

STATE 4-H HORSE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Saturday, October 29, 2011
Hardin County Extension Office
Elizabethtown, Kentucky

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Jean Smith, President. Faith Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance and Daniele Woods led the 4-H pledge.

Members Present:

Eric Smith, Jean Smith, Fernanda Camargo, Amy Lawyer, Janet Curran, Georgia Skelton, Katie Luttrell (D6), Karen Ryan (D6), Jean Jenkins (D3), Jessica Woods (D3), Danielle Woods (D6), Wally Taylor (D6), Valerie Stokes (D6), Kelly Kinslow (D6), Donita Blair (D5), Faith Blair (D5), Brooklyn Frymire (D5), Taylor Newton (D5), Barbara Dowell, (D5), Rachel Woosley (D1), Sandy Woosley (D1) Kim McCane (D1), Melanie Kelly (D7), Kendra Cunningham (D7), Clayton Jerrell (D7)

We're very sad that District 2 was not represented at the meeting. Your presence will be missed.

By-Laws:

The Advisory Council bylaws were presented and reviewed. Proposed changes for the bylaws were discussed. These changes include making the terms of the Advisory Council officers two years, instead of the current one year term; election of officers would still be held at the fall meeting of the Council, but the officers would not officially begin until the spring meeting.

Officers

Method of Electing Officers: Section C, #4 was discussed around the topic of elected officers must be members of the Council, elected by their Districts. **MOTION: Article 4, Section C, #4 be deleted.** Motion made by Melanie Kelly, seconded by Clayton Jerrell. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 4, Section B, Term of Office: **MOTION: Move Article 4, Section D, #4 (vacancies) to Article 4, Section C, #4. Include the word "qualification requirements" after the words assumed duties.** Motion made by Jessica Woods. Seconded by Katie Luttrell. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 5, Section A: Composition – **MOTION: Amend to read that "The Executive Committee will be composed of all elected officers. Delete the second sentence. The Extension Specialist and/or Associate responsible for serving the Council, will serve as non-voting member(s).** Seconded by Jessica Woods. Motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Year

Article 4, Officers, Section A: **MOTION: Add the words Youth Representative.** Motion made by Melanie Kelly and seconded by Danielle Woods. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 4, Section B – **MOTION: Add to the first sentence, "with the exception of the youth representative, who shall serve for a term of one year" Last sentence should read "Secretary, or Youth Representative".** Motion made by Jessica Woods. Seconded by Danielle Woods. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 6, Fiscal Year, 4-H fiscal and Program Year – **MOTION: Change all references to "Fiscal Year". Replace with the words "Program Year.** Motion made by Melanie Kelly. Seconded by Clayton Jerrell. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 8, Committees, Section A: Standing Committees: Remove to word "Finance". **MOTION: Sentence 1, delete the word "standing". From sentence 5 to the end is deleted. Delete the header to Section B. Begin the sentence with the word "Committees".** Will need to re-number the remainder of this section. Delete all words in Section B before those words. Motion made by Kim McCane. Seconded by Sandy Woosley. Motion passed unanimously.

Remove all references to the word “Standing” within the by-laws in reference to Committees.

Article 8, Section D: Membership – Lots of discussion. No changes

Article 8, Section E, Term – **MOTION: Remove Section E Referring to Ad Hoc Committees.** Motion made by Melanie Kelly. Seconded by Clayton Jerrell. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 12, Fees – **MOTION: Remove this Article.** Motion made by Clayton Jerrell. Seconded by Janet Curran. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Wally, vote on bylaws with the changes as noted above in the minutes. Seconded by Sandy Woosley. Motion passed. 11 yes, 0 no, 4 abstained.

MOTION: Accept and adopt the bylaws as presented in the documentation today, including the adoption of the amendments noted in the minutes above. Motion made by Kim McCane. Seconded by Janet Curran. 11 yes, 0 no, and 6 abstentions. Motion passes.

Discussion around the removal of officers. Wally asked Melanie Kelly to research the removal of officers, determine if our newly-adopted bylaws are sufficiently worded to cover the removal of officers, and offer an opinion at the spring meeting.

Election of Officers:

President: Jean Smith nominated for President by Clayton Jerrell. Jessica Woods nominated for President by Jean Jenkins. Motion that nominations cease made by Melanie Kelly and seconded by Georgia Skelton. A written ballot was taken. Jean Smith was elected by vote.

