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## Advisory Meeting Reminder

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 **Monday, August 8, 2011 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 2011 horse program.



## Master Horseman

The LSU AgCenter is preparing for the eighth **Master Horseman Program** for adults in the fall of 2011. 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 nine sessions. Each session will include horse care and management in a classroom setting, and riding and training in an arena. A fee of about \$200.00 will be assessed per participant to defray the cost of the program. This cost will include 8 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. Possibilities of locations include Crowley, Carencro, Opelousas and New Iberia.

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.

## 2011 Horse Show Pictures Posted

Special thanks to Rhonda Hebert for the great job on photographs! The pictures that were taken for the parish and district horse shows are posted on the web. The web sites are listed below:

Parish Horse Show—Pictures are available at Her web address is:

<http://beverlyvincent.smugmug.com>

District Show—Pictures are available at:

[www.rhondachebert.photorelect.com](http://www.rhondachebert.photorelect.com).

Anyone wishing to purchase pictures from the show please log onto these websites and write down the picture numbers or you can order them on line. Prices are available on line.



**Exhibitors & Volunteers**

# 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 List

Teresa Bartlett	James Hebert
Cathe Charlier	Katryn Hinnan
Michelle Begnaud	Tammy Payne
Dixie Benton-Ferrata	Glenda Pickett
Jerri Bourque	Rhonda Richard
Ted Champagne	Rocky Roussell
Lonnie Dugas	Jamie Simon
Donnie Dutile	Charlotte Smith
Stan Dutile	Greg Smith
Joel Guidry	Jaimie Stinson
Lisa Jacob Langlois	Elisha Trombley
Danielle Jones	Edward Willis
Randolph Joseph, Jr.	Elizabeth Waguespack
Ruby Halter	Nelson Waguespack

### Adult Board Members:

*Term 2009-2011*

Shane Boudreaux                      Joel Guidry—Chairman  
Kerry Simon—Vice Chairman

*Term 2010-2012*

Lisa Jacob Langlois—Secretary/Treasurer  
Kristi Johnson                      Angie Nero

### Youth Members:

*Term 2011-2012*

Brooke Thibodeaux                      Breanna Thibodeaux

*Term 2009-2012*

Cole Guidry

*Term 2011-2014*

Kealy Stelly

- 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.
5. Reporter-The Reporter shall be responsible for promoting all events. The Reporter shall form and oversee committees to ensure publicity from all forms of media and report standings to the media.

**NOTE: Complete nomination ballot on the bottom of page 5 and return it by August 31st.**

## Saddle Symposium

The LSU AgCenter will host our first ever Saddle Symposium, held at the Rapides Parish Coliseum in Alexandria Louisiana on August 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 am. Admission \$5.00/person. This is an all ages event, designed to educate horse enthusiasts about proper saddle fitting, leather care, the anatomy and movement of a horse and why it is essential to have properly fitting tack.

There will also be fit demonstrations for those with horses with tricky conformation. Come learn from professional saddle makers and veterinarians. Ask presenters specific questions regarding saddle problems. For saddle makers and leather workers there will also be an opportunity to meet with other professionals in your field to share techniques and tricks of the trade. If you have any questions please contact me at [nheidorn@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:nheidorn@agcenter.lsu.edu) or 225-578-5338.

## 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 to all of our  
sponsors, volunteers and exhibitors!"***

## State Horse Show Highlights

Close to half or about twenty-six of our exhibitors participated in the State Horse Show. Kealy Stelly took home one of the highest honors during the 42nd Annual Louisiana 4-H and FFA State Horse Show held July 5-9, 2011 at the Ike Hamilton Expo Center. She was named the 2011 State Premier Exhibitor Award. Kealy received a \$1,000 saving bond, Premier Exhibitor jacket and belt buckle. The Premier Exhibitor awards were given to participants who displayed a true knowledge of the horse program. Each exhibitor was tested on skills and their knowledge of horses through an exam, interview, skill-a-thon and resume process.

In addition, Rachel Simon, Lane Simon, Brooke Thibodeaux and Kealy Stelly placed first in the State Quiz Bowl Team. Jessica Quoyeser and Kealy Stelly to first place in the Horse Team Demonstration Contest. Each of these members receiving a \$250.00 saving bond for their top efforts.

Congratulations to all of our exhibitors that participated! All of the hard work and dedication has have paid off.

Special thanks to the many volunteers that have helped and assisted with the training of these teams: Mr. Joel Guidry, Cole Guidry, Ms. Lisa Langlois and Dr. Elizabeth

## Joel Guidry Named Horse Leader

Joel Guidry, was recently named the Leader of the Year Award in conjunction with the State 4-H and FFA State Horse Show. A Master Horseman for seven years and a horse leader for 10 years, he has provided leadership in the program with his extensive volunteer work and has impacted the lives of hundreds of horse youth in the parish, region and state level assisting youth to gain knowledge in their project.

He is an essential component of our parish program giving of himself some 200 hours annually. He is husband of Monica and father of Cole and Coy Guidry.

All of which have been extremely involved in the horse project. Joel is an outstanding leader and extremely deserving to be the recipient of the 4-H Horse Leader Award.



Thanks for all of your hard work, leadership and dedication to the horse program. Your efforts are truly appreciated!

## Southern Regional Horse Show

The Southern Regional Championship Horse Show was held in Tunica, Mississippi, last week July 26-31, 2011. One of our members represented our parish as well as the state at this event competing with her horse. The member is:

Whitney Simon

Other members from the Horse Related Contest that participated are: Rachel Simmons, Lane Simon, Brooke Thibodeaux and Kealy Stelly on the Quiz Bowl team and Jessica Quoyeser and Kealy Stelly on the Team demonstration contest. These exhibitors in the horse related contest won an all expense paid trip to participate in the Southern Regional Horse Show. Congratulations to all of you!

Photo to Right:  
(Right to Left) Jessica Quoyeser and Kealy Stelly placing second with their team demonstration at Southern Regional Show.



Photo to Left:  
(Right to Left) Rachel Simmons, Lane Simon, Brooke Thibodeaux and Kealy Stelly placing 8th in Quiz Bowl Contest at the Southern Regional

## 2012 Southern Regional Show

The Southern Regional Championship Horse Show will be held in Perry, Georgia on July 31-August 5, 2012. More information will be sent out to the members in the June 2012 newsletter.

## 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!



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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 31st. **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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## Closing Remarks

Many of you are aware that Ms. Niki Mouch, resigned in May. As of now and the foreseeable future, the LSU AgCenter budget continues to struggle. We do not anticipate the third agent position being opened. As we begin this school year, planning, meeting principals, etc. we encourage your assistance, dedication and patience.

We would like to remind each of you to re-enroll in 4-H as the school year begins. If you do not hear anything advertised at your school, please contact us for the name of the leader at your school.

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,

CHARLES HEBERT

Charles Hebert  
County Agent  
Lafayette Parish

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#### **Please Note:**

It is the policy of the LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, religion or disability. If you have a disability which requires special attention for your participation in any aforementioned activity, please contact the Lafayette Parish Office at 291-7090.



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