



COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

The Board of County Commissioners meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium, 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida 32055. The first meeting of every month is at 9:30AM while the second meeting of every month takes place at 5:30PM. All agenda items are due in the Board's office one week prior to the meeting date.

Today's Date: 5/16/2023 Meeting Date: 6/15/2023

Name: Robby Hollingsworth Department: Commissioner District 3

Approved By:

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1. Nature and purpose of agenda item:

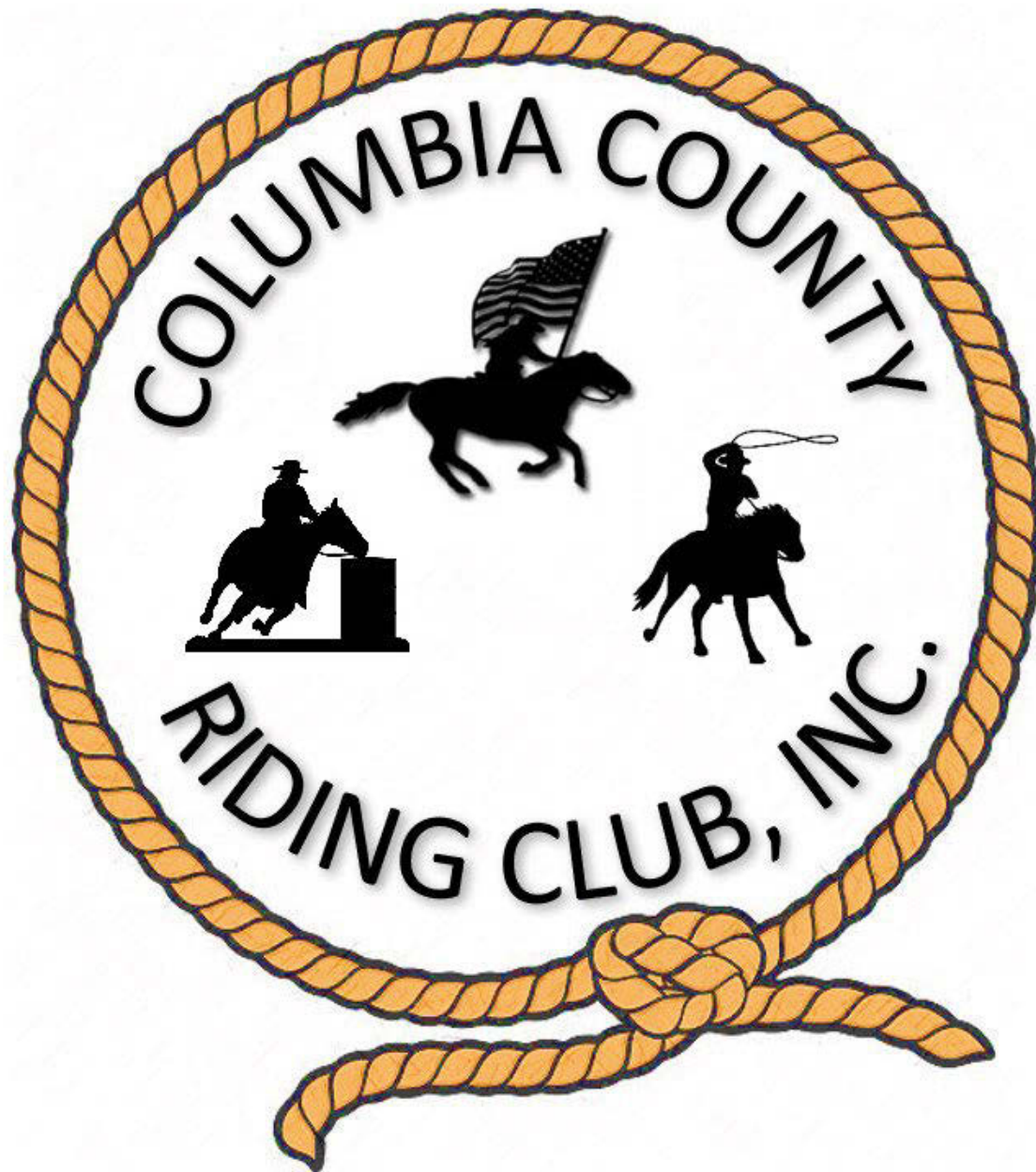
Columbia County Riding Club Presentation

2. Recommended Motion/Action:

Presentation

3. Fiscal impact on current budget.

This item has no effect on the current budget.



ANN MILLIGAN

Director

Member since 2008

Purpose Statement

Columbia County Riding Club exists to conduct, promote and administer equine activities in our local area and advance through youth development programs, a safe and quality experience for it's members and the community.

Club History

- Established in 2004
- Incorporated, not-for-profit 501(c)(3)
- Holds monthly equine related speed events

Members and Demographics

- Memberships are multi-generational, participants range in age from 3 to 70s.
- Members pass down through families.
- We have members who started in our club and moved up to sanctioned rodeos.
- Several local rodeo queens.
- Club is financially self-sustaining: fundraising, member fees, sponsorships.

Benefits of Equine Activities

- Health and fitness
- Life lessons
- Social skills
- Boost confidence
- Accountability
- Patience
- Team Building
- Adult and child development
- Assists those with special needs
- Psychological benefits for those with deficits
- Muscle development
- Balance and motor skills

EVENTS

CURRENT

- Monthly Ride Night (speed events)
- Annual Florida Sherriff's Boys Ranch Open House (Live Oak, Florida)
- Barrel Clinics
- Youth Ranch Rodeo
- Jackpots
- Year-end Awards (Saddles and Tack)
- Robert Grice Harmon Memorial Trophy

FUTURE

- Equine 4H
- Cattle Sorting/ Team Penning
- Roping
- Day Camps and Clinics
- Special Needs Activities
- Guided Trail Rides

Limited ability to host events due to scheduling with Fairgrounds.
Cost is prohibitive (\$250 a day), Must hold multiple events on one day.

Facility Needs

- Minimum Arena of 250x150
- 20 acres to accommodate parking and facilities
- Facilities to include: Cook shack, parking, crow's nest, spectator seating
- Arena paneling and gates
- Lighting
- Perimeter and interior fencing
- Water, sewer, and electric

We have obtained
quotes, but gladly
invite commissioner
input

Future (3-5 year goals)

- Dedicated facility
- Ability to host events without scheduling conflicts
- Grow membership
- Reach out to surrounding areas
- Access to wooded areas for trail riding

Question and Answer