Secretary: Jessica Woods was nominated for Secretary by Melanie Kelly. There were no other nominations from the floor and Melanie moved that nominations cease and Jessica be elected by acclamation. Motion made by ???? and seconded by ??????. Motion passed.

Vice-President: Kendra Cunningham was nominated for Secretary by Clayton Jerrell. There were no other nominations from the floor and Melanie moved that nominations cease and Kendra be elected by acclamation. Motion made by ???? and seconded by ??????. Motion passed.

Youth Representative: Danielle Woods (D3) nominated herself and gave a brief overview of her background and qualifications. Clayton Jerrell (D7) nominated himself and gave a brief overview of his background and qualifications. Rachel Woosley (D1) nominated herself and gave a brief overview of her background and qualifications. A written ballot was taken. Clayton Jerrell was elected by vote.

All officers are beginning their first term, based on the adoption of the new bylaws.

Program Report:

Dr. Camargo reported that, overall, the KY 4-H Horse program had a successful year. There are no classes at the KY State 4-H Horse Show that are in danger of being discontinued due to lack of entries. The entries in some classes decreased, but others increased, resulting in basically flat growth. The Saddleseat Division showed a significant increase in participants.

Amy Lawyer reported that our National Hippology team placed first at Quarter Horse Congress. The team consisted of Anna Meurer, Brittany Sims, Georgia Skelton and Deana Curran. 2 Judging teams went to Southern Regionals. A combined team of those 2 teams will go to Nationals so that some of the more junior members can retain their eligibility for future events.

Amy communicated that Equine Communications is currently working on a new, updated KY 4-H Horse Program website, and it should be functional by the end of this calendar year.

Dr. Camargo gave a brief overview of the financial condition of the KY 4-H Horse program. She communicated that the program has been losing money for the past several years. The State Horse Contest loses approximately \$10,000 per year and the State Horse Show loses approximately \$6,000 per year. The program has approximately \$70,000 in its account. At the current rate of spending, the account will be depleted in about 7 years. Given these facts, she communicated that registration fees for the State Horse Contest will need to be increased.

Wally Taylor reminded everyone, and recommended that everyone go to the KY Corn Growers website and write a thank-you note to the KY Corn Growers. He also recommended that, due to the fact that there is a predicted budget surplus in state funds this year, that everyone contact their legislator to see if the KY Horse Program could utilize some of that surplus to supplement the KH 4-H Horse Program.

Miscellaneous:

Wally Taylor presented a letter from the US Department of Labor about Child Labor Law Rules and farm safety. He asked that we go to the KY Corn Growers Assoc. website and asked us to please oppose the laws being proposed in this letter.

District Recommendations:

See comments in bold red font following the recommendations/suggestions on the “2011 District Recommendations and Suggestions” pages that follow.

2011 Division Revisions:

Miniatures, Saddleseat

Each District should supply two names to Amy Lawyer of persons who will participate on the rules revision committee for the Miniature and Saddleseat Divisions.

A motion to adjourn was entertained by Danielle Woods, and was seconded by Jean Jenkins. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Smith
District 4

2011 District Recommendations and Suggestions

DISTRICT 1

1. The judges hired for the District show are on the 4-H list. They should all be acceptable and understand the rules. They have attended judges training for KY and passed the test. Limiting the judge pool will result in limited availability and over pricing. All of the District Shows are held within a small window of time that is also very active for Open shows. The size of the state is also a factor. Judges will not travel from one end of the state to the other. District One has already accepted additional expense by paying travel money and hotel fees for judges. **This is a suggestion.**
2. The State show bill order should be Oldest to youngest (3.2.1) if it going to remain the same. This allows parents more time to help the younger kids and allows the younger kids to watch the older kids. **This is a suggestion.**
3. Allowing Kids to declare two horses is a great idea. Clarification will be needed as to how that is implemented. Declaring in February and requiring pictures may lead to some confusion. Many horses are not shed off in this climate in Feb. They may look completely different. We would like to suggest that we maintain the present date of May 1st for declaration of both horses with all required pictures. **Dr. Camargo reported that, beginning in 2012, 4-Hers can declare 2 project horses. Must declare a primary horse and a secondary horse. Must declare the 2 horses by ??????? (date to be decided in the near future). Must have a veterinary letter if not going to use the primary horse. Also, must use the same horse at both District and State horse shows, even if the horse used at District is not able to be used at the State show, for whatever reason (including, but not limited to, illness/injury or death). Required education hours (6 hours) will continue to be due May 1.**
4. The record book that is presently online for the horses is not age appropriate for juniors. Many novice seniors have trouble with it. Requiring the record book should also include a review making it age appropriate for all age groups. **This is a suggestion, and Amy will review the online record book based upon this suggestion**
5. Disability classes need more clarification along with provisions for allowing kids that are capable to have a performance class. Recommend that Rules (Guide Lines) (IEP) for Riders with special needs that are capable of showing in regular classes but may need certain accommodations made or the judges be made aware of a situation. Recommend that a class for special needs riders under saddle be added to the class list as an open invitational class. **To clarify this paragraph, D1 is asking for a special needs class under saddle. Dr. Camargo stated that, due to financial concerns, this may not be possible. We will also discuss this topic when we get to District 5, #1.**

