

WAHSET District 3
Minutes – December 7th, 2014
Submitted by Susan Holcroft

Present: Michelle Skillingstad - North Thurston, Maddie Mancke – North Thurston, Cherie Quist – Camas, Gabriele Smith – Camas, Carrie Quist – Camas, Payton Beres - Camas, Angela Colley – Snohomish, Linda Wirth – Hockinson (District Treasurer), Jennifer Wirth – Hockinson, Susan Holcroft – Washougal (District Secretary), Grace Holcroft – Washougal, Tabitha Johnson – Woodland, Jolene Johnson – Woodland, Kadena Riggs – Toledo United, Paige Riggs – Toledo United, Chanin Holdt (District Chair)

Meeting started at 9:10

Welcome Snohomish, Battle Ground, Vashon, Woodland! District 3 now has 10 teams.

Motion to approve minutes. Correction to minutes noted that Woodland will be in charge of the scholarship fundraiser. Approved.

Treasurer's Report

Copy of November report attached.

Request from Chyma for funds to replace tires on the utility trailer used for equipment. Projected about \$1000.00.

Total registration from all schools estimated about 125-130.

Motion to drop stall fees to \$50 for the season, as there appears to be a surplus for next year because of additional riders.

Discussion: May need extra money for next year as a buffer, better to pay extra stall fees now, rather than larger lump later. Stock contractors may raise fees. Suggestion that stall fees not be dropped, to insure cushion. Suggestion to raise more money with higher cow fees, rather than stall fees. Treasurer stated that it is easier to track with stall fees rather than cows, especially as rider numbers fluctuate by meet. Stall fees also cover other expenses (awards, judges, etc.).

Vote: Drop stall fees to \$50? 6 in favor. 6 opposed. Roberts rules states that the president or chair breaks a tie. District chair decision that stall fees remain the same.

Motion: Vote to change cow fees per meet if signed up for all three events. Motion shelved, as many have already paid with their registrations.

Motion to approve budget. Vote 10 in favor -2 opposed. Budget approved.

There was a situation at Toledo United last year with misappropriation of funds. The person involved has been removed from positions of responsibility, but still has a child on the team. They will be reimbursing the fund.

Action: Beginning in January, every team will be required to bring their books and bank statements to district meetings, where they will be reviewed by district officers. Be sure there are line item explanations of income and expenditure, receipts, and copies of checks. This is the third time our district has had misappropriation issues. District books will be checked at state level.

Motion to add Rebecca Cantrell (vice chair) and Chanin Holdt (district chair) as signers on bank account, remove Sheri Luster. Four years ago funds disappeared, now there are more checks and balances, with 2 signers required on each check (Linda Wirth as treasurer with Rebecca or Chanin). Standard protocol is that board members can be signers. Chanin can make deposits and will track income. Approved.

Old Business

Happy Trails Service Day: Rebecca was coordinating, not present. Discussion: fees were paid for services, volunteer work and equipment have already been offered. No need to pursue service day or gift cards. General agreement.

Meet packets: If teams have anything to include, items can be given to Chanin. Washougal traditionally offered welcome goodies to new members. They'll confirm if it will happen again this year.

New Business

Schedule: Letter read from Hockinson opposing possible change to cancel Thursday nights, citing horse and rider fatigue, ability to keep a timely schedule, and other concerns. Several other teams in agreement. Chanin agreed, now with over 100 riders a 4 day event is needed.

Discussion about order of events. Suggestion that team events not be held Thursday night, as some folks have trouble getting there in time due to work schedules, thereby penalizing a whole team if one rider is late. Other considerations in arranging events include horses needing to be clean for IHOR and showmanship. Set up for some events has to be coordinated with others. Chanin will take all concerns under advisement when creating the schedule. The sooner she has estimates for rider numbers for events, the better. A point was raised that some people choose events based on when they are scheduled. With Senior recognition at the third meet after drill event, are there ways to double up events to save time? Chanin will review.

Question: Can kids drive to meets if an adult is with them? Answer: no.

Appreciation expressed for the patterns clinic.

Question about IHOR: If you don't do bonus, do you skip it? Yes. Can the same horse go through with different riders? No, not at the same event.

Logos on shirts: no sponsors or team names on sleeves. Question: Can drill team have a flag patch? Yes, check on size. Can a sponsor logo be on a saddle pad? Yes.

Camping is \$20 per night. Woodland volunteers will direct camping traffic at Clark County. Don't show up before 1:00.

Action: Please submit estimated camping spots for your team as soon as possible for initial planning.

Two of our district volunteers have no children at meets. Motion for district to pay camping fees, for District Chair- Chanin Holdt and District Equipment Chair Chyma Miller-Smith Approved.

Linda will check on discounts at motels near Clark County Fairgrounds.

Action: Please submit an initial estimate for number of athletes per event so Chanin can begin working on the schedule by December 15th. She will create an initial mock schedule by the 20th in order to facilitate participants travel planning. The Friday cow event will not be changing.

A dance is being planned for the Saturday night of the meet at Clark County. A line dancing teacher will be scheduled, and the district will fund the cost of \$125. An invitation will be sent soon to teams so they can contact their alumni to attend.

Action: A sound system is needed for announcers and events. Please contact Chanin if you have a sound system. Purchase of a system being considered. A volunteer DJ is needed for the dance tentatively scheduled on January 24th. Please contact Susan Holcroft at Washougal if you have someone.

Alumni activities: Rebecca is coordinating, but not present. Tabled

Judges have been sent contracts.

Team updates

Battle Ground: Not present.

Camas: No drill. 6 for cows, 12 riders

Castle Rock: Not present. Will have drill

Hockinson: 8 person drill, estimate 10-12 for cows

North Thurston: Will have drill. 12 riders

Snohomish: Will try to have drill, 2-3 for cows, 15 riders.

Toledo: 2-4s drill, 6-8 cows, 10 riders, 1 groom

Washougal: 10 riders, no drill, 10 for cows

Vashon: 3 riders, 3 for cows

Woodland: 1 drill, 2-3 cow teams, 12-13 riders

Scholarship: Teams can do fundraising or pay \$5 per athlete for the season.

Further Action Items – Dates and Deadlines:

December 10th: Existing coop deadline.

December 15th Mock event sheet due

January 4th : New co-op deadline

January 4th: Next district meeting. Please bring final event sheets, stall numbers, camping registrations, along with team banking records listed above.

January 22-25: First meet at Clark County Fairgrounds!

State Meetings and Representatives:

January 17, 2015 - Toledo United

May 2, 2015 - Castle Rock

July 25, 2015 - Hockinson

PINWIC

Dates changed to June 18-21, 2015 at Monroe Fairgrounds

District 3 representative for PNWIC:

Rebecca Cantrell will take over for Linda, along with Hanna Cantrell, student from North Thurston

Vote to adjourn.