



We Can Ride 4-H Club Executive Board Meeting
February 1, 2024 @ 6:00 pm
Zoom meeting

Call Meeting to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:09
- Present: Charity, Sarah, Bobbi, Kelly, Carly, Todd, Lori, Margie

Secretary Report – Lori

- Last meeting minutes Emailed out January 31
- Motion to accept made by Carly, second by Lori

Treasurer Report – ROSE

- No change since November, will get an updated report by next board meeting

Parent & Volunteer Committee – Heather

- 1 submission including Rider Fees
- Sent packets to Jade's family and Vincent's family
- Expecting one new rider from Cass County
- Kelly will look for Erik's application :)

Instructor Committee – Margie, Charity & Karey

- New innovation in hand holds! Like a neck strap with a bar on top of it. Margie to get one and test out to see if it's a good aid in learning to post. Used by eventers, it connects to the saddle. Carly may have one in the barn, will send pictures to Margie and Margie will share a link to the device online.
- Suggestion to use a volunteer to demonstrate how to post

Horse Committee – Carly & Todd

- April 13 vaccination and testing day, Doc will be there 11am, would like to start around 8:30-9am

Equipment Committee – Carly & Todd

- Per PATH hand hold straps are not required on saddles any longer, depending on rider and horse
- Surcingle was effective with a rider last year, can we use this as a tool for other riders to learn their balance early in the season
- Secured a western size thinline pad for \$80 (wow!)
- Crafting BLING browbands for the show this year, will fit both bridles and halters

- Planning to move trailers around the end of March, will set up ramps. Then will see what's behind the walls in the tack trailer to scope out what it will take to repair
- Liked position of ramps last year, request to place same this year

Fair Committee – Jenny & Karey

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Stable Management Committee – Zeb

- Zeb is returning this year!
- Working on lesson planning

Showmanship Committee – Lori

- Lesson plan will be presented in March board meeting
- Planning to have a Showmanship station running during both classes, plan on 6 kids, 20 minute sessions

Tack swap committee – Lori

- Tack sale in Niles advertised on FB, Margie will email to us
- Lori plans to coordinate the sale at Westerners
- If anyone would like to coordinate any of the other sales contact Lori

Fundraising – Bobbi

- Working on chocolate bar fundraiser

Youth Program Update – Kelly

- Leaders council just transitioned over, Karey and Bobbi both represent WCR! Committees to be determined next month
- Looking to fill a position for 4-H youth development
- Katie Yoder is on the horse judging team for Berrien County - congratulations! Will be going to a local meet and then one at state level
 - Suggestion to donate \$50 towards transportation, donation to be made to the horse judging committee. Tabling suggestion to be discussed next month
- Releasing educational articles and opportunities via facebook horse page, let Kelly know if you have any suggestions
- 4-H Exploration dates: June 19-21 for individuals 12-19, looking for chaperones
- Existing volunteers are re-enrolled

Old Business

- 2 open positions for members at large to be filled at later date
 - Can we get an email out to parents to see if anyone is interested? Yes.
- 2024 dates are posted on our web page - hey we have a website!!
https://www.canr.msu.edu/berrien/berrien_county_4_h/proud-equestrians-program
- Patty may be interested in getting instructor certification

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New Business

- Inquires by Andrea for a possible board position
- Quote from kaitlyn miller for banners
 - 1 banner: \$48
 - 2 banners: \$36 each
 - 3 banner: \$30 each
 - Pricing includes any artwork that is needed.

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2024 Schedule

March 2024

- March 1 - Rider Packets Due to the Berrien County MSU Extension Office
- March 7 - We Can Ride 4-H Club Executive Board Meeting 6pm

April 2024

- April 4 - We Can Ride 4-H Club Executive Board Meeting 6pm
- April 13 - Horse Testing and Shot Clinic
 - Time: 11am
 - Location: Buchanan Westerners Riding Center
 - Who: Volunteer Horses and Owners
 - Notes: Dr. Fedore will be on site to administer shots to horses that pass testing.
- April 17 – Parent & Rider Orientation
 - Time: 6:00 p.m.
 - Location: Buchanan Westerners Riding Center
 - Who: Riders, Parents, and Instructors
 - Items to Bring With/Agenda: Rider Medical Forms Due, Tack sizing (bring helmet if applicable), Club fees, Questions, Handbook overview, Meet & Greet, Fair Entry Form Sign Up and Meet Your Instructors!
- April 24 – Volunteer Orientation
 - Time: 6:00 p.m.