DISTRICT 2

1. Move the Disability class to earlier in the week or have two classes, one at the beginning of the week and one at the end. District 2 has a child with disabilities that competes in the miniature division, but is not able to stay the entire week for the disability class as well. **Dr. Camargo stated that this class was held during the Western Judged show because the judges for that Division have the**

background and skill set to judge the Disability class. For financial reasons, this class will not be moved to another day.

2. For Walking/Racking/Mountain division Open Invitational Classes, offer an OI class that does not require the gaited horses to canter. **This recommendation died due to lack of a motion.**

DISTRICT 3

RECCOMENDATIONS

- 1) **Existing Rule**- Any class where a horse is not required to trot, the top 12 finishers will come into the arena and trot before the judge to be checked for lameness.

Suggested Change- During the initial body conditioning scoring, prior to the competition, horse will also be expected to trot before the official to be checked for lameness.

Reason for Change- Many 4-Hers have older, experienced horses that have been retired by adult riders due to age or minor health issues. Many of these horses tend to stiffen up immediately after their class, but are fine with rest and appropriate warm-up. This rule change would find any truly lame horses in advance, without penalizing horses that may require extra care. **Dr. Camargo agrees that there needs to be a mechanism in place to check all horses for lameness prior to the class. Dr. Camargo and Amy will re-write the rule so that all horses will be checked for lameness/soundness prior to any class which does not already require the horse to trot.**

- 2) **Existing Rule** – Competitor shows little understanding of pattern or trots through the pattern. (Disqualified or White)

Suggested Change – Trotting a clean pattern, in Division I is acceptable and will earn a Red Danish ribbon.

Reason for Change – Division I participants are young riders and usually beginners and thus should be rewarded for achieving a clean pattern, even if it was only trotted. **This recommendation is being put forth only for riders in the Western Contest Division. MOTION made by Jean Jenkins. Seconded by Jessica Woods. 12 yes; 0 no; 3 abstentions. Motion passed. Kim McCane made a motion for a re-vote. Sandy Woosley seconded the motion. A re-vote was taken, and the result was 9 yes; 1 no; 7 absetntions.**

- 3) **Point System Review** – There should be only one point system used for all divisions for all district and state shows. Adopt this universal system: Each of the first ten (10) horses/ponies in a class shall be given one (1) point for each horse/pony placing below it plus one (1) point. Example:

# of Contestants in class	Points for Placing									
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9 th	10th
1	1									
2	2	1								
3	3	2	1							
4	4	3	2	1						
5	5	4	3	2	1					
6	6	5	4	3	2	1				
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		

9	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
10 & over	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Reason for Change: - Many classes do not merit the number of entries in it to be using the scoring system that we have been using. Therefore, this year for example there were not enough points given to calculate a reserve high point award in some divisions. Also, in the Hunter over fences division the high point winner did not even place in her over fences classes. Changing our point system will make it easier for exhibitors, parents and trainers to understand. **MOTION: Danielle Woods entertained a motion to adopt the scoring system noted above. Seconded by Jessica Woods. 17 yes; 0 no. Motion passed.**

