

## Lake County 4-H Horse & Pony Committee Agenda

April 3, 2025, 6:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting

Superintendents Kristina Shupryt

Assistant Superintendent: Christi Long, Secretary: Jennifer Wilson, Treasurer: Jennifer Bisig

### Call to Order & Pledges! 7:17 pm

I pledge ... My Head to clearer thinking, My Heart to greater loyalty, My Hands to larger service and My Health to be5er living for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

### Treasurer's Report

Report by treasurer Jennifer Bisig **Jennifer Bisig gave her report, one outstanding ad book bill from last year, demo bill from March outstanding as well. The committee sent out a large list of sponsorship letters to the sponsors from last year, so far we only have received one sponsorship. If you can please hand out sponsorships forms to local businesses.**

### Secretary's Report

Minutes will be posted online, and copies will be available at the meetIng. The minutes will be posted on the Purdue Extension website which is located at the bottom of the agenda. Jen Wilson will also read the following response to questions from the last committee meeting:

1) Are we allowed to have an auction at next year's Tack Swap? Wanted to make sure that we are following 4-H guidelines with fundraisers. Also if we wanted to reserve the Industrial Building, will we be charged a fee and how do we go about reserving the building?

Reply: **Yes, you can have an auction at the Tack Swap next Year. The only stipulations are that there can be NO games of chance/gambling. So, no raffles, drawings, bingo, spin the wheel, etc.**

2) In reference to the safety of our Horse and Pony project participants, is there a program or a clinic that we can utilize that would teach the participants about horse safety from how to handle a horse to safety equipment and proper bit usage?

Reply: **As of right now, I don't know of any curriculum or resources there might be. I am attending a Horse 101 Conference at the end of the month and can see what is available then. You also have the option to host a workshop but it can not be mandatory.**

3) A question came up in reference to how other Indiana counties are requiring horse and pony project participants to attend clinics in order to be able to show at the fair, is this something that can be implemented in our Lake County program? If yes, how do we go about implementing that?

Reply: **According to our Policies and Procedures in section 1.1 : Volunteers and Extension Educators may not require youth to attend 4-H club meetings in order to complete 4-H or exhibit their work unless a safety meeting required at the state level is required for the project. So even though other counties may have "required" clinics, it is against our policies and procedures to do that. We want to remain in compliance with our policies and**

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procedures, so anything that is offered, in terms of clinics, needs to remain voluntary. As far as I am aware, the only state requirements that would be mandatory are the 4-H Shooting Sports safety pre-training and QLC, which are both offered multiple times.

Jennifer Wilson gave her report and read the above information to the committee. Kasey Wilhoit was able to answer any questions that the committee had including: In regards to the Horse 101 training that Kasey attended, safety clinics and jumping clinics the liability falls back on the committee and the educators. An option for next year, give a special incentive for participants that attend clinics. Mychelle made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Kristin, motion carries.

#### **County News:**

Hey Kasey, what's new in County News? Registratlon is open for 4-H camp, \$25 deposit, Camp is from June 10-12 . Purdue Day of giving is April 30. You will be able to direct your donation specifically to Lake County 4-H. Geranium pickup is April 26, leaders will be contacted soon to sign up for pickup times. Multiple workshops are available check out the Purdue Extension-Lake County 4-H facebook page.

4-H Academy and 4-H Roundup registration is open. Julie Jones sent an email to club leaders to complete a survey. Awards night has been moved from July 31 to July 25, and will still be held in the tent next to the 4-H building at the Lake County Fairgrounds. The County Committee has announced that they will be participating in Stock the Trailer again this year during the fair. Donated food for the trailer can only be dropped off at the 4-H building again this year. The funds that the County Committee were awarded from the 2024 Stock the Trailer program went to purchase new shelving for the 4-H building.

