

**2006 PA 4-H Horse Program Advisory Committee
Minutes
April 21, 2006**

* **DRAFT** (subject to approval at next meeting)*

Call to order: Chair Patty Kelly called the meeting to order in the Penn State Meats Lab.

Introductions: Participants introduced themselves. All districts except district XI were represented. Members of the Development Committee present included Patty Kelly, Brian Egan, Pat Comerford, Tammy Eichstadt, Kirstin Dubbs, Jackie Simon, Christine Corl, and Donna Zang.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2005 PA 4-H Horse Advisory Committee meeting as distributed.

Patty Kelly reviewed the role of the advisory committee and the responsibilities of the district representatives. The primary role of the committee is to provide input for the educational objectives of the 4-H horse program. Representatives to the committee are responsible for taking information back to the districts. It is important that volunteers and parents understand that input from the county level goes on to the district level for discussion and is then forwarded to the advisory committee for input to the PA 4-H Horse Program Development Committee. Input from program participants is valued and given serious consideration in program development.

Patty also discussed the current situation with human resources for the program. Brian Egan has changed positions within the university and is no longer available to assist with the 4-H horse program. The 4-H horse program is in a position for growth but there is a shortage of individuals to conduct, maintain and develop program. An individual will be hired to fill the vacated position but the individual will also have responsibilities with the adult extension program. The 4-H horse program is challenged to secure funding for a full time position. While the long term goal is to establish an endowment fund for a full time position, short term funding is needed for immediate program support.

Suggestions from the committee included the possibility of securing grants, asking county 4-H programs to contribute, seeking donations from the 4-H alumni network, and collecting program fees in addition to the materials fee. We will need to explore whether or not the Development Committee can collect fees from program participants.

Families and county programs could possibly be asked to make donations in support of the program. A successful family campaign would show support by program participants and would be helpful in presentations to potential major donors.

It was also pointed out that it is important for program participants to talk with legislative candidates in support of the extension and 4-H programs. We need to educate our state representatives on what they are voting for when they are asked to fund extension and Penn State. It's important to keep them informed about educational events and activities that are occurring within their legislative districts.

Without additional funding to support staffing, it is possible that the Development Committee will need to consider canceling educational activities and events. Due to reduced resources there may be delays in distributing some information and posting some items to the website.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to charge the Development Committee with devising strategies for securing short-term and long-term funds, to include but not limited to staff support, for the PA 4-H horse program. The Advisory Committee is encouraged to go back to the districts and counties for additional ideas. The Development Committee will provide information to Advisory Committee representatives as soon as a plan is determined. It was pointed out that counties need to be aware of a fundraising plan by September in order to implement for the 2007 program year.

Pat circulated information on the 2006 Advisory Committee representatives and district show contacts. Representatives were asked to make corrections as needed.

Tammy Eichstadt and Christine Corl presented the nominations for election to the 2006-2007 Development Committee. Nominated as an Extension Educator representative was Bryan Dickinson from Lawrence County. Nominees for volunteer representative included Betty Coleman, Wyoming County and Dave Gallaher, Clearfield County. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the nominations be closed. Bryan Dickinson and Dave Gallaher were elected.

Pat distributed and discussed program resources and project materials.

Show entry and event requirements were distributed to counties earlier in the year. It was pointed out that the PA Department of Agriculture's health requirements have changed. The Development Committee has also made changes to the procedures in an attempt to reduce paperwork at the county level.

There are three separate forms for Acknowledgement of Risk. The one for use by 4-H members was recommended by the Development Committee and Penn State administration. This form can be used as an educational tool to inform program participants about the risks associated with horses. The forms for non 4-H youth and adults participating in open shows sponsored by 4-H are a requirement for liability insurance. All of these forms are to our advantage as event organizers since they strengthen our position under the new PA equine liability legislation.

Guidelines for trail and fence classes have been updated and split into separate documents. There have also been some minor modifications to the bit guidelines. These documents contain information to be used in conjunction with the current 4-H Horse Show Rule book.

The *PA 4-H Horse Show Management Guidelines* have been revised. The new document can be found on the 4-H horse program website, <http://www.das.psu.edu/4h/horse/>. It is hoped that in the future that they can be printed and a copy distributed to each county. Anyone managing a 4-H horse show is encouraged to use the guidelines as a tool to help plan and conduct shows.