SUGGESTIONS

- 1) The Miniature Horse Division respectfully requests that a State Horse Show Judge selected be knowledgeable, carded and experienced with Miniature Horses, the performance classes and the 4-H rules governing our Division.
- 2) If 2 horses are going to be permitted to be listed as first and an alternative for eligibility purposes then we suggest that guidelines be set and enforced to govern the circumstances allowing a change to be made. A written statement from a 4-H approved list of vets indicating the reason for the alternate horse being used should be required. Not simply accepting this from the parent or their personal vet.
- 3) In the event that changes occur to the decisions made for High Point and/or Reserve Champions, all involved parties are to be properly notified immediately of the changes. If calculation errors are found and it alters the standing it is imperative that the children and parents be informed and titles, and awards be rectified to the appropriate winners. A few cases of this happening without any notification to the involved participants have been brought to our attention. This becomes a source of anger and frustration with the 4-H Program as a whole. Registration forms include contact information on the participants so there is no excuse for neglecting to contact them and explain things properly.

DISTRICT 4

1) REINING RULE CHANGE –To be effective @ 2012 State 4-H Horse Show

Currently Reads:

“REINING - Exhibitors must be between the ages of 9 and 18 years old as of January 1 of the current year. Registered and grade mares and geldings of any size. Horses should be clean, well groomed and properly clipped. Riders must wear appropriate western attire including boots, long trousers, and a shirt with a collar. The use of spurs and chaps is optional. *Refer to the Addendum for equipment guidelines.* Class is judged on the horses and pony's neatness, dispatch, ease, calmness and speed with which it performs the designated pattern. Horses and ponies should rein and handle easily, effortlessly and fluently with a reasonable amount of speed throughout the pattern. Horses and ponies will be penalized for 1) opening mouths excessively with excessive jawing, 2) raising the head on the stop, 3) breaking gait, 4) lacking a smooth straight stop on their haunches such as bouncing or stopping sideways, 5) refusing to change leads, 6) backing sideways and/or 7) knocking over markers. Riders will be penalized for 1) changing hands on the reins, 2) using two hands on the

reins, except for riders using a bosal/snaffle bit 3) loosing their stirrup, 4) holding on the saddle 5) using spurs or the romel forward of the cinch, 6) unnecessary talking, petting, spurring and/or quirting and/or 7) failing to execute the figure 8 inside the markers and the rollbacks outside the markers. Riders running off pattern will be disqualified. Class must be scored from 60 to 80 with 70 denoting an average performance. Judges may ask for additional work and may check each rider's equipment following each run.”

Suggested Read:

“Reining -JR. RIDER - Exhibitors must be between the ages of 9-13 years old as of January 1 of the current year (see General Rules #10). Registered and grade mares and geldings of any size. Horses should be clean, well groomed and properly clipped. Riders must wear appropriate western attire including boots, long trousers, and a shirt with a collar. The use of spurs and chaps is optional. ***Refer to the Addendum for equipment guidelines.*** Class is judged on the horses and pony's neatness, dispatch, ease, calmness and speed with which it performs the designated pattern. Horses and ponies should rein and handle easily, effortlessly and fluently with a reasonable amount of speed throughout the pattern. Horses and ponies will be penalized for 1) opening mouths excessively with excessive jawing, 2) raising the head on the stop, 3) breaking gait, 4) lacking a smooth straight stop on their haunches such as bouncing or stopping sideways, 5) refusing to change leads, 6) backing sideways and/or 7) knocking over markers. Riders will be penalized for 1) changing hands on the reins, 2) using two hands on the reins, except for riders using a bosal/snaffle bit 3) loosing their stirrup, 4) holding on the saddle 5) using spurs or the romel forward of the cinch, 6) unnecessary talking, petting, spurring and/or quirting and/or 7) failing to execute the figure 8 inside the markers and the rollbacks outside the markers. Riders running off pattern will be disqualified. Class must be scored from 60 to 80 with 70 denoting an average performance. Judges may ask for additional work and may check each rider's equipment following each run.”

