turnbull.

Rooms for state have been blocked (see website). Any rooms not taken will be unblocked April 1, 2008. When calling identify yourself as a WAHSET member.

Will have more vendors at state this year – many items for sale.

Inquiry regarding letter inserts insignia acquisition.

Issue regarding brush boxes for roping – this will be discussed at demo clinic today. Final determination will be put on the website.

Tumwater needs material list for jumps so the team can make what is needed. Contact Chuck, the state WAHSET equipment chairperson.

Question regarding logo use – can WAHSET name be used with a different logo? Response, only the WAHSET approved logo can be used in conjunction with the WAHSET name.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Chairperson Matney with no further action taken at 11:51 am.

/s/ Bev Matney
Chairperson

/s/ Tina Hancock
Secretary