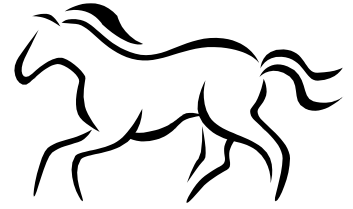




St. Joseph County, MI
4-H HORSE COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes

February 4, 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 & Pam Cook **Trail Blazers:** Not Present **Cloverbud:** Katie Staples **Competitive Trail:** Teresa Hufstedler **Dressage:** Not Present **Jumping:** Not Present **Driving:** Cassie Lewis & Bobbi Newland **Gymkhana:** Shirel Hart & Teresa Howk

Guests: Aiden Staples, Leah Newland, Blake Stuart, Logan Stuart, Kali Reeg

1. Call to Order: President Danielle Sackrider called the meeting to order at 6:30PM
2. Pledges
3. Approval of Agenda: Sara Franklin motioned to approve the agenda with the addition listed below, 2nd by Andrea Littlefield, motion passed.
4. Additions to Agenda: Add Caitlyn Hughes addressing Horse Council before introduction of visitors.
 - Caitlyn Hughes addressed the Horse Council members requesting special consideration for a spot for the 2020 State 4H horse show due to going to the CWF 4H trip in Washington on the same weekend as County Qualifier. She realizes that attending State 4H horse show is an earned privilege based from the outcome of points from County Qualifier and would ordinarily have attended the show. She stated that she does not take the request lightly and understands if the decision is made that she is going to have to choose between the two activities.
5. Introduction & Visitors:
6. Approval of HC January Mtg minutes: Teresa Hufstedler made a motion to approve January 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: \$4620.76
 - Miscellaneous Expenses: None
 - \$52 check that was destroyed has been voided and \$52 was added back into account.
 - Check written 1/7/20 (check number 2178) for gift card \$25 for Costume Class judge Sherri Rivers
 - Check written 1/7/20 (Check number 2179) for Sturgis Trophy House \$1900.00
 - Total January Payout: \$1925.00
 - Sturgis Trophy House charging late fee to Horse Council and Youth Council
 - Danielle Sackrider stated that these fees should not be charged due to the company not getting us trophies on time

- Bobbie Newland motioned that we do not pay the late fee charged by Sturgis Trophy House, 2nd by Shirel Hart, Motion passed
- Horse Council to send Sturgis Trophy house a letter denying their request for late fees
- Horse Council needs to have a discussion about not using Sturgis Trophy House in the future
 - Eva Beeker mentioned that Youth Council is in talks with Otten Trophies for 2020.
- Teresa Hufstедler motioned that Horse Council does not use Sturgis Trophy House in 2020, 2nd by Shajnett Huffman, Motion passed.
- \$275 donation to HC in memory of Bud Horning (Kenzie and Brady Horning's Grandfather)
- Pam Cook stated that her father also has a donation of ~\$800, she asked what do we need that will help the kids the most?
- Donor packet letter needs to be addressed
 - Youth Council letter template needs tweaked to the needs of Horse Council

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

- 4H Grounds rental: \$275 for insurance, \$35/ weekend stalling, \$25/night camping – with promise to paint Barn 19
 - This has been confirmed for all 4H horse shows at 2/3/20 Fair Board meeting which Danielle Sackrider and Teresa Hufstедler attended.
 - Clubs need to encourage the youth to attend the following Fair Work Dates: Last Saturday of the Months of May, June, July, and August 2020 from 8am-5pm.
 - Each horse program youth is asked to attend one of these dates for a few hours minimum
 - Supplies will be provided by the fair board, HC supplies the workers.