#### **Activity Reports: Chairpersons are in bold**

**Color Guard/Drill Team:** Amy Ingebretsen, Elaine Anderson, Jennifer Bisig, Abby Imhof

Callout meeting was April 7 at the 4-H fairgrounds.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Ad Book:** Laura Clemons, Chrisl Long ,Jennifer Bisig **NR**

**Awards:** Jennifer Bisig, Kristen Donaldson, Abby Bisig, Molly Koehler, Chrisl Long **are scheduling a meeting.**

**Demo:** Kristen Donaldson, Chrisl Long, Barb Dewell **NR**

**Education/Clinics:** Barb Dewell, Amy Ingebretsen, Krislna Shupryt **See old business for an update of the mock show.**

**Facebook:** Jennifer Wilson, Kristina Shupryt, **NR**

**Fair Schedule:** Jennifer Bisig, Barb DeWell, Chrisl Long, Krislna Shupryt, **NR**

**Fundraising:** Kristina Shupryt , Jennifer Bisig, Kristen Donaldson **Discussed the possibility of having a horse and pony t-shirt created to wear at fair as a fundraiser for the horse and pony committee. Anyone that wanted to order would print off the order form and drop off to the extension office horse and**

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pony lock box. Deadline is June 5. A motion was called for committee approval for the fundraiser by Christi and seconded by Lauren. Motion carried. Another motion was called for the committee to set the price of each shirt to \$12 by Christi and seconded by Lauren. Motion carried.

**Gymkhana:** Sarah Pancini NR

**Identification & Registration (I&R):** ChrisE Long, Earlyne Roy NR

**Jumping:** Jennifer Bisig, Abby Bisig, Jennifer Wilson, Abby Bisig Shared with the committee that rules for jumping are governed by the 4-H State Handbook, which can be purchased online or at the extension office.

**Team Tournament:** Jennifer Wilson, Chrislne Broberg, Abby Bisig NR

**Trail:** Amy Ingebretsen, Denise Sitarz, Jennifer Wilson NR

**Wellness:** KrisEna Shupryt, Jennifer Wilson, Jennifer Bisig, Alexis Gedda, Rachael Koehler NR

**Judging:** Jennifer McCormick, Barb DeWell, Michelle Taylor see old business

**Testing::** Megan Bush NR

There was a vote called and approved for a 15 minute extension of the meeting.

#### **Old Business:**

Update on the Mock Show May 18, 2025 @ Navajo Saddle Club in Kouts, with a later start of 10 or 10:30 am. A picture for the t-shirt was given to Barb Dewell who is trying to find a sponsor for t-shirts. Participants who register in advance would be able to receive a t-shirt.

Update on Jumping clinics 2 clinics will be held. There will be a clinic following the mock show at Navajo on May 18.

Update on Judges for fair: a fair judge has been contacted and their information needs to be sent into the office so that the forms can be sent out.

#### **New Business:**

Lake County 4-H Horse and Pony Project review: What's new for 2025?

A copy of the slideshow was sent to the entire committee before and after the meeting. Clarifications were made as follows: Per Lake County 4-H Color Guard and Drill Team minutes and parent handouts that each drill team participant must register in a walk, trot, canter project class in order to be eligible to participate in color guard and drill team.

Ambassador Project, Horse Show

Two 4-H ambassador participants want to have a horse show for their ambassador project this year, with the proceeds to benefit the Lake County Horse and Pony Project. The details are still being worked out but Navajo Saddle Club has offered their horse grounds in exchange for 4-H participants to donate time during their horse shows. Also Navajo would be staffing their snack

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area during the ambassador show. Also working on getting insurance as well. Since the ambassador project involves horses, the Lake County 4-H Horse and Pony Committee needs to vote to offer their support of the project. Denise made a motion to support the project, Christi seconded. Motion carried.

Club Reports: Tabled to the May meeting.

Tails & Trails

Saddle and Spurs Prairie Pioneers

The Lone Rangers

Happy Wrangle

Adjourned at 8:43 pm

Meeting Dates (all meetings begin at 6:30 pm unless otherwise noted)

March 6

*September 4*

April 3

*October 2*

May 1

*November 6*

June 5

SAVE THE DATES:

July 3

5/15 IRS forms Due