

# Montcalm County 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting May 8, 2018 Meeting

| Group                  | Name               |         | Group                     | Name             |         |
|------------------------|--------------------|---------|---------------------------|------------------|---------|
| Animal Junction        | Tom Blumberg       | Present | Lakeview Saddle Club      | Gabrielle Gilman | Present |
| Animal Junction        | Carol Blumberg     | Present | Making Strides            | Lori McInnis     | Present |
| Barbed Wire & Roses    | Rachelle Croy      | Present | Future Leaders            | Jon McNinch      | Present |
| Barbed Wire & Roses    | Melanie Rodenhouse | Present | North Central             | Amy Bell         | Present |
| Boots & Dreams         | Christy Williams   | Present | Sand Lake Saddle Slickers | Mike Jensen      | Present |
| Boots & Dreams         | Jeremy Williams    | Present | Sand Lake Saddle Slickers | Laurie Magoon    | Absent  |
| Boots & Dreams         | Penny Chivenere    | Absent  | Stars, Stripes & Snips    | Sabrina Nyenhuis | Present |
| Elements of Grace      | Amy Wilcox         | Present | Stars, Stripes & Snips    | Joel Nyenhuis    | Present |
| Fish Creek Saddle Club | Don Baese          | Present | The Ranch Hands           | Sherry Brown     | Present |
| Fish Creek Saddle Club | Caleb Wieland      | Present | Tri-County Country        | Megan Wall       | Present |
| Hoofbeaters            | Mike Rasmussen     | Present | Tri-County Country        | Joann Pyle       | Present |
| Lakeside Trading Post  | Kadren Grawburg    | Present | Winfield Hustlers         | Stacie Minard    | Present |
| Lakeview Saddle Club   | Joanne Larson      | Absent  | MSUE                      | Katie            | Present |

Meeting called to order by President, Melanie Rodenhouse at 7:04 p.m.

**Secretary Report** – Motion to approve April 10, 2018 minutes by Joel Nyenhuis, seconded by Sherry Brown, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report** – \$1,201.47 in checking, \$11,130.50 in savings – Grand Total of \$12,337.97.

Motion made to put on file by Joann Pyle, seconded by Stacie Milan. Kurt Johnson Classic Equine will be sponsoring the Buckle Speed Series in the amount of \$500

**Fair Board Report** – given by Amy Bell

1. Timeline of bathhouse – a bit behind, just in case the shower trailer has been reserved for fair.
2. Rustic sites will move a little this year due to some of them are on the drain field.
3. Mounted Sherriff will be at fair Sun-Sat 11am-11pm
4. Building & Grounds - hired Ross to mow the grounds.
5. Signs will be put up for no swimming in the pond and a life vest will be put up at pond.
6. No UTVs signs will be posted at the barns during the week of fair.
7. All judges have been hired for fair except for Alpacas.
8. New rule passed for next year: must have 5 animals per species in order to compete at fair. IF there are less the 5 entries for a species, they will still be able to come to fair but will an exhibition vs. a full show due to cost of hiring judges and purchasing awards.
9. Ash Building Rentals \$2762 in April, \$2,800 projected for May, 25 events booked for 2018, 10 for 2019.
10. Vendors at fair: 10 food, 4 non-food. Image marketing will be at fair to make T-Shirts (a make and take).
11. ShoWorks Training – 10 people came, only 1 for horse area. Still need more volunteers for the horse area.
12. Awards for fair have been ordered.
13. Marketing - \$30,000 has been raised, Die Casel donated \$10,000 plus they are creating a \$1,000 scholarship for 4-H members– more info to follow.
14. Superintendents will be listed on website for each area.