10. Leader Comments: None

11. Youth Comments:

- Aiden Staples took the floor and addressed the Horse Council making it known that It seems like the Horse Council meetings look at more what the adults want, not what the kids want.
 - Aiden Staples and Kali Reeg will message Danielle Sackrider ideas on how to make this better.
- There has been lots of youth lead discussions on the proposals that were made to be voted on at the club meetings
 - Youth agree that changes need to be made but suggest that the proposals as written may not be what is actually needed
 - Youth from Town and Country think the biggest thing needed right now is Patience.

12. Public Comment: None

13. Meeting Dates: No update

14. Show Dates:

- County Qualifier June 27-28th Fairgrounds
 - June 27: Pleasure & Dressage
 - June 28: mini/Driving & Gymkhana
- Driving and In-Hand Fundraiser: July 18th Fairgrounds
- Dressage Fundraiser: July 19th Fairgrounds
- Pleasure Fundraiser: August 8th
- Gymkhana Fundraiser: July 25th Horseman's Association

15. Horse Species Meeting dates: July 11

- Ideas needed, Committee needed
- Taylor Fabus: Sportsmanship, helmets, and Safety
- Specialty Reviews and award review – before August 1st sign ups
- Eva Beeker will schedule with fair to get us a building.

16. Cloverbud Meeting Date: Pending

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
- Shirel Hart proposed a showbill for the Gymkhana Fundraiser Show with the removal of Pony 20 & Over classes.
 - Cassie made a motion to accept the showbill with the change, 2nd Teresa Hufstедler, motion passed

- Shirel Hart also asked that leaders do not encourage youth to only use shows as qualifying rides, the Gymkhana leaders want to see the kids make an effort to attend at least 1 workout
- Shirel Hart also mentioned that the Gymkhana leaders would like to see the Gymkhana County Qualifier start right at 1pm in case the driving show runs later than expected.
 - Looking into finding own judge so there is no issues with this.

Horse Council Voting Attendance (how many people were actually in attendance to vote in recognition of the vote allowance granted by by-laws)= 13 total voters

- Trail Blazers: Not present
- Town & Country: 2 leader votes, 1 youth vote present
- Desperados: 1 leader Vote present
- Tumbleweed: 2 leader vote, 1 youth vote present
- Jumping: Not Present
- Competitive Trail: 1 leader vote present
- Driving: 2 leader vote present
- Cloverbud: 1 leader vote present
- Dressage: Not Present
- Gymkhana: 2 Leader vote present

18. Vote on Sportsmanship Award Proposal: Yes or No

- Yes=3 Votes
- No= 10 Votes
- Sportsmanship Award will remain the same

19. Vote on recommendations to change County High Point to a Western High Point Award: Yes or No

- Yes= 5 votes
- No= 8 Votes
- County High point award will remain the same

20. Vote on 2020 Proposed fair book: Vote for 1, take top 2 and re-vote

- Option #1: 11 votes
- Option #2: 0 votes
- Option #3: 1 vote
- Option #4: 1 vote
- Due to Option #1 having landslide majority vote, a 2nd vote was not needed.
- Option #1 means that fair book/classes stays the same with addition of age groups of 8-12, 13-19 for pleasure classes

21. Vote to add Novice Walk/Trot Horse All Ages and Novice Walk/ Trot Rider All Ages and split mini age groups:

- Katies Staples motioned to separate the mini age group vote and walk/trot vote, 2nd by Shirel Hart, motion passed so this vote is only for the Walk/Trot.
 - Yes= 7 votes
 - No= 6 votes
 - Novice Walk/Trot Horse all ages and Novice Walk/Trot Rider all ages will be added to the fair book
- Vote to split Miniature classes in the following age groups: 8-11, 12-15, 16-19
 - Yes= 13 votes
 - No= 0 votes
 - Mini classes are split 8-11, 12-15, 16-19

21a. Vote on allowing Caitlyn Hughes to have a spot for the State 4H horse show based on the information presented in item Number 4:

- Yes=13 votes
- No= 0 votes
- Caitlyn Hughes will be reserved a spot on the State 4H Horse show roster.