The new PA equine liability law requires that a minimum of two signs, 2 feet by 3 feet with specific wording, be posted at all equine venues in order to be afforded liability protection by the new law. Although the law does not exclude property owners and event managers from negligence, it does provide some protection based on the recognition of inherent risks associated with horses. It is recommended that all 4-H horse events have these signs posted.

There was a positive response from participants in this year's judges' school. Pat is currently working on updating the judges list. Counties are encouraged to complete evaluations on judges they have worked with.

Project record books have been modified to accommodate the new skill level books. There will need to be additional revisions in the future. Counties are encouraged to share any ideas they may have on project record materials.

Upcoming dates and deadlines were discussed. Flyers for clinics planned for this summer were distributed. The Penn State Equine Showcase and Quarter horse sale will be held on Saturday, April 29th. The regional production shows are scheduled one week earlier this year. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find suitable dates and counties that are willing to host the shows. There will be a series of regional horse camps conducted across the state for youth and adults. Ann Swinker is coordinating the camps. There will be a measuring clinic in Clinton County on June 10th. Pat plans to ask the web master to consider options for counties to add events to the state calendar to help promote events of interest to a broader audience. This would be especially helpful with the Horsemanship Skills clinics and testing.

The PA 4-H Horse Forum is planned for March 2 to March 4, 2007. This is a good opportunity for volunteers and teens to share ideas and present programs at the forum. A request for presentations has been distributed to counties. Deadline for submitting a proposal is June 15, 2006.

Awards for safety programs will be recognized at the 2007 forum. The Horsemanship Skills program is part of the overall Safety Program and Horsemanship Skills activities are eligible for awards. The deadline for submission of applications is January 25, 2007.

Handouts with an update on the Horsemanship Skills program and clinic flyers were distributed. The Development Committee has not been able to fulfill all requests for clinics. Skills for driving have been drafted but there is concern about having enough knowledgeable people to evaluate the skills. Consideration is being given to test driving skills in a manner similar to the current Level 3/4 testing. It was pointed out that we currently do not have any Level 4 riders participating in the program. Counties and districts shared ideas on how they are teaching the skills and conducting tests. There are opportunities for older teens to mentor younger members at county and regional activities. The examiners list will be updated as soon as possible.

The Development Committee has been working on shared horse guidelines. The draft of the guidelines was distributed and includes information on the objectives of the program, the key components, and agreements between parties involved. Input is welcome. The Development Committee would like to have them ready to distribute as soon as possible. The program will be implemented at the county and district levels first with shared horse classes for program participants. Designating shared classes specifically for program participants will help to minimize conflict with the primary project member. This may develop into a division for the state horse show as the program grows if recommended from the county and district levels. The primary goals are to introduce interested youth to horses, expand opportunities for youth, and to

encourage teamwork among youth. The shared horse program has been proven to be effective in other states.

Applications for the outstanding 4-H member award have been distributed to counties. Entries are due to Nancy Kadwill, Montgomery County, by August 15, 2006.

The State Days contests will be held the first week of August. The rules for the contests have been updated but are not yet on the website.

Clinton County shared information on a grant program that introduces youth to horses and the 4-H horse program. To date, all of the youth that have been involved in the program have joined 4-H.

There was discussion on the Cloverbud program for youth under 8 years of age. These youth are not permitted to handle or be directly involved with horses as part of the program. Only the approved Cloverbud curriculum is to be used with this age group. Volunteers need to work with the extension educator at the county level regarding activities for youth under 8 years of age.

Betsy Ullrich has volunteered to work on the recreational program including riding recognition/saddle log program. Pat will follow up with Betsy as soon as possible. No action has been taken on this activity to date due to limited resources and other program priorities.

A handout outlining changes for the 2006 State 4-H Horse Show was distributed along with a financial statement of income and expenses for the 2005 show. It was noted that state show fees are likely to increase in 2006 because of increased show operating expenses, including facility expenses and stall rental fees. The show committee is considering changes to the state show schedule. Some of these may be "major" changes in scheduling from previous years. Volunteer sign-up sheets were circulated for help with various committees and jobs at the show. Additional help is needed to keep two show rings running.

