

## WAHSET District 5 Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/9/2011

Place: Franklin County Saddle Club

Meeting Facilitator: Russ Adair

- I. Call to Order – Russ Adair
- II. Roll Call – sign in sheet and voter sign-in (see sign in sheets)
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting. Last meeting held June 12, 2011. Motion made, seconded, and unanimously approved.
- IV. Treasurers report – current account balance is \$2,542.35 following purchase and licensing of an equipment trailer. No 2011/2012 funds have been deposited so the balance is a starting balance for the year. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report, motion seconded and unanimously approved.
- V. Old Business
  - a. 2012 meet dates
    - i. March 16-18 Moses Lake (Large arena all meet)
    - ii. March 30-April 1 Moses Lake (small arena Fri/Sat & large arena Sun)
    - iii. April 13-15, Appleatchee (potential to move to April 20-22 at Moses Lake)
    - iv. May 10-13, Lynden Wa (State Meet)
  - b. Equipment trailer has been purchased for the district (14' long x 7' wide). Russ is building some racks in the trailer for the poles.
  - c. Equipment Status – reviewed the equipment list and identified equipment on hand and equipment that is required.
    - i. Medical Lake will provide the Canadian Flags and the set up device
    - ii. Dressage arena – help buying a set? Gabi took action to see if Goldendale would make/donate the dressage arena.
    - iii. Pole bases – Gabi recommended contacting High-Country plastics
    - iv. Columbia Burbank (Juan & Brent) will provide the trail gate
    - v. Keyhole setup device (Columbia Burbank – Juan?)
    - vi. Cattle Numbers – Goldendale made & donated 2 sets to District 1. Discussion was held and Russ will contact Bill to check on status of last years numbers.
    - vii. 3' daubers- need new daubers – Deer Park agreed to provide
    - viii. Group agreed to use district funds to buy shovel/manure fork, rakes, CD player, whistle, and other miscellaneous equipment needs.
  - d. Gabi B (Goldendale) asked if the district had someone seeking sponsorships at the district level. Russ noted that we do not currently have someone. Gabi argeed to provide the sponsorship letter that they use and see if one of the Goldendale parents would be willing to serve as the district sponsorship volunteer.
  - e. Team/Individual registrations
    - i. Co-ops need to be approved yearly

- ii. Russ reminded the group that fees need to be paid prior to practicing.
- f. Ambulance at meets – having a dedicated ambulance at the meets will be very expensive. Local fire departments would stand-by for free at the meet but would leave to respond to a call. Discussion was held on how the district might handle emergency situations. Russ noted that this issue was discussed at the State level and that we would be handling this differently this year.

#### VI. New Business

- a. New advisor for White Salmon – Christina Hicks
- b. New schools/teams
  - i. East Valley (Spokane) – question may still be co-op'd with Deer Park
  - ii. Walla Walla – potential, no commitment yet – Russ to follow up.
- c. Advisors – send in practice facilities ASAP. Remember if a facility wants to be a named insured there is a fee of \$20. This doesn't change the coverage.
- d. Review and update phone contact list
  - i. List was passed around and revised.
- e. Dan Jagla accident – Dan was our gaming judge last year and was injured in an industrial accident. The district is sending him a get well card.
- f. Bylaw changes – due to problems with the rule changes all rule changes must now be submitted through the district chair.
- g. Organization of state meet – discussion was held on the organization of the state meet schedule. The group agreed that the structure of the district meet schedule (Fri/Sat performance, Saturday cow events, and Sunday gaming) would be preferred at the state meet level rather than spreading the events over a full three days.
- h. New WAHSET logo design contest – one of the west side teams made a new logo. The State decided to make a logo design contest. Anyone interested in designing a new logo for WAHSET should submit their idea (jpeg format please) to the district chair no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> for consideration. There will be a vote at the state meet and the winning entry will be in effect next year.
- i. Adult volunteers for the scholarship committee – volunteers have already signed up.
- j. Volunteers for the year book coordinator – need a volunteer (parent or athlete) to handle the coordination of the yearbook efforts for our district. Advisors are to ask for volunteers and submit to the district chair.
- k. Suggestion made to create a District 5 flag – idea accepted, motion made to have each team submit their ideas no later than Jan 15, the entries will be compiled and a vote will be held to determine the winner.
- l. Drill maneuvers and performance patterns are posted on the web site.
- m. Eastside coaches clinic 10/22 at 9:00 am in Wenatchee
- n. Westside coaches clinic 10/29 at 11:00 am, Lacey fire station
- o. Eastside pattern demo 10/22 in Wenatchee, 11:00 am. The pattern demo will be videotaped by Moving Images and will be posted on the web.
- p. Expected number of athletes:
  - i. Columbia-Burbank – 16

- ii. Deer Park – 7 or 8
- iii. Goldendale – 7
- iv. Kiona Benton – 8
- v. Medical Lake – 9
- vi. White Salmon – 3 or 4
- vii. Yakima (West Valley) 7

Russ noted that we need around 80 athletes to break even. We have approximately 57 expected. Need to recruit more athletes.

- q. Open floor –
  - i. Discussion on judges – noted that different judges did not necessarily apply the WAHSET class expectations/pattern scoring uniformly.
  - ii. Concern was raised on the drill judges and the difference between WAHSET rules and the rules of other drill organizations.
  - iii. Russ noted that the judges have not been set for the upcoming season.