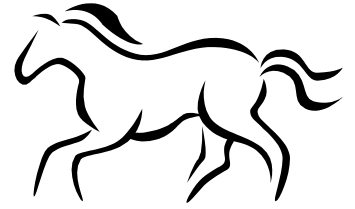




St. Joseph County, MI
4-H HORSE COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes

March 10, 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 **Tumbleweed:** 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: Ella Terry, Megan Burke

1. Call to Order: President Danielle Sackrider called the meeting to order at 6:30PM
2. Pledges
3. Approval of Agenda: Sharon Jones motioned to approve the agenda, 2nd by Cassie Lewis, motion passed.
4. Additions to Agenda: Add Vicki Horsely from Camp Eberheart.
 - Vicki addressed HC regarding Camp Eberheart wanting to reach out and open up their facilities if groups need a place for meetings, workouts, etc
 - Camp Eberheart has a summer camp program (ages 9-16)
 - The grounds has lots of trails, outdoor arena, indoor arena
 - Want to allow us use of the grounds for no charge
 - All riders must wear helmets and also have a liability form
 - Eva has to have the Liability form approved through MSU campus
 - Vicki getting the form to Eva for this to happen
 - There is also a herd of 14 horses on site that could be available for riders when they come out to use grounds if needed
 - They would love to have volunteers to help with some projects = Community service project
 - Leaders for inexperienced riders
 - Trail maintenance
 - Fence painting
 - Etc.
5. Introduction & Visitors:
6. Public Comments: None
7. Approval of HC February Mtg minutes: Still need approved, did not come back to this before adjourning meeting
8. Secretary's & Report:
 - Correspondence Received: None

9. Treasurer's Report

- Beginning Balance: \$4620.76
- Ending Balance: \$4673.45
- Miscellaneous Expenses: None
- \$275 donation to HC in memory of Bud Horning (Kenzie and Brady Horning's Grandfather)- deposited 2/14/20
- \$223.10 check written for Tereasa Hufstedler for ribbons from Hodges Badges company (check number 2180
- \$.79 interest
 - \$.36 from February
 - \$.43 from January
- 2020 Budget: Tereasa Hufstedler, Shirel Hart, Danielle Sackrider, and Patti Adams met to get budget done for this year
 - Need to challenge each youth member to bring in at least 1 new donor for \$25
- Need fundraiser ideas
 - Candy bar sale?
 - Eva mentioned Biggby Coffee does a fundraiser that is pretty decent
- Donor Packets – Patti and Danielle went to Youth Council meeting
 - Youth Council including a letter with donor packets with the following guidelines:
 - If donation is less than \$25, the donor will only get their name on a Trophy or Scholarship
 - They will no longer receive one-day fair pass and two tickets to award banquet.
 - Danielle proposes that Horse Council should adopt the Youth council letter
 - Sharon Jones motioned that HC send the same letter YC is sending in the donor packets, it was seconded by Cindy Sigman, motion passed
 - Eva said those letters will be ready by Wednesday of this week.
- Do we try to get sponsor for the week?
 - Our 2019 Fair expenses: \$4571
 - 2019 Donation income: \$2400
 - 2019 Trophy Expense: \$3000
 - How do we reduce this amount?
 - Estimated expenses for 2020: NEED \$10,000-\$13,000 ±
 - 2020 Show Ribbons: \$225
 - 2020 Show/Fair judges fees/meals: \$3600-\$4000
 - 2020 Grounds: \$705
 - 2020 Trophy/Awards: \$3000
 - 2020 Donor tickets/entry tickets: \$175+
 - 2020 office supplies/miscellaneous: \$200±
 - 2020 Expected fair expenses estimated: \$8000±
 - 2020 Fair judge allotted expense from Livestock Association: \$2000
 - We spent \$2600 in 2019
 - Ways to reduce costs?
 - County Qualifier – save \$1200
 - Make a free show (no entry fees) or extremely cheap
 - Ribbons were not ordered for this show – need to get donations within next three weeks if we want to had out ribbons at this show
 - Leaders judge classes?
 - Shajnett motioned to reach out to the MSU Horse Judging Coach Taylor Fabus to see if any of the team members would be willing to come judge for us at a reduced rate or free, it was seconded by Tereasa Hufstedler, motion passed
 - We need judges for Pleasure, Trail
 - Sharon Jones is looking for Dressage Judge
 - Pam Cook mentioned dropping the pleasure fundraiser as it is not always successful and use that money to keep the qualifier show the same.
 - State show Fees
 - Traditionally HC pays ½ of the \$70 entry fee
 - By not doing this we can save around \$1300±
 - Cassie Lewis motioned that Horse Council should not pay ½ State Show Entry fee for the time being until we know the financial situation, it was seconded by Sharon Jones. A ballot vote was taken, majority voted to pass this motion.
 - Yes: 11
 - No: 2
 - Reduce Awards