“Reining –SR. Rider –Exhibitors must be between the ages of 14-18 years old as of January 1 of the current year (see General Rules #10). Registered and grade mares and geldings of any size. Horses should be clean, well groomed and properly clipped. Riders must wear appropriate western attire including boots, long trousers, and a shirt with a collar. The use of spurs and chaps is optional. ***Refer to the Addendum for equipment guidelines.*** Class is judged on the horses and pony’s neatness, dispatch, ease, calmness and speed with which it performs the designated pattern. Horses and ponies should rein and handle easily, effortlessly and fluently with a reasonable amount of speed throughout the pattern. Horses and ponies will be penalized for 1) opening mouths excessively with excessive jawing, 2) raising the head on the stop, 3) breaking gait, 4) lacking a smooth straight stop on their haunches such as bouncing or stopping sideways, 5) refusing to change leads, 6) backing sideways and/or 7) knocking over markers. Riders will be penalized for 1) changing hands on the reins, 2) using two hands on the reins, except for riders using a bosal/snaffle bit 3) losing their stirrup, 4) holding on the saddle 5) using spurs or the romel forward of the cinch, 6) unnecessary talking, petting, spurring and/or quirting and/or 7) failing to execute the figure 8 inside the markers and the rollbacks outside the markers. Riders running off pattern will be disqualified. Class must be scored from 60 to 80 with 70 denoting an average performance. Judges may ask for additional work and may check each rider’s equipment following each run.”

****Current Pattern for REINING ALL AGES – Pattern 11****

Suggestion: Patterns will be assigned by DIFFICULTY:

OPTION ONE:

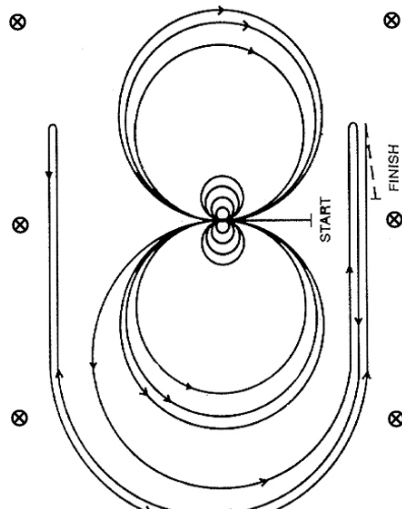
Jr Rider – AQHA Reining Pattern 11 (current all ages pattern)

Sr Rider – AQHA Reining Pattern 6 (see handout)

OPTION TWO:

Jr Rider – AQHA Reining Pattern 6 (see handout)

Sr Rider – AQHA Reining Pattern 8 (see handout)

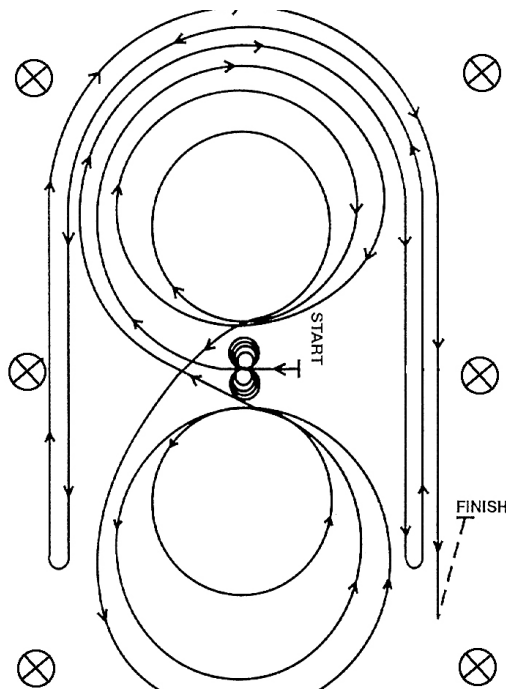


REINING PATTERN NUMBER 6

Horse must walk or stop prior to starting pattern.

Beginning at the center of the arena facing the left wall or fence.

1. Complete four spins to the right.
 2. Complete four spins to the left. Hesitate.
 3. Beginning on the left lead, complete three circles to the left: the first two circles large and fast; the third circle small and slow. Change leads at the center of the arena.
 4. Complete three circles to the right: the first two circles large and fast; the third circle small and slow. Change leads at the center of the arena.
 5. Begin a large fast circle to the left but do not close this circle. Run up the right side of the arena past the center marker and do a right roll-back at least 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence - no hesitation.
 6. Continue back around previous circle but do not close this circle. Run up the left side of the arena past the center marker and do a left roll-back at least 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence - no hesitation.
 7. Continue back around previous circle but do not close this circle. Run up the right side of the arena past the center marker and do a sliding stop at least 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence. Back up at least 10 feet (3 meters). Hesitate to demonstrate the completion of the pattern.
- Rider may drop bridle to the designated judge



REINING PATTERN NUMBER 8

Horse must walk or stop prior to starting pattern.

Beginning at the center of the arena facing the left wall or fence.

