

Spring 2019 Program Advisory Committee Minutes

Program: Equine Science

Date: 4/2/19

Members Present:

- **Linda Corson**
- **Vanessa Wilde**
- **Clarice Menesale**
- **Jessica Segal**
- **Cassie Houde**
- **Justin Goguen**
- **Amanda Hogan**
- **Susanna Colloredo-Mansfield**
- **Liz Johnson**
- **Kelley Radochia**
- **Mikaela Radochia**
- **Yaz Grotnik**
- **Haley Scofield**

Program Facilitator: Vanessa Wilde

Committee Chair: Amanda Hogan

Subject: Approval of minutes - Fall 2018

Discussion:

- Please send minutes / notes to committee ahead of time to review
- Announced need for portfolio presentation volunteers
- Email about portfolio dates

Subject: Polo proposal presentation

Discussion: Yaz Grotnik presented

- Myopia polo education foundation / non profit
- Oct - march season / outdoor thru summer
- 12-16 horses for a string needed -
- Current program 3 days week program / can be used 4-5 days a week
- Billy Bo farm in rowley - horses currently boarded at
- Season just ended
- 2 hrs tuesday thursday saturday practice / saturday sunday competitions
- 3 private high schools have polo programs / garrison forest culver academy and valley forge in PA ---- this would be the first public hs with this
- COST to do this? Budget based on the amount of participants - never turned anyone away - would need to be discussed to keep it comparable. (Kelly)
- What about students not riding - what is the horsemanship aspect and how can it be made more inclusive with our curriculum? (Liz) Potentially putting in a COOP or internship during the summer to see if it could carry over.
- Kim Maguire is currently head coach - CPI certified polo instructor / Erica Cratz / Peter Poore
- Replace our no longer needed horses with polo ponies (Yaz)
- Ideally one horse per kid / comparable programs have 16/ 12 for competition have borrowed horses to make that work / competition host provides all of the mounts
- Care for the horses? The foundation does during the season - after season horses return to their homes
- 7 coming back / can have as many teams as we want / can be co ed can have a team just our students / Varsity JV etc.
- Discussion on ability to run competition with size of arena / ideal indoors is 100 wide 225 ft is topsfield arena / 300 ft 150 ft wide outdoor / Topsfield fair too much money to lease -
- Could it be a pilot program - try it once see what happens / 1 season
- If back of arena can't be used to expand could still use Billy Bo to compete

- Host 4 / 6 games a year
- New teams under USPCA rules don't need to have any horses, can travel without being required to bring horses - for 2 -3 years
- Releases are signed at all locations
- Everyone agrees pilot program might be smartest bet
- Will keep student interest
- Myopia equine welfare group - teaches proper care of the horse first (sussana) / it is a fabulous thing - if we can figure it out even a little bit to start
- Myopia polo changed her view on the care of the polo ponies, would be a good opportunity for our kids (Cassie)
- Sussana of Black Oak Farm offered to help with anything we would like
- Recommend a sub committee to plan a polo pilot program (Yaz, Kimberly Maguire, Sussanah, Mandy, Bryan, Jess, Linda, Clarice, Vanessa, and Wes?)

Subject: Program update

- **Horses** / shared about Ri Ri - everyone thought she was a promising horse to trial / potential arrival date 5/12
- **Footing**
 - UNH has same EGT mix we are getting / Liz said - no manure on footing no hay on our new footing / haven't needed to pick feet entering or exiting the arena
- **Textbooks** /
 - UNH next year hosting World Class Groom / Cat and Emma Clinic will let us know date so we can audit
- **Field Trips**
 - Rett Frencher clinic natural horsemanship / at Black Oak in Hamilton / May
- **UNH starting a capital campaign for new facility** / two indoors

Subject: Co-op

Discussion: DID not get to

Subject: Industry update/equipment must haves

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Subject: Industry recognized credential survey (please complete as a group)

Discussion:

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Subject: Facilities tour

Discussion:

The meeting adjourned at (time): 8:30