

**Montcalm County 4-H Horse Leaders
Meeting
July 10, 2018 Meeting**

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

Members Present – Sabrina Nyenhuis, Joel Nyenhuis, Joann Pyle, Dave Pyle, Melanie Rodenhouse, Amy Bel, Stacie Minard, Don Baese, Caleb Wieland, Julie Pavelka, Mike Rasmussen, Stacey Williams, Christy Williams, Kadren Grawburg, Jennifer Reynolds, Lori McInnis, Jessie Bailey, Laurie Magoon, Vanessa Leiter, Rachelle Croy

Secretary Report – Motion to approve June 19, 2018 minutes by Joann Pyle, seconded by Amy Bell, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – \$11,130.50 savings, \$147.78 in checking – Grand Total of \$11,278.28. Tent payment and stall payment has yet to be made to fairboard.

Motion made to put on file by Joann Pyle, seconded by David Pyle. Motion passed.

Fair Board Report – given by Amy Bell

1. No treasurer's report yet, not completed from fair yet.
2. Grounds – 2018/2019 clean up dates, there may be some dates this fall that will count towards the 2-hour mandatory volunteer hours for next year.
3. Bath house septic held up well during fair. Still some work and testing/permits to be completed.
4. Grand Stand Events – broke even this year
5. Concession stand – profit of \$6,000 for fair
6. Fair book changes due October 1, 2018
7. ShoWorks – everything went well for fair
8. Awards – a couple are sponsored for 2019 fair already.
9. Raised \$34,000 this year from sponsors, the best year yet.
10. Strangles – a professional company has been hired to come and disinfect the entire horse & livestock area (everything other than Ash Building). Hope to have is started by Friday. Horse grounds are closed for two weeks.
11. Suggestions and discussion held for 2019 fair

Extension Report – Kadren Grawburg

1. State Horse Show – still in need of 2 volunteers. Will be posted on Facebook for request of volunteers.

Committee Reports

1. Horse Rental Committee: IRBA has contracted the horse area for 8/10-12 (looking for experienced barrel setters, they pay \$10/hr.) – need a host for this show. Going for Broke Show cancelled for tonight due to Strangles. Buckle series cancelled for next week and will use the rain date for the make-up. Anyone hosting a show cannot just sell food (only fully prepared food can be sold) without renting the concession stand due to health code.
2. Record Book Committee: Changes will be made for 2019. Christy will make revisions and bring to the Horse Leaders for approval.
3. Show Committee: Nothing to report
4. Stick Horse: Nothing to report
5. Fairbook/Judges Committee: Changes due October 1 to fair board

6. Saturday Game: Kids had a lot of fun.
7. Award Ceremony Committee: Was well attended. Some confusion on what classes qualify for the novice and intermediate levels – need to document and put in leaders' handbook.
8. Pro-Am Committee: A few changes for next year – back numbers, hand out ribbons during the class.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1. Strangles Case: As was posted on our Facebook page, there is a reported case of Strangles at fair. Discussion held with questions and answers. Ron Bjork. Facility is being power washed with bleach by professionals.
2. Fair Recap:
 - a. Joann Pyle: Fair was well run (thanks Barb!), need changes to work schedule to reflect the required time, 1st night Joann found 7 stalls unlocked, parking went well, check-in went well,
 - b. Hold dressage in Baese arena and jumping in Eller arena
 - c. Flag presentation: flags were not ready for the riders to present during National Anthem. Have someone coordinate this for next year as some kids spent hours practicing before fair.
 - d. Have Monday schedule decreased (scheduling committee will review and revise based on Barb's notes)
 - e. Need to brainstorm about tent/stalls due to number of exhibitors to discontinue renting a tent: suggestions made: walk/trot possibly being held before fair, haul-in option, only Montcalm County members. The barn committee will start up again to begin a design. We need to look at getting the 3rd barn built, even if we need to take a loan out (our stall fees loan to the fairboard will be paid off shortly, so we will have funds in future years from stall fees to pay for a loan?)
 - f. Reminder that kids are required to do Showmanship before showing any other classes at fair.
 - g. Each horse needs to have a pen card on their stall. Revise pen card to add emergency contact & leader name & phone number.
3. No Meeting in August.

Meeting Adjourned by President, Melanie Rodenhouse at 8:22 p.m.

Next meeting is September 11, 2018

REMINDERS

Buckle Series: August 2, 2018 – Hoofbeaters
 August 9, 2018 – The Ranch Hands
 August 23, 2018 – Fish Creek/Making Strides