Recommendations for Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Program and 2008 State 4-H Horse Show Rule Changes

Please note:

- These are **PROPOSALS ONLY**.
- Wording of proposed rules **IS NOT FINAL**. Proposals may be changed, accepted, or rejected after review by Advisory and Development Committees.
- **IF approved by the PA 4-H Horse Program Development Committee, rules will become effective in 2008. THIS IS A CHANGE FROM PAST YEARS. A rulebook supplement will NOT be printed in 2007, unless there is an extenuating circumstance or safety issue.**
- Item in parenthesis indicates the district or committee proposing rule change.
DC = Development Committee; YPCC = Youth Program Coordinating Council

General Horse Program Concerns

1. Develop additional guidelines for a shared horse program. *The Development Committee is currently working on this.*

2. Incorporate a rating system on line for the 4-H Horse Show Judges based on the evaluations. (III) *Current resources prohibit this.*
3. What if any is the future of Dressage &/or Combined Training in 4-H? (III) *No action*
4. Consider moving to the top four individual winners instead of first place team from State Achievement Days horse contests when moving on to National competitions. Many other states use that formula and use the land grant college advisors as coaches. (IX) *This is a state 4-H policy, not a 4-H horse program policy. Is the emphasis on the team or the individual? The are pros and cons to either approach. Human resource limitations prohibit further action.*
5. Regional Reining Clinics facilitated by Penn State should be renamed. Low attendance may be because many members are not aware that these clinics are mostly horsemanship techniques as opposed to actual reining classes. (III) (No longer conducting regional reining clinics; Horsemanship Skills clinics work on basic skills and have added Novice Reining class.)
6. Consider revision of current calendar of 4-H horse events to change dates of county, district and state shows to earlier in the year. This would allow more time for program planning, curriculum development, and planning for events in subsequent calendar years. Also consider various options for qualification for state show. (DC)
It was moved and seconded to not change the dates of current 4-H horse events. There was concern regarding preparation time for horses for earlier shows and events. The same argument also applies to events held later in the year. We need to look at ways to streamline the program. Currently, there is very little time in the schedule to plan for program and curriculum development and events. We need to keep in mind that the program is about education, not just horse shows, and as such we need to do what is best for the overall program. There will always be unique situations across the states and members may need to make choices. It was suggested that the schedule could rotate so that events do not always create conflicts for the same counties every year. Motion defeated.

It was moved, and seconded that the DC consider options and bring suggestions back to the Advisory Committee in 2007. This is a long term goal, changes will not occur in the next year or two. Motion passed.

7. Districts and counties should not be forced to make changes in their calendar schedules; however the State can move the State Show to any post county qualifying date, as proposed by the state horse show committee. (IX) *No action.*

General Rules

1. Consider use of a Danish system in addition to standard placing. 4-H members must receive a blue ribbon to advance to the next show regardless of what placing they receive. (DC)
It was moved, seconded, and passed that the DC consider the use of the Danish system as part of the long term plan for changes to the horse program calendar.
2. Do not accept the Danish system of Judging as proposed by the state. (IX) *No Action.*
3. Consider use of Danish system in classes with 4 or fewer horses. In classes with 4 or fewer horses the judge will place the class, but must ALSO assign a Danish rating to each entry. In order to advance to the next show, the entry MUST receive an Excellent (Blue) or Very Good (Red) rating. (Good is a Yellow ribbon; Needs Improvement/Does Not Meet Acceptable Standard is a White ribbon) (suggestion to DC) *Approved as per item 1.*
4. Encourage comments on new scoring guidelines in 2006 rule book, updated guidelines and updated horse show management guidelines. (DC)

