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Advisory Meeting

Advisory Committees are the key to a successful program. The primary purpose of the committee is to give the stakeholders the opportunity to express their views on the needs of their community and how Extension can best meet those needs. The committee's overall purpose is to advise and make recommendations to the Extension Staff to improve the parish program.

Furthermore, the committee should assume responsibility in assisting the Extension personnel in planning, executing and evaluation programs.

The committee members gain and grow from their experience. Furthermore, they gain support for the Extension program in the community.

There will be an important meeting on **Tuesday, August 11 at 6:00 PM** at the 4-H office. It will be held at the local office of the LSU AgCenter at 1010 Lafayette St., Ste. 325, in the Lafayette Parish Government Building. During this meeting we will make recommendations for the 2010 horse program.



Master Horseman

The LSU AgCenter is considering conducting a sixth **Master Horseman Program** for adults in the spring of 2009. The Master Horseman Project is designed to improve the overall knowledge and skills of horse people so that they can serve as 4-H leaders. This program consists of eight sessions. Each session will include horse care and management in a classroom setting, and riding and training in an arena. A fee of about \$185 will be assessed per participant to defray the cost of the program. This cost will include 18 meals, rope halter, yacht cord, lead rope, vet kits, books, binders, bits and prizes. Program participants are expected to serve as volunteers to help in extension horse programs.

Sessions begin with a meal and review at 5:30 PM, with the class starting at 6 PM. They are the Sugarena in Iberia and the Cecil McCrory Exhibit Bldg. (4-H Show Barn) in Abbeville.

An individual must participate in at least 6 sessions to receive the LSU AgCenter Master Horseman Certificate. The program will be limited to 14 participants. If you would like to get more information or an application, please contact Charles Hebert at 291-7090.

Parish Horse Pictures 2009

Photos taken at the Lafayette Parish Horse Show for 2009 were taken by Mrs. Beverly Vincent. The pictures are posted on the internet at her website at <http://www.beverlyvincent.smugmug.com/>.

Anyone wishing to purchase pictures from the show please log onto the website and write down the picture numbers or you can order them on line. The prices are as follows:

- Prices are as follows:
- 4x6 = \$5.00 each
 - 5x7 = \$10.00 each
 - 8x10 = \$20.00 each

Thank you very much.



Horse Advisory Board Structure

Purpose

The purpose of the advisory committee is to plan, implement, evaluate and advise on any beneficial actions that would improve the horse Program. The purpose of the advisory board will be to make decisions on matters concerning the Horse program. Financial matters and decisions would be the responsibility of the Horse Board.

Structure

This board will be made up of elected parents or legal guardians and two master horsemen that have completed the training program. This consists of:

- 4 - Representatives to consist of horse exhibitor parents/legal guardians
- 2 - Representatives that have completed the Master Horseman Program. They are as follows:

Master Horseman

Teresa Bartlett	Ruby Halter
Cathe Charlier	James Hebert
Michelle Begnaud	Katryn Hinnan
Dixie Benton-Ferrata	Tammy Payne
Jerri Bourque	Elisha Trombley
Ted Champagne -2007-09	Glenda Pickett
Lonnie Dugas	Rhonda Richard
Joel Guidry -2007-09	Jamie Simon
Lisa Jacob - 2008-2010	Greg Smith
Alternate & Secretary	Jaimie Stinson
Danielle Jones	Edward Willis
Randolph Joseph, Jr. - 2007-09 Alternate	

Members:

Kerry Simon - 2007-09	Timmy Nero - 2009-10
Merl Landry - 2008-10	Lisa Landry - Treasurer
Mark McMillan - 2008-10	

Youth Members:

Cole Guidry - 2009-11	Kealy Stelly 2009-11
Josh Landry - 2009-11	
Blake McMillan—2009—10	

- 3 - Youth Representative from the parish horse premier exhibitor program will serve a one year term. Refer to By-Laws rule 9 for the specifics on winners and terms. Lafayette Parish County Agents and FFA Instructors will serve as ex-officio members

By-Laws

- 1. Membership will be open to any person wanting to volunteer. Volunteers should be willing to actively participate in the operations of the Lafayette 4-H/FFA Horse Program. All parents of the Lafayette Parish 4-H/FFA Horse exhibitors should be members and are also encouraged to actively participate in the program.

