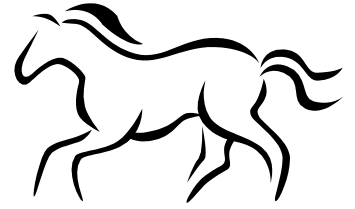




St. Joseph County, MI
4-H HORSE COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2020

President: Danielle Sackrider (Driving & In-Hand)
Vice President: Patti Adams (Cloverbud)
Treasurer: Shirel Hart (Gymkhana)

Secretary: Shajnett Huffman (Gymkhana)
Deputy Treasurer: Teresa Hufstedler
4-H Office: Eva Beeker

Clubs & Specialty Areas: **Desperados:** Shajnett Huffman & Mindy Stuart **Town & Country:** Sarah Franklin & Danielle Miersma
Tumbleweed: Andrea Littlefield & Cindy Sigman & Pam Cook **Trail Blazers:** Jaime Terry **Cloverbud:** Katie Staples **Competitive Trail:**
Teresa Hufstedler **Dressage:** Sharon Jones **Jumping:** Not Present **Driving:** Cassie Lewis & Bobbi Newland **Gymkhana:** Shirel Hart &
Teresa Howk

Guests: Aiden Staples

1. Call to Order: Vice President Patti Adams called the meeting to order at 6:30PM
2. Pledges
3. Approval of Agenda. Teresa Hufstedler made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, second by Shirel Hart. Motion passed
4. Additions to Agenda: None
5. Introduction & Visitors:
6. Approval of HC October Mtg minutes: Teresa Hufstedler made a motion to approve October meeting minutes, second by Pam Cook, motion passed
7. Secretary's & Report:
 - Correspondence Received: None
8. Treasurer's & Report
 - Beginning Balance: \$6493.76
 - Ending Balance: \$6493.76
 - Error found from October financials
 - \$751.66 in donations for starting cash for shows and prepaid for shows were not accounted for in the balance changing the October ending balance to \$6500.71
 - November Beginning Balance with adjustment: \$6500.71
 - November Ending Balance with adjustment: \$6493.76
 - Miscellaneous Expenses: None
 - All Checks except the following have been cashed
 - Taylor Fabus check
 - Check for \$52 for driving program was washed and destroyed
 - Void off books
 - Add \$52 back to account
 - One outstanding check for \$8 won for payback class
 - Bill from Sturgis Trophy House received \$1900.50
 - Have received all trophies costing \$2900.50 total
 - We have extra trophies
 - We were not charged for replacement toppers

- Motion made by Cassie Lewis to pay Sturgis Trophy House, second by Sarah Franklin, motion passed
- Gift card for Sherri Rivers \$25 for Yoders
 - Judge for Costume Class
- Check for Shirel reimbursement needs signed
- It has been proposed to have 4H pay judges up front and then be reimbursed by fair
 - Further discussion to occur at all day fair meeting on Jan 25th.
- Budget proposal needed for February
 - Committee: Teresa Hufstedler, Shirel Hart, Katie Staples, Cindy Slgman
- Donor packets will be handed out in February
 - Youth council has letter to send out ot current donors, versus making phone calls and invoicing
 - Motion made by Andrea Littlefield to adopt the youth council donor letter process, second by Teresa Hufstedler, motion passed
 - Letter stuffing for packets: Shirel Hart, Teresa Hufstedler
 - We are still responsible for finding new donors

9. Board Comment/Public Comment/ Youth Comment/Leader Comment:

- 4H Grounds rental: \$700 for weekend, \$275 for insurance, \$35/weekend stalling, \$25/night camping – confirmed by Patti with Ruth on 1/7/20.
 - Pam Cook mentioned that other 4H groups from other counties do not pay what we pay for grounds use at their fairgrounds, they usually just pay insurance
 - Horseman's fee was \$155 for one day in 2019
 - Suggested to attend fair meeting to try to negotiate for a cheaper rate but must be on agenda