22. Coggins Clinic:

- April 11 at the fairgrounds

23. Ribbon Ordering: - Teresa Hufstedler and Pam Cook

- Showbills are needed to order ribbons

24. Pony Measuring Dates: Bobbie, Pam, Danielle = committee

- 6/23
- 7/16

25. Cassie Lewis- AMHR use of:

- Cassie was approached about Horse Council allowing West Michigan AMHR to use trail equipment.
- Sara Franklin motioned to allow them to use the equipment as long as they replace anything that gets broken, 2nd by Mindy Stuart, motion passed

26. Agreements need to be submitted to Eva – workout dates, shows, judges:

- All judge agreements need to come out of the 4H office
- All agreements need to be filed with the fair office, secretary, show box, HC board.

27. Club Votes: - Patti to shar information

- At Large in 2019 was Gymkhana & Jumping
- At Large in 2020: In-Hand & Cloverbud

28. Committee Updates

- Vote: Costume Class Theme:
 - Pam cook mentions that youth cannot participate due to timing on Wednesday night.
 - Kali Reeg mentioned that it is a class she is just not interested in.
 - Aiden Staples was ok with the class being on Wednesdays
 - Stuart family would be interested if the class was held on a show day
 - Danielle Sackrider suggested holding costume class on Awards Saturday
 - Pam Cook motioned to hold costume class no sooner than 4 pm or 30 min after the conclusion of the Gymkhana show in old arena, 2nd Allison Littlefield, motion passed
 - Three themes were voted on via hand vote: Sports, Occupation, Nickelodeon
 - Sports=3 votes
 - Occupation= 7 votes
 - Nickelodeon = 1 vote
- Fair Book Proposed changes:
 - Committee needs to have changes made by the end of the month

29. Club Updates:

- Gymkhana: workout dates (5/26, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11)
- In-Hand:
- Driving: new mini rule book per 4-H State. Workout dates (6/9, 6/18, 6/23, 6/30, 7/16, 7/21, 7/30, 8/11, 8/20), Fundraiser show and county qualifier show count as 2 qualifying workouts
- Cloverbud: dates tbd
- Competitive Trail: dates tbd
- Jumping: Not present
- Dressage: not present
- Desperados: workout dates (5/21, 5/24, 6/4, 6/7, 6/18, 7/9, 7/23, 7/26, 8/12, 8/23, 8/27)
- T&C: workout dates (5/7, 5/19, 6/4, 6/18, 6/30, 7/16, 7/30, 8/11, 8/27, 9/3)
- Trail Blazers: not present
- Tumbleweed: workout dates (5/19, 5/27, 6/3, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 6/30, 7/6, 7/13, 7/22, 7/28, 8/5, 8/11, 8/19, 8/26)

30. Reminders: none

31. Next HC Meeting on March 10, 6:30pm

32. Eva Updates:

- Missing plaques have been received
- Youth Council silent auction May 1-2 during United Way event @ fairgrounds
 - Item donations being accepted at 4H office
- Past years the Fair board allotted \$4000 for ribbons, \$9500 for all 4H judges, meals (still project judges meals etc), paid for Superintendents camping in past, paid premium monies
 - 2020 Budget has been updated at the all day meeting
 - Decreased to \$15000
 - We are no longer getting a ribbon allotment, but 2020 ribbons have already been ordered~ 8000 ribbons
 - Some money will be allotted for judges
 - Tonya is trying to get percentages of usages of this money between Horse Council, Youth Council, Livestock Association so each group would get charged for ribbons this year based off of this estimation
 - Patti wants to get a list of cost per ribbon so we know exactly what we are paying
 - Horse council needs to get major donations this year to help offset these costs
 - Think of cost saving ideas
 - HC will be getting an invoice for fair ribbons

33. Adjourn: A motion was made by Teresa Hufstedler to adjourn the meeting, second by Pam Cook. Motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shajnett Huffman