**Extension Report** – Kadren Grawburg

1. 3 volunteers attended shooting sports, 2 more people certified

2. Donation made by West MI Compound to be used county wide. The funds are to be used to promote 4-H. Examples of events are: Roller skating, movie night, rent MCC for pool, etc. activities to take place later this year.
3. Forestry clinic. Other upcoming events will be posted on the website on Thursday

### **Committee Reports**

1. Horse Area Rental – IBRA Father's Day weekend. No practices or access to the horse area during that weekend. EWHA show held last weekend – the sound system didn't work, HighPoint will be out next week to fix. A checklist and point of contact list will be made and provided for the point person for the show that they are managing.
2. Record Book Committee: Nothing to report
3. Show Committee: Nothing to report
4. Cloverbud/Stick Horse: Nothing to report
5. Fairbook/Judge Committee: Correction to fix time of Cloverbud show in Fairbook. FYI: there are numerous typos in the fair book that need to be corrected (the fair board had to re-type the entire book this year).
6. Saturday Game Committee: Game ideas have been established
7. Award Ceremony Committee: Saturday at 2 or 3. Chairs for versatility, overall advanced speed, overall advanced in addition to the belt buckles. Grooming bags ordered to Walk/Trot, Novice and Intermediate overall.
8. Pro-Am: Sign-ups are to be turned in by Tuesday of fair by 6pm, no exceptions. Same sign-up sheet. No late entries excepted. Dress code: long pants, short sleeve, heeled boots. Mounting block to be put at end of arena during two-man relay. Placing 1-8, rosette ribbon, one per team.

### **Old Business:**

1. Fair jobs: if you need to swap a job due to changes, communicate with each other and make changes on sheet. The sheet will be updated and posted.
2. Tent: Mike Rasmussen is handling and will provide a firm number to the tent man to order up tent.
3. Lights: Mike Rasmussen – waiting for the holes to be dug. After holes are dug, the poles will be set that day.
4. Sprinkling system: Rachelle met with H2O Oasis. They did winterize on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Next Wednesday they will be out to de-winterize and put the straps on.
5. Drag will be delivered next week hopefully.

### **New Business:**

1. The following have submitted applications to fairboard for superintendents: Joann Pyle, Mike Jensen, Amanda Wall to return. Dave Pyle would like also to be a superintendent. Megan Wall would like to be a Jr. Superintendent. Motion to accept by Joel Nyenhuis. seconded by Mike Rasmussen. Motion approved.
2. No tack stalls in the barn – either leave it empty or find a horse from the tent to move to the permanent barn.
3. Patterns remain the same as last year. All of them are posted on the website. Barb will be contacting the judges to obtain the equitation patterns. Joel Nyenhuis will get the pattern books made. The patterns will also be posted on-line the Sunday of fair so that leaders can have them electronically.
4. 4-H Discussion tabled until after fair.
5. Horse registrations: Rachelle Croy collected and will organize and review documents. 141 horses per verbal poll.
6. Barb Altizer will place binders in the announcer's booth for the pleasure shows and for the buckle series. The binder has the rules and information for running the shows.

7. Speed Series: Reviewed the rules that we use. Sabrina to update the document and Barb Altizer will have the document laminated and several will be posted around the grounds and in the announcer's booth.

Meeting Adjourned by President, Melanie Rodenhouse at 8:29 p.m.

Next meeting is June 12, 2018

### **REMINDERS**

Member class sign-ups May 12<sup>th</sup> – June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Record Books due June 7<sup>th</sup> between 6-8 p.m. at the announcer's booth.

Pleasure Shows:      May 10, 2018 – Trial – Barbed Wire & Roses/North Central  
                                June 7, 2018 – Reining – Lakeview/Stars, Stripes & Snips/Winfield Hustlers  
                                June 14, 2018 – Make-up date

Buckle Series:        May 17, 2018 – Sand Lake  
                                June 21, 2018 – Elements of Grace/Boots & Dreams  
                                July 19, 2018 – Fish Creek/Making Strides  
                                August 2, 2018 – Hoofbeaters  
                                August 9, 2018 – The Ranch Hands  
                                August 23, 2018 – Make-up Date

June 9<sup>th</sup> EWHA – hosted by Tri-County Country