

**Montcalm County 4-H Horse Leaders
Meeting
October 9, 2018 Meeting**

Meeting called to order by President, Melanie Rodenhouse at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present – Sabrina Nyenhuis, Joel Nyenhuis, Melanie Rodenhouse, Rachelle Croy, Caleb Wieland, Lori McInnis, Stacie Minard, Kadren Grawburg, Stephanie Carey (for Hoofbeaters), Joann Pyle.

Secretary Report – Motion to approve September 11, 2018 minutes by Joel Nyenhuis , seconded by Stacie Minard, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – \$1,181.32, savings, \$5,059.31 in checking – Grand Total of \$6,240.63. No changes from last month. Motion made to put on file by Stacie Minard , seconded by Joel Nyenhuis . Motion passed.

Fair Board Report – given by Melanie Rodenhouse.

1. Fair dates established – June 23rd – June 29th, 2019.
2. Annual fair board meeting October 18th.

Extension Report – Kadren Grawburg

1. Still waiting for new laptop
2. Fall conference is next week. Kadren will be out of office all week.
3. Bake off was a success. 20 participants.
4. Interviews were held today for the admin assistant job.
5. Will probably be several months before coordinator full-time job is filled. Kadren will remain on part-time until position is filled.

Committee Reports

1. Horse Rental Committee: Presented by Rachelle Croy: Will have our own porta-john account going forward. Total income \$10,939.50 (gross). Expenses to be paid and owe camping to fairboard in the amount of \$2,565. Contracts in place for 2019: Going for Broke, MI Rodeo finals, IBRA finals.
2. Record Book Committee: Nothing to report
3. Show Committee: Nothing to report
4. Stick Horse: Nothing to report
5. Fairbook/Judges Committee: Nothing to report.
6. Saturday Game: No report
7. Award Ceremony Committee: No report.
8. Pro-Am Committee: No report

Old Business:

Don Base proposal for dressage times tabled.

New Business:

1. Horse Leader Shows Proposal – Rachelle Croy proposed the following dates for 2019 shows so that they are on the horse rental calendar: Pleasure Shows: May 23 and June 13. Buckle Speed Series (have four shows versus five due to the difficulty of finding groups to run/organize show): May 30, June 20, July 11, July 25 and rain date of August 15. Show committee to determine if we will have four or five shows in 2019. Also discussed the fact that we should no longer post the points on-line or on Facebook, due to the fact that we see a decrease in attendance for the later shows as individuals know the standings. Dates above are set.

2. Ground Improvement Suggestions: We have around \$5,000 to spend from the rentals (this is an estimated figure until Rachelle can meet with Lisa Johnson to finalize the numbers). If anyone has suggestions for ground improvements, pass them on to the Horse Area Upkeep & Ground Improvement Committee so that they can review and make a proposal to the Horse Leader Committee.
3. Committee Sign-Ups – Sabrina presented a list with the committee descriptions (see attached). Sign-up was passed around. Sign-ups will also be held at the November meeting, due to poor attendance. If after November that committees are not formed, the EC will assign groups to the committees as we need the committees filled to ensure that our program moves smoothly.
4. Executive Committee Elections: Christy Williams has declined the nomination of Treasurer (per Melanie Rodenhouse). Motion made by Joel Nyenhuis to postpone elections until November and keep nominations open until our November meeting, due to current attendance. Seconded by Joann Pyle. Motion passed.
5. Constitution/By-Law Changes – the current by-laws were handed out (see attached). Please review and provide any written proposed changes to Sabrina by November 1st to be added to the November agenda.
6. Proposed Constitution/By-Law Change by Sabrina Nyenhuis. Current by-laws do not address the role and responsibilities of our sub-committees. Sabrina provided a written proposal (see attached) to be added to the By-Laws as Article VIII. Discussion held. Amend #4 to four times within a fair year. Amend #5 to state Committee members are required to attend 75% of the committee's meetings or you may be removed from the committee. Motion made by Joel Nyenhuis to send/publish the change to the Horse Leaders for review and to be voted on at the November meeting. Seconded by Caleb Wieland. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned by President, Melanie Rodenhouse at 8:18 p.m.

Next meeting is November 13, 2018

REMINDERS

Annual Member Re-Enrollment due by December 1st.

Horse Registrations due May 1, 2019 6-8 pm Horse Entry Booth
Horse Record Books due May 30, 2019 6-8 pm Horse Entry Booth