- 2. Representatives will be nominated and elected by the horse exhibitor families for the purpose of making decisions at the committee meetings.
- 3. Board representatives will be responsible for receiving recommendations
- 4. Representatives will be responsible for attending 4-5 annual meetings to vote in person.
- 5. Representatives must be parents or legal guardians of 4-H/FFA exhibitors in Lafayette and/or Master Horsemen.
- 6. Two or more representatives must not be from the same family on the same board.
- 7. Representatives will serve a two year term and can be re-elected. Two representative will be elected from horse exhibitor parents and a Master Horseman in an odd year. Two representative will be elected from horse exhibitor parents and a Master Horseman in an odd year.
- 8. Representatives will be elected by the exhibitor families. Families will be allowed one vote per Family.
- 9. The youth will consist of the Parish Premier Exhibitor first and second place winners from the horse previous years show. This is with the exception that the winner is a senior and chooses not to serve; the second place winner will serve for the term. In addition, the third place member or alternate will serve on the committee as a non-voting member. This member may vote if one of the other youth members is not present. Furthermore, any youth that win a district contest will serve a two year term and state level premier exhibitor winner will serve a three year term.
- 10. Officers of the committee board will be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter.
- 11. A Protest Committee will be formed as needed. The Protest Committee will consist of the highest two ranking board members, and a county agent. This group will make decisions/recommendations associated with the complaint being made.

Duties of Officers

- 1. Chairman-The Chairman shall preside at all meetings. The Chairman shall have the power to call special meetings of the board and committees, serve as a member of the Protest Committee, and communicate with agents to plan the agenda for the meetings.
- 2. Vice-Chairman-The Vice-Chairman shall perform all duties of the Chairman should the Chairman not be present. The Vice-Chairman shall assist with communication of the agents to plan the agendas. The Vice-Chairman should stand in on the Protest Committee should the Chairman be unable to attend. The Vice-Chairman shall chair committees as designated by the board.
- 3. Secretary-The Secretary shall record the minutes of all regular and special meetings and shall read these at subsequent meetings upon request. The Secretary shall assist the Treasurer with financial statements if necessary.

4. Treasurer-The Treasurer shall keep a record of all financial matters pertaining to this organization. The Treasurer shall collect and preserve the organization's funds and pay out of these funds the necessary and designated moneys to meet the financial obligations of the organization. The Treasurer will be provided by the county agents a spreadsheet to keep track of balances. The Treasurer shall oversee all finance committees and make monthly deposits and payments accordingly.



2010 Southern Regional Show

The Southern Regional Championship Horse Show will be held in Clemson, South Carolina, this week July 26—31, 2010.

eXtension HorseQuest Site

eXtension is pleased to announce the launch of its first Community of Practice web site: HorseQuest. Available at <http://www.extension.org/horses> this is the first of many communities of practice to go public in 2006 and throughout 2007.

"We are very excited to launch HorseQuest today and to demonstrate the capacity that eXtension brings to America's Cooperative Extension System," said Dan Cotton, eXtension Director.

HorseQuest provides Internet visitors with reliable and up-to-date horse information through a knowledge base of commonly asked questions that have science-based, peer-reviewed answers. In addition, online lessons use self-paced learning objects to help users learn more about specialized areas of equine science. The newest lesson being introduced is a module for new and prospective horse owners.

"eXtension has provided an exciting new method of delivering scientific data to horse owners. Its 24/7/365 availability and interactive capability puts the horseman in direct contact with experts," said Clint Depew, chair of the HorseQuest team and Louisiana State University extension horse specialist.

"The 37-member HorseQuest Community of Practice has brought greater expertise to each area of interest and reduced the workload on individual experts at the same time. The collaborative relationships with other experts is minimizing duplication of effort and maximizing utilization of good materials. The spin offs into other projects is phenomenal," noted Depew.

We ask you to check out the site and give us your feedback. It features attributes of Frequently Asked Questions, Ask the Experts, news, events, and learning modules.



Special Thanks...

We at the Lafayette Parish LSU AgCenter would like to express our sincere appreciation to all you that volunteered and assisted with the parish, district and/or state shows. It takes an entire team to conduct an event such as these. Without your help, support and dedication our program could not be what is today.

We encourage the team to continue to practice teamwork and your continued commitment to the Louisiana 4-H Program as we prepare for another great year. Thanks once again to a great team that is bringing results!

Closing Remarks

Farewell partner, till we meet on the trail again.....If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Charles at the Lafayette LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Cooperative Extension, 4-H Office at 291-7090.

Sincerely,

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Horse Advisory Ballot Nomination Form

We are asking for **everyone's help** to get nominees. You may nominate the same Board members as last year and/or other people or nominate yourself. Please use the nomination form below. Through this process, we will be electing three members to serve a two year term.

We will accept nominations until August 28th. **You can fax to 291-7099 or mail in your nominations to: Charles Hebert, 1010 Lafayette St., Ste. 325, Lafayette, LA 70501; or call us at 291-7090.**

In September, we will send out ballots to elect the board, if necessary. Please consider getting involved to help make the 4-H/FFA Horse Program the best it can be.

NAME OF NOMINEE(S)

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