Production Rules

1. Require helmets to be worn by all members showing in Production classes. (I)
It was moved and seconded to require that helmets be worn by all members showing in Production classes. Motion defeated 5 to 4.
2. Consider a minimum age for showing foals of current year at regional shows. Should foals be weaned before showing? There are a significant number of foals shown at very young ages (less than 3 or 4 months of age). Some foals have been shown as young as a week old. Concern that this is a humane issue and may adversely affect the health and welfare of the foal. Some production judges have expressed significant concerns with showing young foals. (suggestion to DC)
It was moved and seconded to consider a minimum age requirement to show foals of the current year. Foals born after a specified deadline can still be carried as production projects and shown as yearlings. From an educational standpoint and as a management practice, purebred foals should be born before June 1st. Establishing a foaling deadline would help counties to schedule horsemanship skills testing in advance for members that need to complete this requirement to show in the production division. It was moved and seconded to amend the original motion to require that foals be born prior to June 1st to be eligible to show in the regional production shows in their weanling year. Motion passed 6 to 3.
3. Stop combining Production classes to allow the member to show the animal to their best ability. (IV) *Motion died for lack of a second.*

Performance Rules

1. Change Rule 8, page 18, to read: In non-driving classes of the Performance Division, a 4-H member is permitted to show only one horse. However, an additional pony, draft, or miniature horse may be shown in class 39, 41, or 42 respectively. Only one of the following combinations is permissible: light horse performance and miniature horse driving; light horse performance and pony driving; light horse performance and draft horse driving; or draft horse driving and miniature horse driving. A draft or miniature horse may be used as the member's performance horse in non-driving classes if the member does not have a light performance horse or pony. A production project animal may also be used as a performance project animal. (I)
It was moved and seconded to allow a member to have a draft horse, miniature horse, or pony as a second project for driving. Motion defeated.
2. Consideration for 2nd horse for separate riding disciplines (ex. Reining / pleasure / jumping / games). It has been noted several times that some English riders want to be able to do games. (VIII) *No action taken.*
3. Rule 18, page 20; Change the rules to read that members must choose between Working Hunter Under Saddle and Hunter Hack since the jumping phase of Hunter Hack is not given considerable consideration in placing riders. (I) ??
It was moved and seconded that members must choose between Hunter Under Saddle and Hunter Hack – could not show in both classes. Motion defeated.
4. An exhibitor may not show in both the Contest classes and in Western Pleasure; exhibitors would be allowed to show in Reining, Western Riding and Open Division classes. (suggestion to DC)
It was moved and seconded that exhibitors must choose between contest and western pleasure classes. Very few horses will do both disciplines well. Contest horse disrupt

western pleasure classes. This should be dealt with at the county and district levels but is a problem if all counties are not policing in the same way. Motion defeated 7 to 2.

Open Division

1. Classes 5, 6, and 7, Open Trail; pages 24, 25; Split trail by Junior & Senior vs. horse & pony. This is a class that should be judged on the ability of the rider (by age) to control their mounts. (I, IX) (This has already been done for 2006 for Open Trail Horses; Open Trail Ponies still includes both Junior and Senior Riders.) *No further action. Participation numbers do not justify splitting the pony trail class.*
2. Classes 5, 6, and 7, Open Trail; pages 24, 25; Differences in difficulty between State Show and District Show riding patterns should be considered. Some complaints were voiced that the District Show riding patterns, especially the Trail Course patterns, were too difficult, some participants did not know what a pull turn was. District Show riding patterns should be of a higher difficulty to prepare riders for State Show difficulty levels. The suggestion was made to encourage more difficult home pattern practice and conditioning. ?? A suggestion was made that each county could develop ideas for class patterns, especially trail class courses, and have the Judges approve them. (VIII) *No further action; district issue.*
3. Class 8, County Team; pages 25-28; Allow only 2 riders of the 3 to change their style tack. Not fair to allow riders to change their tack style to ride this class. (I) *No action taken.*
4. Classes 9 and 10, Pleasure Pairs; page 28; Allow only 1 rider to change tack for this class. Not fair to allow both riders to change their tack style to ride this class. (I) (Was done at district show this year.) *No action taken.*
5. Add a Miniature Horse Trail class. (VII, X) *It was moved and seconded to add a Miniature Horse Trail class. Motion defeated 5 to 4.*
6. Add Walk-Trot class to the state show. (V) *No action taken.*