1. Complete four spins to the left.
 2. Complete four spins to the right. Hesitate.
 3. Beginning on the right lead, complete three circles to the right: the first circle large and fast; the second circle small and slow; the third circle large and fast. Change leads at the center of the arena.
 4. Complete three circles to the left: the first circle large and fast; the second circle small and slow; the third circle large and fast. Change leads at the center of the arena.
 5. Begin a large fast circle to the right but do not close this circle. Run straight down the right side of the arena past the center marker and do a left rollback at least 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence - no hesitation.
 6. Continue back around the previous circle but do not close this circle. Run down the left side of the arena past the center marker and do a right rollback at least 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence - no hesitation.
 7. Continue back around the previous circle but do not close this circle. Run down the right side of the arena past the center marker and do a sliding stop at least 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence. Back up at least 10 feet. Hesitate to demonstrate completion of the pattern.
- Rider may drop bridle to the designated judge.

REINING PATTERN NUMBER 12

Approved only for Novice Amateur, Novice Youth, and 13 and under
Horses must walk or stop prior to starting pattern.

1. Starting at the center marker make a large fast circle to right on the right lead.
2. Draw the circle down to a small circle until you reach the center marker; stop.
3. Do a double spin to the inside of the small circle at the center marker; at end of spins horse should be facing the left wall, slight hesitation.
4. Begin on left lead and make a large fast circle.
5. Then a small circle, again drawing it down to the center of the arena, stop, no hesitation on these stops.
6. Do a double spin to the inside of the circle, slight hesitation, horse to be facing left wall.
7. Take a right lead and make a fast figure eight over the large circles, close the eight, and change leads.
8. Begin a large fast circle to the right but do not close this circle. Run down the right side of the arena past the marker and do a left roll back at least 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence - no hesitation.
9. Continue back around the previous circle but do not close this circle. Run down the left side of the arena past the center and do a right roll back at least 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence - no hesitation
10. Continue back around previous circle but do not close this circle. Run down the right side of the arena past the center marker and do a sliding stop at least 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence. Back up at least 10 feet (3 meters). Hesitate to show completion of pattern.

Rider may drop bridle to the designated judge.

MOTION: Entertained by Georgia Skelton. Seconded by Janet Curran. 0 yes; 14 no; 3 abstentions.

DISTRICT 5

1. Being able to have an OI showmanship class for “*special needs*” exhibitors had a significant impact on several exhibitors with a potential to increase in participation for 2012. Therefore we would like the state horse advisory council to consider adding an additional OI special needs riding class such as “*favorite gait to include lead with handler if needed*”. **MOTION entertained by Melanie Kelly. Seconded by Katie Luttrell. 17 yes; 0 no. To be held on Friday. Any discipline, any track. If a youth participates in this class, they cannot participate in any other class.**
2. **Item 3 in the General Rules for the Contest Division currently reads:**
Contestants will start their runs from a designated point defined by cones (depending on location). Handler may enter designated area with rider but cannot enter the arena. Once contestant enters the arena, the adult must leave the holding pen. The arena gate will be closed once the horse enters the arena and will not be opened until the contestant has concluded his or her run and has the horse under control. Two contest stewards will be assigned to work the gate.
During the 2011 show, several youth had their horses running from the holding area or in the holding area to gain momentum prior to entering the arena. Cones were not present as they were required to be. Therefore we would like the state horse advisory council to adopt the following:
 - a) Make sure that “**cones**” are used and placed at the end of the incoming chute area.
 - b) The designated contest judge needs to be repositioned so they may have a clear view of horses entering and leaving the arena. **This is a suggestion. The rule and the cones are already in place.**

3. **Body Condition Scoring** as mandated by the state 4-H program requires that all horses have a BCS of 4 or higher at their district and state show. In an effort to eliminate disappointment and confusion of the 4-H families we recommend the following guidelines for BCS evaluations:
- a) Qualified individuals (outside of the respective district, excluding all state contact agents) need to be appointed (in advance) by the state 4-H horse program to do BCS evaluations at the district shows.
 - b) A written log of all BCS scores (referencing borderline cases) is to be submitted by the state horse contact for that district along with the state show entries.
 - c) The respective state show judges assigned to the different divisions will then have the ***“final call”*** on BCS evaluations and disqualify those with a score of less than 4. **This is a suggestion. Council believes it is a good idea to pass on those “marginal” horses scores to the State office, so that they can be noticed again.**

