

WAHSET District 3 Meeting

August 26, 2014, 6:30 pm

Papa Pete's, Castle Rock

Present: Rebecca Cantrell (district chair- retired), Tracy Hisel – Toledo, Kadena and Paige Riggs – Toledo, Laurie Sanchez – Washougal, Grace and Susan Holcroft – Washougal, Linda Wirth – Hockinson, Cherie and Gabby – Camas, Chyma Miller-Smith – equipment, Chanin Holdt – ex- WAHSET coach, Michelle Skillingstad – North Thurston

Castle Rock reps stuck in traffic, won't make it.

Leadership:

Chanin Holdt has been with WAHSET for nine years, with a one year hiatus and is coming back to serve as district chair. Needs a vice chair and much more support. One person can't do it all.

Tracy Hisel willing to serve as vice chair. Kadena willing to be points chair.

Tammy Harrison offered to help at meets.

Rebecca: It takes one year to learn these roles, one year to master it, hope for someone willing to commit to two to three years. Will vote officers in next meeting.

Colemans from Hockinson may be willing to have leadership roles.

Need someone to learn treasurer job for next year. Chyma says this will be her last year as equipment person.

As we get new families in, look at strengths and weaknesses and see where there might be a match for all volunteer roles.

State meetings:

Held at North Bend. Can carpool from Olympia, this year someone from Camas always goes, could carpool. North Thurston has sent reps to state meetings for years, but may not be able to sustain. Need more reps. Good to have one parent/youth consistently, but this is difficult. Can rotate. Suggest drawing for four teams to be responsible for this year.

Question re: moving state meetings to more central location, or rotating locations.

Rebecca said North Bend was selected in consideration of travel for all districts.

We have new state board leadership. There are four state meeting dates this year. More could be added.

Action: Need district representation at state meetings. Please discuss with your team, either find someone willing to go to state meetings, or agree to draw teams out of a hat. These are voting positions at state for youth and adults.

Schedule:

District 3 Meets: January 22-25 Clark County, February 19-22 Elma, April 16-19 Elma
We won't go back to Tacoma, the footing is unsafe, and the arena is short.
Clark County: need to contact and oversee how footing is prepped.
Elma is knowledgeable and prepares footing well for us.

State Meet at Moses Lake: May 14th-17th

State meetings in North Bend: October 18th - retreat day for leadership, January 17th, May 2nd,
July 25th (transition meeting for state board members)

PNWIC Invitational at Monroe: June 26th-28th

Athlete numbers, recruitment and new teams:

Recruiting flyer was emailed, created by a marketing person. Please post at schools and around town.
Need to add contact information. Encourage students to recruit among peers. Have a table at club day.
Beginning riders will grow, don't disregard them.

Numbers:

Toledo: 12 or more

Washougal: 8 -10

Camas: 7-10

North Thurston: 10-12

Castle Rock: 18

Hockinson: 14

Total around 70 is financially doable for our district. After our last meeting it looked like our numbers would be 65 or less, so Rebecca discussed with state board. The state vice chair suggests moving Enumclaw (35 riders) to District 3. This would bring both districts into better alignment economically and otherwise. Enumclaw is amenable. Balance of gaming and performance, with 2 drill clubs, 6 coaches. Seen to be a good fit as far as leadership. Also, may add a new team from North Bend. This would help with having a state rep to go to North Bend. 😊

Treasurer's report:

\$10, 141.77 current balance. About the same as we started with last year, but we have lower numbers now. Last year about 90 riders. We get money from stalls at meets. Some venues charge less per stall.

Question: What's a good number to start with? Linda says we've already paid deposit for Clark County for next year. We're starting out in a fairly good position.

Judges:

Attached to minutes: handout re: cost for judges, can use to project future costs. Best to focus on quality and variety of judges, costs are really not prohibitive.

Important Action: Suggestions for judges from teams will be received until Friday! Speak up or hold your peace! Email names to Rebecca.

Scholarship fund:

Current scholarship fund is \$147.00

Need to fund two scholarships for \$500.00 each.

Baskets are not raising enough money, time consuming and not cost effective. Suggested raffling baskets instead of an auction. Earnie will obtain permits and rules for raffles. Also suggestion to do 50/50 raffles.

Action: Need ideas from teams, and a committee to research grant and fundraising ideas. Recruit from your teams! District chair cannot be responsible for this! Find out team preference re: instead of fundraising, parents/supporter could donate a certain fee i.e. \$5-10 per athlete, or teams could do a scholarship fundraiser i.e. carwash.

Chanin suggests selling apparel and stickers as a fundraiser. OHSET has a store. Some clubs require athletes to purchase apparel. Need volunteers to coordinate.

Drill clinic:

Opportunity to have drill clinics with volunteer facilitators, if we organize and facilitate. Could be all-district, or individual teams. Happy Trails can offer venue for 20-30 riders at \$10 per rider for a district clinic.

Action: if your team is interested in this, contact Rebecca by Friday to say if you want a district event or individual team event.

Computer:

Rebecca took computer in for repair, but cost would be \$300. Problem is not hardware, it is the keyboard. Needs antivirus.

Need someone knowledgeable to repair. Chanin will contact Paul, Cherie can contact her son if needed.

Rule changes:

Action: Student and coaches need to vote by Friday on all requested rule changes submitted in Rebecca's previous email (not just on the "undecided").

Question re proposed changes to working rancher (OHSET to WAHSET). Rebecca explained this was probably thought to be a "clean up" of the rule book, but the reference to OHSET actually refers back to a higher authority on the actual rule as a secondary reference. Rebecca recommends wording to remain OHSET with no change.

Question re rule changes. Rebecca explained the procedure for a rule change. Suggestions can originate with the team or coach. Rebecca reviews suggestion and decides whether valid to send to state rule committee. They review and either throw it out or submit it for change.

Change next district meeting date:

Cancel September 7th

Reschedule to September 21st at 9:00 am at Happy Trails Arena, Hwy 12, Ethel, WA

Start of season:

Action: Paperwork and fees have to be complete before the first practice! Start of season is September 1st. Fees are \$200 per athlete, plus \$20 for cow participants. Doesn't cover actual cost of cows.

Cow contractor:

Action: need suggestions for a new cow vendor

Meeting ended 8:10 pm