10. Leader Comments:

- Shajnett Huffman has a club member (desperadoes) who has yet to received Club Sportsman plaque
- Eva Needs list of who still needs this:
 - Maddi Yugas (Desperados), Kadence Jennett (Gymkhana), Allison Littlefield (Tumbleweed), Aiden Staples (Driving), Kali Reeg (Town & Country)

11. Youth Comments: None

12. Public Comment: None

13. Meeting Dates:

- January 23 6:30 pm at 4H office for voting only
 - Can do sealed vote provided to Eva
 - Danielle will come and count with Eva
 - Proposals will be emailed out

14. Show Dates:

- County Qualifier June 27-28th Fairgrounds
 - June 27: Pleasure & Dressage
 - June 28: mini/Driving & Gymkhana
 - Patti Adams motioned to approved the County Qualifier dates of June 27th-28th, second by Teresa Hufstedler, motion passed
- Driving Fundraiser: July 18th Fairgrounds
 - Bobbi Newland presented showbill
 - Adding Mare Halter and Gelding Halter all sizes
 - Removing open driving knockdown and open driving keyhole to make up for the additional classes
 - Cassie Lewis motioned to accept Driving fundraiser showbill and date of July 18th, second by Teresa Hufstedler, motion passed
- Dressage Fundraiser: July 19th Fairgrounds
 - Sharon Jones motioned to have Dressage show July 19 at the fairgrounds, second by Cassie Lewis, motion passed
 - Will bring showbill to February meeting
- Pleasure Fundraiser:
 - Proposed August 8 at Fairgrounds
 - Suggested to make it a 2 day show since have to rent the fairgrounds for the entire weekend
 - Sharon motioned to have the show at horseman's association this year, did not get a second, motion died
 - Teresa Hufstedler motioned to table the pleasure fundraiser decision until February, second by Katie Staples
 - 1 opposed, majority for = motion passed

- Gymkhana Fundraiser
 - Looking at either July 11 or July 25
 - Waiting to hear back from Running Hard Products on date availabilities
- Showbills minor changes being emailed out to be voted on @ voting meeting January 23.

15. Horse Species Meeting dates – June or July:

- Safety and Sportsmanship with Taylor Fabus
- Specialty reviews & Awards review – Before August 1st sign ups
- Has to be 1 hour minimum
- Bobbi Newland suggested to set up stations on each specialty
 - Check in station, check out station
 - All in one area, enclosed
 - Have a “passport” that the youth will have stamped or marked somehow when completing a station
- Committee chair: Bobbi Newland
 - Patti Adams
 - Sharon Jones
 - Teresa Howk
- Danielle suggested to hold it on a Friday night
- Date of Thursday June 11 6:30pm at fairgrounds was suggested
 - Patti calling to see if the Henningson Barn is available

16. Cloverbud Meeting Date: TBD

17. Workout dates:

- Minimum 8 scheduled workouts (hope to get 6 in) – need by February and to post to FB
- Agreements need to be signed and turned in to Eva

18. Proposed recommendations for sportsmanship Award:

- Will be emailed out

19. Proposed recommendation to change county High point to Wester High Point

- Will be emailed out
- Pam cook brought up leaving this the same because the same kids in other disciplines win the same buckles all the time
- Cindy Sigman brought up that the kids get to choose what classes they accumulate points in so why change it because they choose what they are best at
- Danielle Miersma mentioned that there used to be an English High Point, Western High Point, and Overall award back in the day
- Teresa Hufstedler suggest to table this decision until next year because it is not clear if we will have an English High Point next year.