- Location: Buchanan Westerners Riding Center
- Who: Volunteers, Instructors, Volunteer Committee Members, and Parents
- Items to Bring With/Agenda: Volunteer Enrollment Forms, Handbook (if applicable), Calendar, Questions, Ride Night Expectations, and training with Instructors.
- April 24 - Rider Packet Assessment Forms and Medical Forms Due

May 2024

- May 1 – 1st Ride Night
 - Horse Owner & Tack Committee Arrival – 5:15 p.m.
 - Volunteer – 5:30 p.m.
 - Rider – 5:45 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
 - All forms including physician form must be submitted to ride. No Exceptions. Youth who do not have this form turned in will only be able to participate in groundwork, showmanship, and stable management.
- May 2 - We Can Ride 4-H Club Executive Board Meeting 6pm
- May 8 – 2nd Ride Night
 - Horse Owner & Tack Committee Arrival – 5:15 p.m.
 - Volunteer Arrives– 5:30 p.m.
 - Rider – 5:45 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
- May 15 – 3rd Ride Night
 - Horse Owner & Tack Committee Arrival – 5:15 p.m.
 - Volunteer Arrives– 5:30 p.m.
 - Rider – 5:45 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
- May 22 – 4th Ride Night
 - Horse Owner & Tack Committee Arrival – 5:15 p.m.
 - Volunteer Arrives– 5:30 p.m.

- Rider – 5:45 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
- May 29 – 5th Ride Night
 - Horse Owner & Tack Committee Arrival – 5:15 p.m.
 - Volunteer Arrives– 5:30 p.m.
 - Rider – 5:45 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
 - Fair Registration Forms due! Turn in to ROSE

June 2024

- June 1 – Registration Forms for Berrien County Youth Fair PEP Show Due
- June 5 ride night - Kelly to update on website
- June 6 - We Can Ride 4-H Club Executive Board Meeting 6pm
- June 12 – 6th Ride Night
 - Horse Owner & Tack Committee Arrival – 5:15 p.m.
 - Volunteer Arrives– 5:30 p.m.
 - Rider – 5:45 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
- June 19 – 7th Ride Night
 - Horse Owner & Tack Committee Arrival – 5:15 p.m.
 - Volunteer Arrives– 5:30 p.m.
 - Rider – 5:45 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
- June 26 – 8th Ride Night
 - Horse Owner & Tack Committee Arrival – 5:15 p.m.
 - Volunteer Arrives– 5:30 p.m.
 - Rider – 5:45 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.

July 2024

- July 3 – No Ride Night
- July 10 – 10th Ride Night

- Horse Owner & Tack Committee Arrival – 5:15 p.m.
- Volunteer Arrives– 5:30 p.m.
- Rider – 5:45 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
- July 10 - We Can Ride 4-H Club Executive Board Meeting After Riding
- July 17 – Volunteer Service Hours Apparel Order Due
 - Apparel Order Forms should be turned into Parent/Volunteer Committee Co-Chair, Rose Narregan along with payment if applicable.
- July 24 – 11th Ride Night
 - Horse Owner & Tack Committee Arrival – 5:15 p.m.
 - Volunteer Arrives– 5:30 p.m.
 - Rider – 5:45 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
- July 31 – 12th Ride Night
 - Horse Owner & Tack Committee Arrival – 5:15 p.m.
 - Volunteer Arrives– 5:30 p.m.
 - Rider – 5:45 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.

August 2024

- August 1 - We Can Ride 4-H Club Executive Board Meeting 6pm
- August 7 – 13th Ride Night
 - Horse Owner & Tack Committee Arrival – 5:15 p.m.
 - Volunteer Arrives– 5:30 p.m.
 - Rider – 5:45 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
- August 11 - 17, 2024 – Berrien County Youth Fair (Optional)
- August 11 - 17 (all day & week) – Barn Duty
- August 14 (all day) – Lemonade Stand Shifts
- August 16 at 6:00 p.m. – Practice Riding & Showmanship Session
- August 17 – Show starts at 4:00 p.m. – PEP Show
 - All Riders should wear their “Yellow” We Can Ride 4-H Club T-Shirt

- All Volunteers should wear their “Green” We Can Ride 4-H Club T-Shirt

September 2024

- September 5 - We Can Ride 4-H Club Executive Board Meeting 6pm
- Pizza Party?

October 2024

- October 3 - We Can Ride 4-H Club Executive Board Meeting 6pm

Adjournment was made at: moved by Lori seconded by Margie at 7:12pm
Next board meeting March 7 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom