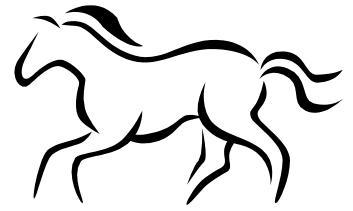




St. Joseph County, MI
4-H HORSE COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2020

President: Teresa Hufstedler (Competitive Trail)

Secretary: Andrea Littlefield (Tumbleweed)

Vice President: Shajnett Huffman (Desperados)

Deputy Treasurer: Pam Cook (Tumbleweed)

Treasurer: Shirel Hart (Gymkhana)

4-H Office: Eva Beeker

Attendance: Eva Beeker, Shajnett Huffman, Tereasa Hufstedler, Pam Cook, Shirel Hart, Andrea Littlefield, Cassie Lewis

- Meeting called to order 6:31 pm by Tereasa Hufstedler via Zoom
- No visitors
- No comments
- Secretary:
 - Shirel Hart motioned to accept October meeting minutes, Andrea Littlefield seconded, motion passed
 - No Correspondence received
- Treasurer:
 - Beginning: \$6803.79
 - Ending: \$6810.12
 - SMILES add \$5.25
 - \$.53 September interest
 - \$.55 October interest
 - No deposits, no checks
 - No bills
- Elect Secretary
 - Andrea Littlefield volunteers to fill position, unanimous vote to approve Andrea Littlefield as Secretary
- Elect Deputy Treasurer
 - Shirel Hart nominates Pam Cook, Shajnett Huffman Second, motion passed unanimously
 - Pam Cook is new 2021 Horse Council Deputy Treasurer
- 2021 Shows
 - County Qualifier
 - Last weekend in June (June 26-27) – fairgrounds has very limited availability for dates
 - Speed June 27
 - Pleasure/Driving Fundraiser
 - Table until next meeting
 - Cassie said pretty open July 3-4 weekend and July 17-18
 - July 17-18 is same weekend as stateline livestock show at fairgrounds
 - Speed Fundraiser-
 - Usually in July but Shirel will be looking into dates
 - Will have at Horseman's association
 - We are hoping to have same deal as last year for use of fairgrounds (pay insurance and perform some community service at the fairgrounds), Shajnett and Tereasa will not be able to meet with the fair board until December/January to negotiate this
- Constitution/rule book
 - Eva recommends to wait on changing anything for the upcoming 2021.

- Hold off on this for the future.
- Fair Book
 - Create committee to look at this
 - Walk-Trot novice horse & Walk-trot novice rider
 - All ages in same class
 - Age divisions gotten rid of due to class numbers
 - 8-19 year old all in same class
 - Horse sharing?
 - If same family in same age division, especially novice horse
 - One person wont be able to ride then
 - Andrea suggest looking at who signs up for these classes before making any changes
 - Adding Ranchmanship
 - We have some individuals who would like to sponsor this class if we add it
 - It would be a pattern class, with two age groups
 - No expense to Horse council
 - Andrea thinks we should table until next month
 - Eva wants a proposal in writing that will be distributed to the groups to see if any interest
- Patterns
 - Need to get patterns for the county qualifier/pleasure fundraiser/fair
 - Andrea would like to see the Judge provide the patterns for county qualifier and fair
 - Let judges know that we need the patterns two weeks in advance and we will post
 - Let the Pleasure fundraiser judge know in advance what the patterns are
 - Gymkhana showmanship pattern should be different from pleasure showmanship
- Club leaders
 - Only change in leaders is Danielle Miersma and Patti Adams are not re-enrolling at this time
 - Yearly leader enrollment now instead of every 3 years
- Specialty Leaders
 - Jumping – Lorin Clark still interested in this but needs to go through the leader selection process
 - Tereasa Hufstedler will be following up with her
- Pony measuring – TBD
- Donor letters received from Eva, will get them
 - Eva will let us know when future donor packets available (around February)
- Andrea asked if it would be inappropriate to ask youth council for money to help run our shows
 - See if youth council would support our kids going to state 4H horse show since our horse kids help raise youth council funds versus horse council supporting it
 - We need to make a presentation to take to youth council
 - Eva recommends to present this by January as they are putting their budget together
- Eva Updates
 - Volunteer central enrollment
 - December 1 for returning leaders and members
 - May 1 for new leaders and members
 - No face to face until further notice
 - Don't see that this is change between now and 1st of the year at least
 - Ribbons have been mailed out for virtual fair
 - Checks have not been mailed out for 4H fall event (virtual fair)
 - Donors names will be sent with checks for thank you notes
 - 4H online 2.0
 - Not all projects were entered, have them check and if not there call office number and it will be looked into
 - Nomenclature different between state and st joe county so not all of the projects were uploaded or may be under different name

- When will leaders have access to see what kids enrolled in for their clubs
 - No answer at this time
- Youth Council Not requesting money from United Way this year
- County wide program called Goose Chase
 - Online scavenger hunt to involve youth in the county for something that is just fun
 - More info to come
- Need official budget on budget form from horse council by the first of the year
- Financial review will need to be done by the first of the year
 - Form is in the treasurer's handbook
- Meeting adjourned 7:26pm
 - Motioned by Shirel Hart, second by Cassie Lewis, all in favor

The next horse council meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2020 @ 6:30 via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shajnett Huffman

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