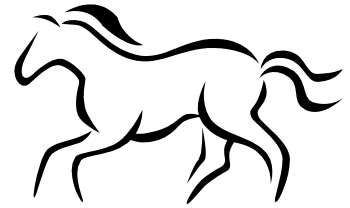




St. Joseph County, MI 4-H HORSE COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2019

President: Danielle Sackrider (Driving & In-Hand)

Vice President: Patti Adams (Cloverbud)

Treasurer: Shirel Hart (Gymkhana)

Secretary: Bobbi Newland (Driving & In-Hand)

Deputy Treasurer: Tereasa Hufstader (Competitive Trail)

4-H Office: Eva Beeker

Clubs & Specialty Areas: **Desperados:** Brian Wonders, Brandon Williams (youth) **Town & Country:** Sara Franklin, Annette Kelley, Jessica Kelley (youth), Keagan Kelley (youth) **Tumbleweed:** Pam Cook & Cindy Sigman **Trail Blazers:** None **Cloverbud:** Katie Staples **Competitive Trail:** Lori Bowdish **Dressage:** Sharon Jones & Hannah Yoder **Jumping:** Diane Zinsmaster **Driving:** Cassie Lewis **Gymkhana:** Shirel Hart **Reining:** None

Guests: None

1. Call to Order: President Danielle Sackrider called the meeting to order at 6:30PM
2. Pledges: Pledges were recited
3. Additions to Agenda: None
4. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Cassie Lewis to approve the agenda, second by Tereasa Hufstader. Motion passed.
5. Introduction of Visitors: None
6. Approval of December 4, 2018 HC meeting minutes: Motion by Tereasa Hufstader to approve the agenda with the correction to Patti Adams name under Constitution/Rule/Regulation section, second by Pam Cook. Motion passed.
7. Secretary's Report/Correspondence Received: No correspondence received
8. Treasurer's Report
 - Beginning Balance: \$3,871.72
 - Ending Balance: \$3,816.03
 - Bills to be Paid: \$38.50 to St. Joseph County MSU for postage to be mailed out for the proposed constitution. A motion was made by Cassie Lewis to pay the postage, second by Pam Cook. Motion passed.
 - Other:
 - Deposits-Total deposit was \$75.00. \$50 from donors and \$25 from the Herdsman Award.
 - 2018 Horse Council spent \$10,243.49 and had an income of \$9081.22. \$1,611.22 was received from donations.
 - Budget for 2019 discussion/ideas
 - Fundraising: Horse Council is looking for fundraising ideas for 2019. Diane Zinsmaster suggested hosting a county horse camp at the fairground and having a Jumping & Dressage Show.
9. Board Comments
 - Review of 4H Purpose/Mission/Vision
 - Danielle Sackrider reviewed Michigan 4-H Guiding Principles for Positive Youth Development. 1. Youth development positive relationship with adults and peers. 2. Youth are physically and emotionally safe. 3. Youth are actively engaged in their own development. 4. Youth are considered participants rather than recipients in the learning process. 5. Youth develop skills that help them succeed. 6. Youth recognize, understand and appreciate multiculturalism. 6. Youth grow and contribute as active citizens through services and leadership.
 - Programming and Awards/Points
 - Change County High Point to Championship Classes – loss of donor, expenses and current budget. As a HC do we look at changing? A motion was made by Bobbi Newland to vote in February on changing the County High Point Award to a Grand Champion class like Grand Champion Showmanship, second by Sharon Jones. Motion Passed.
 - Youth Leadership: Horse Council is encouraging organizational leaders to bring youth representative to the monthly horse council meetings. Horse Council would like youth to help with ribbons, filling out judges' cards, gate duties and more.

- Coggins Clinic- Diane Zinsmaster and Horseman's will be organizing the Coggins clinic this year. It will be held on April 13, 2019 at the Fairground. Dr. Fedore will be pulling Coggins and giving shots. Diana plans on having an equine dentist, chiropractor and farrier at the clinic. Pony measuring will also be available.
- County Wide Workouts? Thoughts?
- Club **workout dates needed by February meeting**
- Donor Packets- Donor packets were passed out at the meeting and Horse Council is requesting that the packets be returned at the February Meeting.
- Contracts need to be submitted to Eva- workout dates, shows, judges-
 - Need to be on file with the office, secretary, show box, HC Board
- Club Votes- Patti to Share information
- At Large: Gymkhana and In-hand

10. Leader Comments

Driving-Beginner Driving Clinic will be held on June 1. Driving Workouts will be at the fairground on 6/11, 6/18, 6/27, 7/11, 7/16, 7/25, 7/30, 8/13, 8/22 and 8/27. The Mini State Rule Book is now available.