Western Division

1. Page 29, Clothing and Equipment Requirements: Participants should be given the same type of outfits or that Quarter Horse show rules could be implemented (??). By eliminating fancy riding outfits it would be more apparent to spectators that the rider's and horses abilities are being judged, not the expensive outfits. Quarter Horse show rules are that only plain working saddles and bridles that are clean and in working condition are used (??). It was suggested that all riders could be given green T-Shirts to show in with jeans. (VIII) *No action.*
2. Page 29, Clothing and Equipment Requirements: For 5 yr old or younger, change the word hackamore (which stops the breathing of the horse) to non-mechanical hackamore. (I) *Motion died for lack of a second.*
3. Reinstate Reining as a state show class. *Motion died for lack of a second.*
4. (IV, VIII, IX) Add a Novice Reining class with a minimum score needed at Districts to proceed to States. (already done) Reining could be considered a separate project like driving. (VIII, IX) *Motion died for lack of a second.*

Contest Classes

1. Open Contest classes to English riders. (IV) *Motion died for lack of a second.*
2. Divide contest classes into junior and senior classes, as well as horse and pony. (X) *Motion died for lack of a second.*
3. Add Four Corner Stake Race class. (IV) *Motion died for lack of a second.*
4. Add Cutback or Four Corner Stake Race class. (IX) *Motion died for lack of a second.*

5. Contest Classes, page 42, item g; Recommend that acknowledgement from the judge be eliminated in the contest classes. Recommend that exhibitors be allowed to begin their pattern as soon as they have entered the ring. (no running the gate) (X) *Moved and seconded. Not everyone is using an electronic timer. Exhibitors should hear an audible signal to start their pattern. Motion defeated.*
6. Page 44, Classes 22 and 23, Clover Leaf Barrel Race; Need minimum distance for barrels from the rail. (none listed in the rule book) (IX) *Moved and seconded that rule book should include a minimum distance for barrels to be placed from rail. Currently includes a statement that allows for adjustment of the pattern to fit the arena. Motion passed.*

English Division (Hunt Seat)

1. Have different jump heights for horses in the over fences classes (both for fairness and safety) ex. under 15.2h jump 2'6", over 15.2h and under 16.2 jump 2'9", over 16.2 jump 3'. (IV) *Motion died for lack of a second.*
2. Class 32, Hunt Seat Equitation (over jumps) Junior Division; Change the fence height for horses to 2'9". Some of the juniors riding horses aren't ready for the 3' fences as yet. (I) *Moved and seconded that heights be changed to 2'9" for horses. Motion defeated.*
3. Classes 40 and 41, Hunter Hack: pages 53, 54; Propose that this class be judged on a 50/50 basis and not as it's currently being judged. This places as much emphasis on the jumping aspect of the class as the flat portion and makes more sense in making English riders choose between Working Hunter Over Fences and Hunter Hack. (I) *It was moved and seconded to judge Hunter Hack on a 50/50 basis. There is no industry standard to support this. USEF would be the standard to look to and our rules currently follow this standard. If the emphasis is not on the jumping portion of the class, why should participants have to choose between Hunter Hack and Working Hunter. Motion defeated.*

Driving Division

1. The qualifying driving show should be more of a regional event, kind of like production is done. That way maybe we could pay a special "driving" judge for that event. Another suggestion to make arrangements with some "open" driving horse shows to serve as "qualifying" 4-H classes for advancement to the District or State levels. Still another suggestion would be to hold a fundraiser so that we could hire a "driving" judge who might be more versed in the driving discipline. (III) *No action taken.*
2. Add an Obstacle Trail Driving Class, open to all categories of driving animals similar to the draft horse trail driving class at the Farm Show. (IV) *It was moved and seconded to add Obstacle Trail Driving. Districts I and IV currently hold this class. There is a safety concern and it was suggested that the Horsemanship Skills for driving be implemented before considering this class. Motion defeated. It was moved, seconded, and passed to table further discussion until the rules for the class are presented for consideration.*
3. Clarify length of lash for driving whips for all driving classes. (V) (Classes 42 and 43, Pleasure Driving, pages 56-58 Tack and Equipment, A. Required; Class 44 Draft Horse Driving page 59, Tack and Equipment, A. Required; Class 45 Miniature Horse Driving, pages 60-61, Tack and Equipment, A. Required) *No action taken.*
4. Class 44 Draft Horse Driving, page 58; Should attendant be allowed to remain in the cart at all times or be required to exit the cart and stand in front during inspection as in the other driving classes? (V) Have someone from outside the ring to head the horse. This would be safer since there could be a problem while the attendant is dismounting the cart. (Suggestion

to DC) *It was moved and seconded to permit attendant to remain in the cart. If needed, the header would come in from outside the ring. Motion passed.*

