

KEEP Youth Council Meeting Minutes  
US Pony Club, Lexington  
March 6, 2010

The KEEP Youth Council met on March 6, 2010 at the US Pony Club for their Annual Awards Banquet. Lunch was served and awards were handed out, then the council moved on to a regular business meeting.

Business Meeting:

A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Alexander Thomson and seconded by Kaitlyn Benningfield. Motion passed. Jessi Williams reported that the council has about \$1700 in their account.

Jessi updated the council on the status of Pony Patch orders. There have been 16 orders so far, with one person already in Level 3. Discussion followed as to how the council can promote the program more. Ideas were mentioned, such as putting order forms in the KY Saddlebred Museum and 4-H offices, and possibly getting word about the program to schools around the state.

Alex Browning, president, brought up the issue of having a trail ride at the KY Horse Park and touring the new arena. Jessi explained that the council would be better off finding another location to hold a trail ride and will look into getting details on other locations. As for touring the arena, we could do that at any time.

Next, Alex Browning asked if there were any amendments to the by-laws to be made. Alexander Thomson moved to strike out Section 5, under Article 5, concerning officer meetings. Rhona Thomson seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kaitlyn Benningfield moved to strike out the positions of Regional Directors from Article 5, Section 1 and Article 5, Section 4. Rhona Thomson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next, the council discussed ways to promote the group. A few ideas included making sure that meetings/events were set in advance, enough so that people would be able to put it on their calendars before planning other events, as well as having activities for parents so the parents would have more reason to bring their kids to meetings. Also, making a flyer with a section to update next meeting information.

Officer Nominations and Elections were held. Congratulations to the new officers: President- Kayla Helm, Vice President- Tiffany Browning, Secretary- Kaitlyn Benningfield, Treasurer- Alexander Thomson, Historian- Rebecca Mingari.

A motion was made by Rebecca Mingari and seconded by Kayla Helm to let Jessi look into dates and ideas for the next meeting. Motion passed. Kayla Helm moved to adjourn. Alexander Thomson seconded the motion and the motion passed.