Desperados-Diane Zinsmaster expressed concerns with the proposal in the constitution to add in-hand as a specialty. Concerns were expressed that this would give a specific club the majority when voting.

11. Public Comments: None

12. Committee Updates

- Voting on Constitution: Diane Zinsmaster made a motion to vote on the constitution as proposed. Motion passed with 15 yes and 1 no.
- Voting on Costume Theme: Horse Council will be voting on the 2019 Costume Theme at the February meeting. Some suggestions are Hog Wild, Underwater, Team Mascot and Disney. Please go back to your clubs for feedback.
- Present proposed changes to Fairbook
- Present proposed changes to County rules: Proposed changes were presented and will be e-mailed to 4-H families. Horse Council will be voting on the changes in February.
- Present proposed changes for Horse Sharing: Proposed changes were presented and will be e-mailed to 4-H families. Horse Council will be voting on the changes in February.
- Judge Hiring-No updates

13. Old Business

- Previous discussion about mini in-hand specialty leader
- Pattern Book-Horse Council is looking for youth volunteers to create and help with the pattern book. This could be a fundraiser opportunity.

14. Specialty Reports: **Workout dates by February mtg.**

- Inventory of all property and location need to be turned into Eva
- Do we need to order items?
- Gymkhana: Shirel reported that S. Hoffman may be helping with the Gymkhana program this year.
- In-Hand /Driving- new mini rule book per 4-H state and no inventory.
- Cloverbud
- Competitive Trail-No inventory
- Jumping
- Dressage: Sharon needs a table and canopy for dressage shows and fair show.
- Reining

15. Task Assignments/Tasks needing completed by February Meeting

- Pam Cook and Cindy Sigman volunteered to inventory ribbons for 2019 show season.
- Prairie Pony Award, Lewis Buckle and the Gykhana awards will not have any changes made. Someone will need to contact English High Point donor, Megan Holt donor and Clark donor to find out about any changes in the awards.

16. Show Updates

- Need to select show committees- need to meet in January and bring to Feb mtg for approval
- Qualifier Show
- Pleasure Show
- Gymkhana Show
- Driving/In-Hand Show: The Driving show bill was presented. A motion by Terease Hufstader was made to approve the driving show bill as presented, second by Pam Cook. Motion passed.

17. Reminders:

- Leaders meeting: 1/23/19 and 2/21/19 both @ 6:30pm @ ISD

- Youth YQCA Jan 9th at 6:30pm Nora Hagen Theatre- Glen Oaks
 - Cloverbud Committee Mtg- Jan 29, 6:30pm
 - 4H Club officer Training @ ISD 6:30pm
 - Youth Council Mtg February 4, 6:30pm
 - 2019 State Award Applications due 2/1/19
 - New 4-H age is 8-19 as of January 1, 2019
 - Encourage youth and parents to sign up for the Remind App
 - Tractor Operator Program (TOP) Feb 9, 16, 23
 - Next fair board meeting: January 26, 2019 at 9:00AM
18. Next HC mtg on February 5, 2019 6:30pm
- Voting on Fairbook rule changes and County Rule Changes
 - Voting on Horse Sharing
 - Pony Measuring: April 13, 2019 & June 18, 2019
 - Grounds Rentals
 - Show bills to be voted on
 - Discussion of upcoming tasks needing completion for the month
 - Fair Committee- show bills, dressage dates, trail class patterns
19. Eva Updates:
- Reminder the 2019 Mini State Rules are available
 - Taylor Fabius is willing to come down from n to help at Fair
 - Youth Council is looking for donations for the silent auction. The date has yet to be determined, but it will be at the home and garden show. No lotto ticket or alcohol are allowed.
 - Financial Review is scheduled for 2/4/19 at 5PM
20. Adjourn: Sharon Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Bobbi Newland. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Newland

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