5. Class 44 Draft Horse Driving, page 58; General Specifications: Allow passing and delete "No passing is allowed." (VIII) *No action taken.*
6. Class 45, Miniature Horse Driving, page 59; Measure mini horses using the accepted breed standard of measuring at the last hair on the withers and using 38" as a maximum height. (V) *No action taken.*
7. Class 45, Miniature Horse Driving; Current rule on page 56 states "A knowledgeable adult attendant over 4-H age is required to ride in the vehicle with the driver." Amend the rule to read that "an adult rider is optional with a senior driver" since it is often difficult for the mini's to haul two adult sized people through the footing in ring. (IX)
It was moved and seconded to have an adult rider optional for senior drivers. Safety is the primary concern and this would be a compromise. Motion passed.
8. Class 45, Miniature Horse Driving; Allow mini drivers to pass a skills test to drive alone. (IV) *No action taken.*

Therapeutic Riding Division

1. Pages 62, 63, Clothing and Equipment: Need clarification of proper dress attire for aides. Is the judge allowed to consider the aides' dress attire when pinning the class? (I) *Referred to DC.*

Miscellaneous

1. One person should take ALL entries for ALL Production shows. 4H members should mail entries directly to this person (bypassing the county extension office). (IX)
It was moved and seconded to consider this for future years. A central data base would be established and counties would send project enrollment information to a designated person who would, in turn, distribute and collect all of the entry information for the production shows. Would need a means to be sure that everyone meets project requirements. Motion passed 5 to 4.

General State Show Concerns

1. Eliminate estimated start times for the middle of the show (11am, 5pm, etc.) (IV) *No action taken.*
2. There was a schedule conflict during Pleasure Pairs vs. the equitation classes creating a considerable delay in the Pairs class - probably due to the one exhibitor at a time nature of the equitation class. (III) *Conflict acknowledged.*
3. Games: Would having more help during the games classes help keep the show moving? - It seemed to take a lot of time to set up for the games classes. (IX)
4. Move classes around like have the games Sunday and the pleasure Friday. (VII)
Need to consider judges' schedule so that we are not paying an additional judge to be at the show for three days. Consider conflicts with school activities. The same group of exhibitors are being asked to make choices each year.
5. Have Riding Division class schedules rotated. There has been no apparent rotation between the English and Western class schedules. (VIII)
6. Proposed the movement of Western Classes to the old arena if the Western Class Schedule is left on Sunday. (VIII)
7. Run gaming and jumping classes simultaneously. (IV)
8. Overall the show schedule went very smoothly, but consideration should be given to move the Hunter Hack classes from Friday evening to Saturday afternoon. This would keep Friday

classes from going on too late in the evening and fill the extra time that was available on Saturday afternoon. (IX)

9. Move the Working Hunter and Hunt Seat Equitation (Over Jumps) classes from Friday evening to a morning or early afternoon time slot: The hunter riders are warming up their horses over fences at night in the outside practice arena with very poor lighting and little supervision resulting in an unsafe environment for all horses and riders. Please move the over fences classes to an earlier time slot which would allow the riders to warm up outside during daylight hours. Furthermore, allow time for schooling over the courses before the hunter classes because, after all, these are hunter classes and not jumper classes--even rated hunter shows have schooling times so riders can familiarize their horses with the obstacles before they compete. (IX)
10. Move Trail classes from Friday evening to Saturday afternoon: The Pony Trail competitors ended up showing very late Friday night and then on Saturday there was a long gap in the afternoon when there were no classes being shown. Consider moving both Trail classes to Saturday afternoon to fill this gap. (IX)
11. Have Grooming and Showmanship as the first group of classes on Friday, the first day of the show. This would allow for kids to be able to present their horses as freshly groomed from home. (VIII)
12. Have all production on one day. (IV)

Attempts to make adjustments to the show schedule are being made.