Suggestions:

- District 5 4-H volunteers were impressed with the improvement in friendliness and acceptance of the KY Fair & Expo Center staff and security as compared with previous years.
- **Safety:** The warm up ring behind Broadbent arena had a near mishap when a horse reared due to the plastic flags tied to the “T” posts marking the barriers of the warm up ring. The rider fell off nearly hitting one of the “T” posts and should the horse come back down on that post it would have been disastrous. Therefore it is suggested that some sort of plastic cover be placed over the “T” posts or look into using something different to designate boundary of the warm up arena.
- It is also suggested that we return to a “one day” show for the walking/racking/mtn division given the decrease in the number of exhibitors for 2011.
- Need to make sure that water is readily accessible for stalls under the stadium.
- With drill team competition being moved to Friday evening, it seems to have placed a hardship for western judged participants not allowing them enough practice time. It would be good if light in the outdoor arenas stayed on should contestants wish to work their horses late at night. If extra practice time for these exhibitors cannot be found then consider allowing some “schooling” time similar to what is done in the hunter division.

DISRTICT 6

1. Coaching/cheering -
 - a. Recommend that the state rules clarify the difference between coaching and cheering for competitors. In Contest division allow for crowd cheering (without obvious coaching) and encouragement to be reinstated since this is an adrenaline sport.
 - b. NOTE - timed events are adrenaline and fun events which thrive on the crowd support and encouragement. When you remove the fun and excitement from the event you will inevitably lose entries over time. These kids race because they love the excitement of it. There is not another show in the country of any caliber that does not allow for cheering in timed events.
 - c. Coaching needs to be clarified and “loosened” up a bit. **It was decided that the rule regarding coaching is sufficient and acceptable as written, but the rule should be amended to include the verbiage that “cheering is allowed”. Motion made by Valerie Stokes. Seconded by Danielle Woods. Motion passed unanimously.**
2. Lameness Check -

- a. We believe that lameness is the discretion of the judge and should only be called by a judge during the event. Due to the many variables that can cause temporary lameness we feel that it is not fair to the contestant to be deemed disqualified from the entire show from “one instance” of lameness. Several issues prevailed during the contest show as well as other divisions that this pertains to. Refer to rule in rulebook. (Did not follow own rule- should have been disqualified from class not the whole show).
 - i. example: as a parent, if you have a child that plays baseball and you are in a big double elimination tournament... your child twists an ankle getting out of the car going to the first game... as you walk past the inspector he sees the child limping and disqualifies him from the entire tournament... even though he would walk out if it in a few minutes.
 - ii. If lameness ruling stays as it is... it should be changed to read “excused from that specific class”. **This recommendation has already been addressed in a previous discussion.**
3. Body Scoring- All horses scoring a 4 at the district horse show must be re-checked at state. District contacts must flag these horses for state entries. **This recommendation has already been addressed in a previous discussion.**
4. Facility Management needs to keep safety a priority when show is in progress especially outdoor classes such as Hunt. For example: Mowing equipment was running next to outdoor arena while the show was in progress, the noise and grass clippings thrown in the arena interfered with focus of horse and horseman. **This is a suggestion.**

DISTRICT 7

- 1) Do Body Condition Score (BCS) at check-in for state show. If this is not feasible, make sure a person is dedicated to observing all showmanship classes to disqualify any horse before it has shown in all it's classes. For example, don't allow a horse to show in showmanship, barrels, poles, etc. and then disqualify that horse when drill team horses are screened. If only drill team horses are screened, then do that at their first practice rather than the day of drill team event. **This recommendation has already been addressed in a previous discussion.**
- 2) If they make the eligibility date February 1, or any other date before April 30, keep the April 30 date for certified hours to be completed. **This recommendation has already been addressed in a previous discussion.**
- 3) Recommend that all 4-Hers with project horses be required to have record books for all the horses they declare whether it is one or two. **MOTION entertained by Clayton Jerrell. Seconded by Katie Luttrell. 9 yes; 4 opposed; 4 abstentions. Motion approved.**
- 4) Recommend that Horse Leader Certification be offered in all parts of the state (west, central and eastern). If only two are offered, they should be in the west and east. **This is a suggestion. This Advisory Council would like Dr. Camargo talk to those responsible for planning these events and communicate the concerns of this Council.**