

Regional HSET Meeting with OHSET and WAHSET November 24, 2013

In Attendance:

WA attendees – Fee Harrison, Tammy Harrison, Scott Harrison, Carol Brizek, Bev Matney, Lisa Gardner.

OR attendees – Candi Bothum, Karissa Dishon, Katie Renner, Sonya Kunkle, Wendy Bernards, Denise John, Karen Haring, Jan Harer.

Is a Regional Meet a positive move for OHSET and WAHSET?

- Yes was the general feeling.

Are we ready?

- Yes. Oregon has approximately 1000 athletes and Washington has approximately 750 athletes.

Are we all in agreement?

- Yes.

Does it fall within our mission for our organizations?

- Yes. Both OR and WA said it does.

Potential Date(s) –

- Memorial Day weekend?
 - No.
 - Will have to take place after school completed for the year.
 - Will also have to take place after both state's graduations.
- The weekend of June 28, 2014.

Potential Place(s) –

- Alternate between Oregon and Washington.
- Oregon will be happy to host 1st meet.
- Albany or Redmond?
 - Redmond – has better facilities and more arenas.
- Washington would be at Moses Lake.

Who Attends?

- Top 5 in each individual event.
- Top 3 in each team event.
- There will be no alternates.

Schedule –

- Would run over a three (3) day weekend.
- Friday – Drill practices.
- Saturday and Sunday would be events.
 - Approximately 5 hours for performance events.

- Approximately 2 hours for drill performances
- Each event would run by itself – meaning no other events would be going on at the same time.
 - Gives the opportunity to watch all events.
 - Allows for next event to be set up in another arena.
- Send out a mock schedule to see how this would work.
 - Based on 2 minutes per rider.
 - Can be done in 2 days with drill practice on Friday evening.

What classes?

- Team Penning in Oregon.
 - WA Sorting teams would have to pick up an extra team member.
- Sorting in Washington.
 - OR Penning teams could add an extra member to create two (2) sorting teams.
- Could potentially offer both (team penning and sorting) in the future.
- Drill –
 - Freestyle vs. Drawn?
 - Just use the same drill – don't have to turn in any paperwork.
- Other differences –
 - WA does not use cows in Working Rancher.
 - First year will not have cows for Working Rancher.
 - WA uses the long course for Figure 8, OR uses the short.
 - Will switch between states.

Patterns –

- Athletes would like new patterns.
- Need a representative from both states to design patterns.
- Karissa and Lisa to start working on this in April.
 - Patterns need to be ridden by May.
 - Patterns will be posted on website by June.

Rules –

- Doesn't seem to be a lot of differences between rules for both states.
- OR Rules Judge will look at WA rules for differences.
- WA Rules Judge will look at OR rules for differences.
- Need to abide by event specific rules – will need to work out if there are differences.

Judges –

- Will be double judged.
- One judge from each state to judge each event.
- Some judges are carded for both states.
- Need to have official timers.

How do we pay for it?

- Participation fee?
- Split all costs in half.
 - Each state pays ½.
 - They raise the money however they can.

- Candi will put together a budget and send out to Bev and the two (2) state treasurers.
 - Then each state will decide how to fund their 50%.
- The athletes will probably need to pay for stalls and bedding.

Sponsors –

- Need to reach out to those that already sponsor both organizations.
- Vendor will help – will have them at the Redmond site.
- Both states to contact their Nutrena feed reps to see about sponsor for 1st place jackets.
- Will need sponsors for awards.
- Still want Gold, Silver, and Bronze awards.
 - Candi will work on medals for each placing.
 - There would be 33 individual awards for each placing.
- High Point awards? Not this first year.

Process –

- Committee –
 - Co-Chairperson from each state.
 - 5 adults from each state.
 - 3 youth from each state.
 - In case of a tie in any vote – the youth vote wins.
 - Get information to Candi with whom will be on the board.
 - This committee will vote on anything that pertains to the regional meet.

Realistic for 2014?

- Yes, it is realistic for 2014.
- Have been talking about this meet for a long time.
- If school is out for the year – will probably have to call it an invitational.
- Will need to check with the schools and each state's athletic association to see if athletes can compete. Need to be careful.
- Most schools in both states are done by June 12th.
- What to call this regional meet?
 - Pacific Northwest High School Equestrian Championships.

Timeline –

- Mid December –
 - Sponsor letters need to go out.
 - Budget needs to go out to both states.
- End of January –
 - Need to have final approval from both state boards on whether to move forward.
- February 9th meeting –
 - Same place as this meeting (Columbia River Yacht Club)
 - 10 am.
 - Will go over –
 - Budget.
 - Schedule.
 - Rules.
 - Location.

- Sponsors.
- All other communication will be done by email.
- April 6th meeting –
 - Same place (Columbia River Yacht Club).
 - 10 am.