13. Don't split the Mini Driving class if less than 20 participants. The show ring at the State Farm Show is big enough for all the participants and when splitting the class the minis have to work twice as much (some without a rest before returning) (IX) *Committee will always choose to err on the side of safety.*
14. Schedule awards ceremony when more youth can be there, Friday? (VI)
15. Volunteer Scheduling concern – There were times when volunteers showed up at their designated times and there were no jobs for them to do. Suggestion was to be more specific regarding the jobs, i.e. assign the specific gates along with times to prevent confusion. (III)
16. Parking was a free for all. Cars were blocking trailers in. Trailers with hookups should be in one area. (I)
17. Designated vehicle parking. (VIII)
18. Need more garbage cans in parking lot/camper area. (IV)
19. On Friday night, there were 2 horses that had been left out (one kept in the trailer and one tied to the trailer). Participants should not be allowed to come to the show and keep their horses at the trailers all night. They should have to have stalls. (I)
Tying to a trailer overnight is a concern as are barking/growling dogs. The DC will attempt to address these concerns.
20. More supervision in practice sessions. (IV)
21. Police outside arena – lunging in riding section, jumping dangerous with other riders. (VI)
22. Lunging areas outside – safety concerns, footing, too small. (VI)
23. Need outside speaker near warm up area to know what is going on in rings. (IV)
24. Need speakers outside in the practice area for the new arena: (IX)
25. Schooling needs to be policed – more people in arena that should not be. (VI)
26. Kids were riding in practice areas with tennis shoes (IX)

27. No hosing seats during practice. (IV) Safety concerns regarding using a fire hose to wash down seats during production schooling. (VI)
28. Trainers and handles in arena on foot during riding sessions. (IV)
29. During the regular schooling time, part of the ring had been roped off so skills tests could be given. This should not be done at the State Show. (I)
30. Skills testing should not be done during a practice session. (IV)
31. Concern was expressed over the holding Horsemanship Skills testing at the Farm Show in the same arena as the warm up for upcoming classes. The testing took up a considerable amount of room and created safety concerns for the kids in warm up ring as many of the kids needed to use the jumps for the over fences classes: (IX)
32. Limit number of riders in practices and split practices into western and english sessions. (IV)
33. Nice warm up for driving animals. (IV)
34. Have 4 schooling jumps somewhere inside so when the outside rings are closed to Hunter while other class participants are practicing, the Hunters can practice over jumps also. (I)
35. Working Hunter warm-up should promote better safety. It was noted that there was a lot of riders practicing all around the arena and that they interfered with each other causing a definite safety hazard. Example given was Jumping warm-up scheduled on Friday. There were a lot of riders riding along the rail and thru out the area with the jumpers cluster in the middle trying to exercise their jumping horses. (VIII)
36. More equipment could be provided. Trail riders and jumpers struggled to find enough poles to use during same time practice sessions. (VIII)
37. There appeared to be no prior planning given to warm-up procedures. Having kids wear show numbers for identification may help warm-up organization. (VIII)
38. List a rule that requires exhibitors to have a number on themselves/horses during all practice sessions (inside and out). (IV)

More volunteers would be helpful but they may not enforce rules consistently. Considerable effort is made to provide proper supervision for practice areas and address exhibitor concerns. More volunteers to help supervise practices and enforce rules and show policies would be appreciated. It is difficult to provide practice specific practice times with the number of disciplines that we have. The committee will attempt to send requests for volunteers to the districts sooner.

39. The line for free 1st place pictures was too long – perhaps another photographer would be a good idea. (III)
40. The change in Photographer was noticed and the quality of photos was thought to be poor. (VIII)
There will no longer be a photographer from Penn State. There are no free pictures taken at the state show. In the past, the Penn State photographer took photos for county press releases. There will be a new photographer for 2006.
41. Increase the number of tack stalls allowed per county due to the abundance of room created by the new building. (III) Allow more tack stalls for counties with less than 30 horses. (IV)
The committee will consider this.
42. Several of the temporary stalls assigned to our county at States were in such disrepair they were unsafe for use. Some of the stalls had loose and/or ripped panels, bent frames, and missing zip strips that were used to stretch the canvas panels to form the stall walls. We had

to repair several of our stalls to make them useable. In addition, we had one bored colt that was well on his way to visiting his back-door neighbor because he disassembled his stall wall by chewing the zip strips in two. (IX) *The committee recognizes the problem and will look into it further.*

