

Leaders Meeting Minutes
King County 4H Horse Program
Thursday, March 25, 2021

- Call to order: 6:09, by Kari Ward, President
- Attendance: Marie Harris, Kari Ward, Lori Glasgow, Michelle Newberg, Jennifer Watterson, Michelle Bozeman, Rebecca Roper, Marie Bradley, Sheilla Hagedorn, Nancy Baskett
- Rebecca shared Mounted Magic has been doing virtual meetings monthly as normal, including public presentations.
- Michelle N. shared Golden Horseshoes haven't been holding meetings as normal in the past few months, need ideas for activities/engagement.
- Rebecca shared Mounted Magic is doing an in-person clinic the first weekend of June, paperwork required by the extension office was simple and was quickly approved.
- Kari asked if anyone else expects to be holding in-person meetings in the future.
- Marie B. shared she is concerned that her kids will not be ready for in-person events (Vashon Rock Riders), since they haven't brought their horses out this year.
- Michelle N. shared that half of their members are WAHSET members as well, and that has "filled the void" of 4H, and they're losing interest in 4-H. Younger kids are having a hard time because there aren't activities with the horses, no goals, causing them to lose interest.
- Kari expressed that it's difficult when other things are open (pony club, WAHSET, open shows) and 4-H isn't
- Jennifer asked what does the new mandate from today mean for 4-H? Nancy was not yet on the call so we didn't get an answer right away.
- Marie B. asked since Pony club will be having a ride and review dressage show on the island, can her member send that score in for medals? Lori confirmed that yes she can!
- Michelle N. asked if there will there be a fair for 4-H.
- Lori confirmed that there is a possibility of an in-person fair, but we do not have any details yet.
- Kari discussed possibly doing a medals show, gaming or performance, it was agreed upon by the group as a good idea. Marie H. suggested a pattern show, because we do not have many members who are qualified for medals.
- Lori suggested that we need to extend deadlines, such as horse certificates.
- Michelle N. suggested that first we need to find out what WSU guidelines are going to be.
- Sheilla confirmed that horse certificates can be submitted via Google forms, she will be sending out an email with this information.
- Nancy joined the call and Kari asked her to clarify some things, for example why is spring fair allowed.

- Nancy confirmed that spring fair is not associated with 4-H.
- Lori asked Nancy what is the update on the county fair.
- Nancy: They are making two plans at once - assuming that there will be a live fair but also having a “back-up plan” with a virtual fair. There are still different options they are deciding for fair. Will it be only 4-h, other things, etc. For example, dogs submitted a proposal that would have only 10 kids at once, flow would be one way, only a certain number of people allowed in the building at once. Horse program needs to come up with a plan that follows the COVID guidelines set by the fair. Virtual fair would also be set up for those who are not comfortable coming to a live fair.
- Nancy also stated that if you plan to have an in-person event, to get any plans in by next Friday, before Kevin leaves (he is retiring).
- Kari asked the group if there are any other questions for Nancy while we have her on.
- Lori asked what about deadlines for things like horse certificates?
- Nancy - revising date of enrollment to 5/15/21, horse certificates are up to the horse program itself, other requirements for fair are up to the horse program, such as if record books, presentations or judgings will be a requirement to attend.
- Nancy also stated that we will no longer be using 4-H online.
- Marie H. will be stepping down as secretary, need to find a replacement.
- Next meeting - Thursday, April 22nd @ 6:00pm
- Meeting adjourned: 7:13, by Kari, President