- Reduce payback amounts: not applicable
 - Pleasure show already removed payback classes
 - Gymkhana payback money is all from donors
- Reduce size of fair trophies – Using Otten Trophies and his new associate Dr. Hook for 2020
 - Sharon Jones thinks medals are a neat option to hand out for awards and are quite a bit cheaper than trophies
 - Youth were adamant about trophies
 - We need 200+ trophies/awards and 85 Grand/Reserve Grand champion awards
 - We paid \$11/trophy, \$20/Grand-Reserve, ~\$10/plaque.
 - Otten Trophies will be the supplier this year
 - Multiple options of trophies were provided for examples
 - Cassie Lewis motioned to order Blue Single Column trophies with white marble base and appropriate horse topper with 4H symbol on center circle for regular fair classes, it was seconded by Shirel Hart, motion passed
 - Shirel motioned to order Large Diamond trophy for Grand Champion Award and Small Diamond Trophy for Reserve Grand Champion Award, it was seconded by Cassie Lewis, motion passed – Graphic to be determined
 - Patti Adams suggested the medal idea would be great for Club Sportsperson Awards
 - Eva will check with Dr. Hook on pricing and quality for 1 3/4” medals
 - We need 14 for Club Sportsperson
 - Tereasa Hufstедler motioned that we order 6 Green with silver engraving 16 oz cups for County High Point, it was seconded by Sara Franklin, motion passed
 - Cindy Sigman motioned that we order 10-11 year member 4x6 plaques, it was seconded by Sara Franklin, motion passed
 - Mindy Stuart offered to get chairs again for Grand and Reserve Grand Sportsperson
 - Sara Franklin motioned that give away chairs for Grand and Reserve Grand Sportsperson, it was seconded by Megan Burke, motion passed
- Remove Pre-register price for shows

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

- Barn Painting – date is TBD... painting Barn 19 inside and out
- HC is responsible for covering the milk barn on Thursday of Fair
 - 6am-11pm
 - Sign-up list will go out at a later date
 - Please encourage youth to attend the following fair work dates:
 - Last Saturday of the months of May, June, July, and August 2020 from 8-5pm
 - Each horse youth is asked to attend one of these dates
 - Fair board will supply materials
- Jumping Program
 - Lorin Padgurskis (to be Clark) is interested in becoming a program leader
 - She helped out at some of the jumping workouts last year
- Dressage & Jumping
 - Can we do a show on August 8, 9 weekend or a clinic?
 - We are already paying for the full weekend for insurance.
- Need a donor for County High Point
 - Town and Country will cover this!
- Ridden Dressage will now be Wednesday at Fair
- All Clubs and specialty groups need to do inventory ASAP
- Diane Zinsmaster is hosting coggins clinic April 11 9-12pm at Fairgrounds
 - For more information contact Diane directly

11. Leader Comments: None

12. Youth Comments: None

13. Show Dates: No update

14. Horse Species Meeting date: June 11, not July.

- Bobbi Jo is committee chair

15. Workout dates

- Minimum of 8 scheduled (hope to get 6 in) – post to FB

16. All Agreements need to be submitted to Eva!

- Workout dates, shows, judges
- File with office, secretary, show box, HC board

18. Committee updates: None

19. Club Updates:

- Gymkhana: None
- In-Hand: None
- Driving: new mini rule book per 4-H State
- Cloverbud: workout dates (5/19, 6/4, 6/23, 6/25, 7/6, 7/16, 7/23, 8/3, 8/5, 8/23)
- Competitive Trail: None
- Jumping: Not present
- Dressage: Patti is now Co-leader, dates are on the website all workouts at 6pm.
- Desperados: None
- T&C: Tack Sale this weekend
- Trail Blazers: None
- Tumbleweed: None

20. Next HC Meeting on March 31, 6:30pm for April date

21. Eva Updates:

- Exploration days sign up began 3/10/20
 - Still trying to get a charter bus for this event
- 4H camp:
 - Looking for a director
 - Tentatively July 9-11
- Youth Council Silent auction is coming up May 1-2
 - Looking for donations
 - The question was raised of why do we do all of this fundraising for YC when we get no kickback from them (stopped a couple of years ago)?
 - Eva says that any kids that participate in 4H events (camp, Washington trip, etc) get Youth Council Funding
 - Youth council pays for other species trophies

22. Adjourn: A motion was made by Teresa Hufstedler to adjourn the meeting, second by Sharon Jones. Motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shajnett Huffman