43. Bedding: Revisit the contract to haul manure from the State Horse Show so that the participants would have the option to use shavings for bedding (IX) *May be possible to do this but stall fees would likely increase significantly.*
44. Rope off front section of seats to prevent people from standing or hanging over. (IV) *Will address.*
45. It was suggested have spectators by the gate in the large arena removed. Several people felt this was a safety issue as spectators at this location spooked several horses. It was also noted that during the 2004 State Horse Show the same issue occurred when several kids banged on the door of the gate. (VIII) *Individuals manning the in-gate will need to deal with this; will try to address.*
46. Policing enforcement is needed to stop coaching of spectators on the rail during classes. It was announced at the AQHA Congress that observation of spectator coaching during classes was grounds for immediate rider dismissal. It was observed at this years State Show that one participant was stopped at the rail by a parent who was giving coaching suggestions while the rest of the participants tried to complete the class pattern. (VIII) *The judge has the option to penalize exhibitors if he/she is aware that this is going on.*
47. No wireless headsets in classes. (IV) *It was moved, seconded, and passed to add this as a rule with consideration for adaptations for individuals with disabilities or special needs.*
48. Vendors were well stocked with supplies. (VIII)
49. Food vendors had more available this year. (VIII)
50. Food was improved. (IV)
51. Concessions need to be available earlier in the am and later in the evening for the exhibitors and their families that are on site for scheduled schooling as well as class preparation. (What about contacting someone like Dave Smith etc. Dairy Show vendors.) (III)
52. Motorized vehicles for handicapped only. If show committee/security is using them speed should be much slower. (IV) *Not aware of problems, but will address with committee as needed.*
53. Equipment stewards need to be well versed in the discipline that they are covering. i.e. Driving steward was not able to answer whip questions. (III) *Show management works hard to obtain knowledgeable stewards who are willing to volunteer their time for the show. We appreciate the help of these volunteers and are open to additional suggestions.*
54. Need a Steward at the gate for infractions: (IX)
55. Have the Show Stewards be more visible to the participants/parents in the event that they are needed quickly: (IX) *Two or more stewards are present for every class and wear large badges. Exhibitors are instructed to contact the show office or announcer any time there is a need for assistance. Maps are distributed to all exhibitors with the locations of office and announcer.*
56. Judges used to give reasons why individuals did not place. This was thought to be a good practice and it was suggested that maybe Judges could be encourage to resume this practice with at least the top five placings. (VIII) *At the judges discretion; pros and cons of this.*
57. Two judges should judge every class. (VI)

58. Judges need to be and should be charged with being well versed in the classes that they are hired to oversee. Maybe a meeting with the judges especially with regard to saddle seat, driving and their specific challenges and concerns should be held in order for everyone to brush up as these are probably judged less often by the officials. (III) *This is routinely done and highly qualified judges are used for the show.*
59. The Western Judge at this years State 4-H Show did an excellent job. One class with 28 participants took 25 minutes to judge and the comment was “WOW!!” (VIII)
60. English judge should have been outside of the ring or in middle. (IV)
61. English judge was talking to steward, rather than paying attention to classes. (VI)
62. Equitation Class patterns were posted but did not appear to be used. Example given was Hunt Seat Equitation. The class was quickly judged in 10 minutes. Kids seemed frustrated at being judged so fast. (VIII)
63. Would like more work for English equitation classes, not just w,t,c on rail. (VI) *English judge was highly qualified and she is one of only a few judges in the US that are approved by both USEF and AQHA.*
64. The confined size of the Trail Class course was thought to discriminate against larger horses. (VIII)
65. It was noted that Hunter Hack fences were set up side by side which was awkward and created an extremely sharp turn between fences. (VIII) *Considerable attention was given to the trail pattern that included practice with horses and riders that were not participating in the show to help ensure it was a workable pattern.*
66. Need driving judge or judge knowledgeable of pleasure driving. (IV) *The judge shows and owns driving horses and has judged many driving classes.*
67. Signs were a great help! It could be better marked where they post the show class placings throughout the weekend. (IX)
68. The overall opinion was that this years State 4-H Horse Show was the best show observed in a while. (VIII)