

Minutes  
WAHSET District 3  
February 10, 2013

**Attendees:** Pam Toney, Sherri Luster, Tasha Grinde, Debbie Grinde, Terrie Flaten, Pat Mclaughlin, Tracy Hisel, Kelly Trefsgar, Tina Kline, Linda Wirth, Christi Templar, Cheri Allen, Rebecca Cantrell, Haley Hisel Brenda Potter, Kallie Templar, Tammie Harrison, Fee Harrison,

Meeting called to order at 9:11 a.m. at Happy Trails Arena.

**Old Business:**

- 1) January minutes were approved as written. 10-0 (note: no formal meeting in February). Minutes are posted on the state website.

**New Business:**

- 1) Treasurer Report:
  - Current Balances
    - Checking \$18,858.23 (less outstanding checks)
    - Scholarship \$1,985.76
- 2) Meet 2 - no issues reported; smooth event.
- 3) Meet 3 - Tacoma Unit:
  - Stall assignments are ready; can be reviewed after meeting and Rebecca will send with schedule.
  - Schedule should be done and sent by Monday night.
  - Start time for meet three will be 6:00 p.m. (rather than 5). This is to accommodate the fact that all schools will be conducting the statewide HSPE testing and many of our athletes will be taking these tests.
  - Open Arena will be from 1:00 - 3:30.
  - Stalls available at 1:00.
  - Judges meeting at 5:30
  - Due to reported footing issues at the Tacoma Unit, we will plan to rake after every gaming event and more as needed.
  - Judges for meet three are:
    - Laura Brewer for performance
    - Lori Taylor for cows, gaming, drill
  - Senior tribute will be Saturday night after drill - approximately 8:00 p.m. Remind family and friends that the start time is dependent on how the rest of the day goes. With more rakes, we may be starting this later than 8. **Remind all seniors that their senior tributes are due to the office by noon on Saturday.** Tina will be in charge of collecting them.
  - Drill practice will be split between Thursday and Friday nights (at the request of drill coaches).
    - Thursday: Toledo and Camas
    - Friday: Washougal and Castle Rock
- 4) 2014 Venue - new option
  - The Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds has offered the district the option to have a second meet at Elma. They could accommodate the district April 17-20 (3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of April). This would mean a January meet at Clark County, February at Elma, and then April at Elma. Discussion followed with several pros noted including having the potential to change the January meet in Clark County to March (some day), having a break between meets 2 and 3 is better than the long

break we have now between meet 3 and state, and that Elma is closer for the southern teams. Some cons discussed were that the office at The Unit is nicer and that the closeness of camping, barns, arena at The Unit is nicer. Motion to accept a second meet at Elma and drop the meet at the Tacoma Unit for the 2013-14 year was made by Tina and seconded by Kelly. Motion passed 10-0. Rebecca will make arrangements with Elma.

5) Teams:

- Rebecca asked about teams who will be transitioning to new/different coaches next year. North Thurston, Camas, Washougal, and Hockinson all reported they will have coaching changes. She encouraged the current coaches to work with incoming coaches to ease the transition. One suggestion is to make sure the athlete expectations are clearly documented.
- Discussion regarding how teams handle inexperienced athletes. Some teams use a skills check list to "qualify" athletes for events. Others rely on having clear expectations for participation in practices and at meets. Some teams require athletes to sign in at each practice (practice log). All coaches agreed that safety is a priority and that for certain events like jumping, daubing, etc athletes need to have some experience and practice prior to competing. Rebecca reminded coaches to document any issues and/or non-compliance with defined expectations and work with her as necessary to resolve issues.

6) Scholarship Baskets:

Meet 3: North Thurston and Toledo

7) End of season award banquet will be May 3 (tentative) at 6:30 at Castle Rock. It will be a dessert buffet. **Sherry will create a sign-up sheet and have it available at meet 3.**

8) State Board Meeting:

- Yearbooks - email pictures and stories to Karen Wirth ([wahsetyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:wahsetyearbook@gmail.com))
  - Cost is \$18 for pre-orders, \$23 if you buy at the state meet (limited quantities available at the meet). **Pre-orders by April 1.**
  - Team picture and story are due by **March 16**
  - Ads are due by **March 16**. Asking for minimum of 3 per team. See the website for whom to send them to, the deadline and size details.
- 2013 State Meet, Moses Lake, May 16-19. Stalls will be \$85/horse. Camping fees not yet known.
- Next state meeting is March 23, 11 a.m. at Mt Si Senior Center, North Bend
- Scholarship applications are due **May 5<sup>th</sup>**. See the WAHSET website for forms and additional information.

9) Other items:

- Since the teams had such a good time at meet two with the "just for fun bi-wrangle event", another fun event idea for meet three was suggested. Tracy suggested an apple pie contest that involves handlers and horses (and slices of apple pie). All agreed to this idea and we will fit it in one night depending on how the schedule goes.
- Fundraiser ideas for next year were discussed.
  - i. Possibly have a WAHSET Reunion Show. This would be similar to what rodeo groups have done in the past and could be quite lucrative. Tracy and Sherry will discuss further and bring a proposal to a future meeting.

- ii. Rebecca discussed the idea of a dunk tank for sumo wrestler suit fundraiser at the state meet this year. The group liked the idea of a dunk tank and teams are willing to assist with running the event. Rebecca will follow-up with the state board.
- iii. Tasha Grinde reminded everyone about her senior project. She is coordinating fundraisers at Silver Buckle Ranch (an email was sent to all teams a couple weeks ago). The dates are March 23, April 20, and May 11. Another email and flyer will be sent to coaches for distribution.

**Adjourn** - motion to adjourn from Kelly passed 10/0. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

**Reminder:** next meeting will be **April 14** (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday), same location and time.