

KEEP Youth Council Meeting Minutes
Anderson Co. Extension Office
February 28th, 2009

The KEEP Youth Council held a meeting and awards banquet on Feb. 28th, 2009 at the Anderson County Extension Office. President Kaelyn Donnelly called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm. There were no minutes to be approved from the previous meeting. Vice President Alex Browning read the Officer Minutes.

Old Business was then discussed. Kaelyn talked about delivering bracelet money to the Kentucky Equine Humane Center, along with her father and Jessi. The total amount delivered was \$452.20. She then talked about delivering the mop ponies and sock puppets to Home of the Innocents, along with Alex Browning and Jessi. She read a portion of the thank-you letter that was received from the childrens' home. Next, she and Jessi discussed the new Facebook group, K.E.E.P. Youth Council, that is up and running.

New Business was then discussed. There was a motion made by Colleen Haggarty and seconded by Alex Browning to reinstate the position of Treasurer under Article V Section 4 of the by-laws. Because this is an amendment to the by-laws, ballots will be mailed out to members that were not in attendance and the results will be announced at the next meeting. Also, nominations were taken up for 2009 officers and will be voted on at the next meeting. A motion was made by Alex Browning and seconded by Alexander Thomson to hold a t-shirt design contest at the next meeting. The motion passed. Members are to bring their designs to the next meeting to be voted on. The new 2009 Volunteer Record Sheets were passed out. Alexander Thomson had an idea to create a new promotional flyer and Colleen Haggarty agreed to do so.

A motion was made to tentatively set the next meeting on March 28th, at the KY Horseshoeing School. The motion was made by Chelsea Whittle and seconded by Alexander Thomson. Motion passed. Jessi will be looking into this and sending out notices.

The group then worked on the Badge Program. The four levels were outlined as follows:

1. Saddlebred & Morgans
Tack
2. Quarter Horses & Thoroughbreds
Grooming
3. Walking Horses & Arabians
Parts of the horse
4. FEI Disciplines
Colors and Markings

Each member was assigned to a particular breed/discipline. They will be getting permission from that breed/discipline's association to use their website as a reference. They will also be printing information from the websites and bringing a rough draft of about 10 questions each.

There will also be a special KEEP badge. Some ideas were given for what is needed to receive this badge:

1. groom a horse
2. visit local tack store
3. visit local feed store
4. watch horse movie
5. talk to horse professional
6. review and or/write paragraph on selected breed

Members are to also be thinking of a name for this program.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Alexander Thomson and seconded by Ericka VanderPloeg. Motion passed. Banquet then followed.

Badge Program Assignments:

Saddlebreds- Kaelyn
Quarter Horses- Colleen Haggarty
Thoroughbreds- Chelsea Whittle
FEI- Kaelyn
TN Walking Horses- Jessi
Arabians- Rhona Thomson
Morgans- Ericka VanderPloeg