

WAHSET District 3
Minutes – September 21st, 2014
Submitted by Susan Holcroft

Present:

Chanin Holdt, Cherie Quist – Camas, Carrie Quist – Camas, Michelle Skillingstad – NT, Ashley Skillingstad – NT, Rebecca Cantrell, Linda Wirth – Hockinson, Tracy Hisel – Toledo, Chuck Cram – Castle Rock, Grace Holcroft – Washougal, Susan Holcroft – Washougal, Haley Hisel - Toledo

Treasurers report: (attached)

Current balance \$10,141.77 (not including scholarship money). Two pending things not included will show next month (returned check, one tack room charge, not significant).

Budget: (attached)

Scholarship account has \$1000.00 not added into yearly operations budget.

Rebecca recommends we consider investing in a reader board, approximately \$1500.00. We have been using Chanin's. Also we've been using Chyma's bridge, and this may be her last year. May ask Jim to build or buy a bridge, or Linda may have an extra one.

Tracy moved to pass the budget, all in favor. Budget passed.

Happy Trails: Needs a contact person. Meeting room use - no fees unless for an unscheduled meeting, then \$10. Please inform them of meeting dates, or when a meeting is canceled.

Toledo, Castle Rock, North Thurston may use facility for \$50 per use, regardless of number of riders unless over 50. May be more if there are more riders. Concern re: people coming in not part of WAHSET (friends of friends need to pay separately). Cow night is \$75.

Happy Trails will charge \$10 for safety, helmet and footwear infractions. Rebecca requested name and WAHSET rider number be given to Chanin.

No charge for stall use, unless people don't clean them. Aisles need to be cleaned immediately. Problem last year.

Old business:

June minutes: Approved.

Rebecca received no feedback on interest in drill clinics. If interested, contact District Chair for info.

June pending items:

District Chair: Chanin was nominated and approved!

Vice chair: Rebecca was nominated and approved!

Points: Tracy will act as points person, Kadena Riggs will be in training. Approved!

Thanks to each of them for stepping up to serve our district.

Adult and student rep for state meetings:

North Thurston has served in this role for quite some time. No one else has stepped forward to attend state meetings. They will attend the October meeting, but then would like to withdraw from these duties. It is proposed to draw straws among teams to attend the other three state meetings. North Thurston can sit out the drawing.

The next state meeting is October 18th. It is an officers' retreat meeting, and there will be a possible coach retreat. If so, it will be announced. Please encourage coaches to come.

Action item: Please inquire with your team if anyone is interested in representing the district at the state level. If not, we'll go forward with drawing straws at the next district meeting. There is someone from Camas who is on the state board, but can't represent our district. Could carpool, though, if anyone is interested.

State meetings: October 18, January 17, May 2, July 25

New Team for District:

Enumclaw will not be joining District 3. Woodland may join as of October. We won't know for sure until officiated at state level, then an announcement will be made.

Official start of 2015 season, welcome Chanin as new chair!!!!**New business:**

Proposed service day for Happy Trails to thank them for use of facilities. There was a discussion about asking all teams in district to participate. This could be a District level service project, as a contribution to system that supports WAHSET and horse community. Happy Trails has minimum staffing. We have used this facility for two years, district meetings held there at no charge.

North Thurston and Toledo use facility for practices. It was pointed out that it would be prohibitive for other teams to travel long distance in order to participate. It was suggested that these teams might contribute a gift certificate instead of traveling for a service day.

Action: Tracy, Michelle and Chanin will plan a date for nearby teams to offer a service day. Other teams are asked to contribute a gift certificate for fuel to Happy Trails, suggested donation \$1-5 per team member.

District meetings will move to Chanin's house. 5484 Jackson Hwy, Toledo (Prairie Ridge Tack Shop).

Fees: \$200 registration, \$20 nonrefundable cow fee, deadline December 1st. Registration and paperwork must be submitted to District Chair in order to attend practices. These can be dropped off at Chanin's house.

Cows: Ken Stone. Same cost as last year.

Add or drop an event at a meet: In order to add or drop an event, only a coach may contact the district chair, **not athletes or parents**. Additions are at district chair discretion. Dropping should be for a valid reason, not a whim. There is some room for schedule changes at chair discretion, if there is a good reason.

Team practices:

Action – Chanin will email a list of arenas so that teams can update which are currently in use.

Registration:

Action - please send initial registration packets to Chanin before October 10th. This allows processing time before first state meeting.

Alumni activities: Discussion tabled until closer to January meet.

Action: Grace will ask Fee Harrison if she would be interested in helping to plan activities at first meet at Clark County.

Judges: We were able to engage all the judges that were at the top of our list. If interested in names, contact District Chair.

Estimated team numbers:

Camas – 12

Castle Rock – mid 20s

Hockinson – 14

NT – 16

Toledo – 12-14

Washougal – 12

Woodland – 14-16

Initial team meetings:

Camas – October 2

CR – September 28th

Hockinson – September 22nd

NT – September 25th

Toledo – September 27th

Washougal – September 24th

District Scholarship Fundraising:

The basket auctions are not raising as much money as in the past.

Action: Please ask at team meetings for consensus on fundraising. Teams can be responsible for a set contribution per athlete. Either make a straight donation or do fundraising. Might seek sponsors. Could try raffles at meets. Linda has quilts to donate, as well.

District 3 dates:

-Athlete registration deadline to December 1st. Paperwork can be dropped at Chanin's house or feed store.

-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

State board update:

Looking for a place for a pattern clinic. Will offer a judges clinic, see state website for details.

The State newsletter is online.

Action: tell your team to like our state Facebook page! WAHSET statewide

Next meeting: November 2nd, 9:00 am. Chanin's house.

Meeting adjourned.