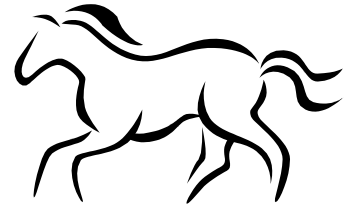




*St. Joseph County, MI*  
**4-H HORSE COUNCIL**



**Meeting Minutes**

December 3, 2019

President: Not Present

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 **Town & Country:** Sarah Franklin **Tumbleweed:** Andrea Littlefield & Cindy Sigman **Trail Blazers:** Jaime Terry **Cloverbud:** Katie Staples **Competitive Trail:** Teresa Hufstedler **Dressage:** Sharon Jones **Jumping:** Not Present **Driving:** Cassie Lewis **Gymkhana:** Shirel Hart & Teresa Howk

**Guests:** Kristi Losik, Alexis Losik, Aiden Staples, Bailey Yeomans

1. Call to Order: Vice President Patti Adams called the meeting to order at 6:35PM

2. Pledges

3. Approval of Agenda. Bobbi Jo Newland made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, second by Teresa Hufstedler. Motion passed

4. Introduction & Visitors

5. Approval of HC October Mtg minutes: Shirel Hart made a motion to approve October meeting minutes, second by Teresa Hufstedler, motion passed

- Approval of HC November Mtg minutes: Katie Staples made a motion to approve November meeting minutes, second by Sarah Franklin, motion passed

6. Secretary's & Report:

- Correspondence Received: None

7. Treasurer's & Report

- Beginning Balance: \$5748.37
- Income: \$50 deposit made (\$25.00 Herdsman Award, \$25.00 donation)
- Ending Balance: \$5741.42
- Miscellaneous Expenses:
  - Checks Paid:
    - St Joseph County Finance (postage) \$35.95
    - Kiwanis Club of Sturgis (judge food) \$21.00
  - Judges paid as far as Eva knows we have all judges paid, may still have overage or reimbursement
    - Eva working with Fair liason to make it so Horse Council can pay judges up front

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

- Pam Cook asked for an update on the concerns brought up at the previous horse council meeting
  - Eva has relayed said concerns to the fair liason

9. 2020 Horse Council Meeting Dates:

- January 7, February 4, March 10, March 31 (for April), May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, August 25 (for September), Fair (Sept 19-26), October 6, November 3, December 8

#### 10. Show Dates:

- 4H State Horse Show August 14, 15, 16
- Dates fairgrounds are available (June 6, June 20, June 27, July 11, July 18, August 1, August 8, August 15, August 22, August 29) – These are weekend dates so both Saturday and Sunday open
- Cannot call fairgrounds until January to schedule workout dates per Ruth
- Horse species meeting date – classroom or hands on
  - Between June and August, youth can attend other species meeting and have it count
  - Possible topic: horse safety (general safety, saddlefit, etc)
    - Hire someone who does talks about safety
      - Reach out to Taylor Fabus, Karen Waite, or each leader takes ~ 5 minutes to talk to the group
- 4H camp July 7-9
- Cloverbud Meeting date: committee will be meeting soon to set up
- County Qualifier- June 27-28
- Fundraiser shows
  - Driving proposed July 18
  - Pleasure proposed August 8-9 – may have to pay fairgrounds for rental
  - Speed @ Horsemans proposed July 11 or 25
  - Dressage proposed August 8-9
    - Teresa Hufstedler suggested trying to get GLASS ED sanctioning – may increase rates
    - Patti Adams and Teresa Hufstedler will work on logistics for this

#### 11. Fair Dressage and Driven Dressage:

- Suggestion for driven Dressage to be separate from Fair
  - Possibly August 29 or September 5
  - Table date of driven dressage until January

#### 12. Show Chairperson/Showbills:

- County Qualifier
  - Pleasure – Patti Adams
  - Dressage – Sharon Jones
  - Speed – Shajnett Huffman & Shirel Hart
  - Driving – Bobbi Jo Newland
- Fundraisers
  - Pleasure – Andrea Littlefield
  - Speed – Shajnett Huffman, Shirel Hart & Teresa Hufstedler
  - Driving – Bobbi Jo Newland & Cassie Lewis
- Copies of showbills will be emailed out, bring back to January Meeting
- Meet to update showbills Wednesday December 18, 6pm @ Patti's house in Centreville

#### 13. Judge Hiring Committee:

- Cassie Lewis, Danielle Sackrider, Patti Adams, Shirel Hart, Shajnett Huffman

#### 14. Awards/ Ribbons Committee:

- Teresa Hufstedler, Pam Cook

#### 15. Awards Review Committee

- Cassie Lewis, Teresa Hufstedler
- Tabulation chairs remain the same

#### 16. Fair and Show Patterns – Pull patterns to be approved

- Shajnett Huffman (can contact judges to get ideas for good patterns)
- Pam Cook suggested having a different pattern @ County qualifier
- Sharon Jones suggested having three different sets of patterns
  - 1 set for County Qualifier
  - 1 set for Fundraiser shows
  - 1 set for Fair
- Try to get patterns with same general layout for ease of pattern changes and set up

17. Fairbook Review Committee
  - Bobbi Jo Newland
    - Also Cassi Lewis, Pam Cook, Teresa Hufstedler, Sharon Jones will help
18. Constitution Review Committee
  - Patti Adams, Shirel Hart
19. Rulebook Review Committee
  - Bobbi Jo Newland, Cassie Lewis, Pam Cook, Teresa Hufstedler, Shirel Hart, Sharon Jones
20. Post Fair concerns Review
  - Danielle Sackrider, Eva Beeker, Patti Adams will attend liaison meeting
21. Club Updates
  - Desperados – have 10+ members signed up by December 1
  - Tumbleweed – have 62 members signed up by December 1
  - Trail Blazers – have 9 members signed up by December 1
  - Town & Country – have 22 members signed up by December 1
22. Facebook Page updates
  - Cassie Lewis not getting a lot of feedback
  - Leaders need to make sure to let their club members and their parents know about the page
23. Sportsmanship Award Changes
  - Cassie Lewis distributed an idea to the group
  - Eva Beeker wants to form a committee to discuss this further
  - Sara Franklin, Sharon Jones, Cassie Lewis, Jaime Terry
24. Eva Updates:
  - Add Eva as an administrator on the Facebook page
  - YQCA – Every species required to complete
    - \$3 preregister online
    - December 12 and January 15
    - Must register within 24 hours
  - Youth Council taking nominations until Friday, December 6
  - Spring Silent Auction coming up –
    - Clubs put together a basket to donate
    - Funds go for 4H camp, CWF, Exploration Days
  - Youth Council Scholarship paperwork going out after the first of the year
  - Volunteers losing status – not enrolled and no background check – need to let Eva know by Friday December 6 if planning on continuing as a volunteer
    - Annette Kelley, Jessica Kelley, Hannah Yoder, Brooke Huff
  - Exploration Days – June 23, 24, 25
  - CWF – June 20-26 Ages 15-19 – 1 extra seat open
25. Adjourn: A motion was made by Teresa Hufstedler to adjourn the meeting, second by Shirel Hart. Motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shajnett Huffman