20. Proposed recommendations for fair book changes

- Will be emailed out (4 options)
- Discussions
 - At fair minis were split by 2 age groups and still had 21 exhibitors in each division
 - Patti Adams clarified that option number 4 is based off of type of horse
 - Grade horses would be placed in class based on breed typing
 - Danielle Miersma suggested to have option number 3 separate ponies out and split into 2 age divisions with option given to ride up an age group, but cannot move back down
 - Need to look at class sizes due to large increase in walk-trot riders
 - Sharon likes option number 3 but would like to see it split pony into 2 age groups and walk-trot
 - Pam Cook mentioned that an exhibitor would be restricted to 1 horse with option # 3.
 - Teresa Hufstedler mentioned that we only have these 4 options in front of use and #3 did not include split out ponies
 - Andrea Littlefield questioned how will these proposal affect the shared horse program
 - Mindy Stuart did not like number 2 with the pony, registered non-stock, and Grade at all ages due to age and experience of riders, plus this also limits those who show multiple horses

- Danielle Miersma motioned to split out pony classes into 2 age divisions (8-12, 13-19) in option number 3, second by Shajnett Huffman, motion passed
- Bobbi Newland motioned to have option # 2 add age groups 8-12, 13-19 to pony, registered non-Stock, and grade classes, second Cassie Lewis, motion passed
- Teresa Hufstedler motioned to leave option # 1 as is but adjust age groups to 8-12, 13-19

21. Coggins Clinic:

- No information, Mindy Stuart will contact Diane Zinsmaster to see if she is doing one this year

22. Ribbon Ordering: - Teresa Hufstedler and Pam Cook to inventory

- Teresa Hufstedler sent numbers to Danielle Sackrider
- Order should be placed sometime in February due to sale
- Rosettes
 - 24 full sets
 - 2nd place – 18
 - 3rd Place – 61
 - 4th place – 73
 - 5th place – 86
 - 6th place – 103
- Generic ribbon strips (non-horsey)
 - 1st – 35
 - 2nd – 41
 - 3rd – 61
 - 4th – 85
 - 5th – 86
 - 6th – 93
- Cute cloverbud – 3 ribbons
- Some medalions

23. Agreements:

- Need to be submitted to Eva for workout dates, shows, judges etc
- Also file with office, secretary, show box, HC Board

24. Club Votes:

- Patti to share information of allowed number of votes via email
- At Large in 2019 was Gymkhana & Jumping
- At Large in 2020: In-Hand & Cloverbud

25. Committee Updates:

- Costume Class Theme needed – will be picked at February meeting
- Judge Hiring committee: None
- Pattern Book: Shajnett Huffman & Andrea Littlefield will pull patterns to get approved
 - Gymkhana needs a different showmanship pattern than pleasure

26. Club Updates

- Gymkhana: Will meet to get dates for workouts
- In-Hand/Driving: will have dates in February
- Cloverbud: dates pending
- Competitive Trail: dates pending
- Jumping: None
- Dressage: dates pending
- Desperados: workout dates will be set at February club meeting, along with fundraiser
- T&C: Tack Sale March 14 10-2 Mendon High School
- Trail Blazers: None
- Tumbleweed: Meeting January 20 6:30pm

27. Reminders

- YQCA – January 15 6:30 ISD building is last offered in person class
 - If you attend the class, don't have to bring a certificate to the office, its on file with sign in,
 - If done online, a certificate is needed to be turned in, not the email link, you must download the actual certificate.
- Youth Council Meeting February 3, 6:30pm
- 4H age is 8-19 as of January 1, 2019
- Next Fair board meeting is January 25, 6:30
- Voting on Fairbook rule changes and county rule changes @ next meeting
 - Proposals will be sent out via email
- Additional HC meeting for Voting on proposal is January 23, 6:00 pm
- Next HC meeting on February 4, 6:30pm

28. Eva Updates:

- 4H online issues
 - Andrea littlefield has 2 different parents that cant sign up for YQCA
 - New (not returning) members should call 4H office to get approved prior to January 15
- Year end audit in February at some point
- Eva requests that if you purchased anything for Horse Council to turn in with request form & Receipt for paper trail
- Eva is required to go through all 4H leader files and update them
 - Some leaders may have to go through whole interview process if one was not conducted when they joined.

29. Adjourn: A motion was made by Teresa Hufstedler to adjourn the meeting, second by Bobbi Newland. Motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm

The next horse council meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shajnett Huffman