

Mecosta County Horse Leaders Association
Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 8, 2017

Present: Venus Aris, Jamie Bissett, Dee Bozek, Debbie Dygert, Karen GreenBay, Liza Ing, Zoey Lambrix, Chad Leal, Sheila Lee, Tarin Minkel, Teri Ouderkirk, Courtney Potts, Jacee Potts, Sidney Potts, Linda Probst, Nancy Robbins, Nikki Simcoe, Tiffany Spedowski, Julie Strohkirch, Darla Zimmerman.

- I. Call to order-** 7:04pm by Tiffany Spedowski
- II. Roll Call -** Clubs Present; Barnyard Bunch, Blazin Broncs, Grant Center Pioneers, Hats to Hooves, Hippology, Hooves of Thunder, Silver Spurs, Stanwood Pioneers, Tamarack Town & Country, Unbridled
- III. Approval of Minutes -** January 2017 Minutes reviewed - Deb motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Chad. Minutes Approved.
- IV. Treasurer's Report -** Current balance-\$5,560.14. Liza motioned to approve, seconded by Jamie. Treasurer's report Approved.
 - Balance in account to ROC: \$241.15
- V. President's Report**
 - a. Fairbooks available
 - b. Next fair meeting is May 18th at Fair office. Discussion items; designated trailer parking, bleachers, pleasure horses can leave stall area as long as it's replaced w/another speed horse from any club.
- VI. Extension Office Report**
 - a. The cover contest for fair books – kids weren't able to get awarded; not done in time.
 - b. Participation fee for 2017/18 year is going up to \$20/per youth or \$60/family cap; due to insurance.
 - c. Background check system only looks up Michigan; Extension is moving to a National system.
 - d. May 19th – State wide email will go out regarding the participation fee increase.
 - e. Use current fair book for sign ups; not last year. Hopefully, current book is user friendly.
 - f. The Community Service statement below will replace the description in the handbook
 - If you answer yes to all of these questions, your service will count toward community service points for Mecosta County 4-H:
 - Did it benefit someone other than yourself?
 - Did you give of your time without you, an organization, or business making money?
 - Was it for an individual, 4-H community/activity, or for another non-profit organization?
 - Was the opportunity available to other 4-H members?
 - Is 4-H the only organization you're reporting this community service to?
- VII. Guest/Public Comment**
 - a. Nancy is looking for more ribbons; they can be dropped off at the Extension Office

VIII. Committee Updates/Reports

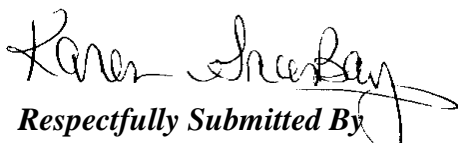
- a. Budget Committee – No Report
- b. Developmental & Educational – No Report
- c. Horse Show & Handbook Review – Done, No Report
- d. ROC Committee – No Report
- e. State Horse Show – No Report
- f. Year-End Awards – No Report
- g. Youth Committee – Novice Clinic is May 21st at the Fairgrounds. A flyer was distributed. Need youth help or participate for education points. Hippology will do concessions.

IX. Other business

- a. Michigan Horse Council – Delegates should attend meetings three times a year. MHC meets the first Tuesday of each month. Liza Ing and Linda Probst are Horse Association delegates.
- b. On the Horse Registration Form-Add a division for the 'Back Up Horse'
- c. There was a vote made to allow (3) riders time to have coggins redrawn due to misunderstanding of state and county deadline. Motion by Dee and 2nd by Nancy. Motion passed.
- d. Cindy Potts gave statements as to why her registration not turned in by May 1st. Darla made a motion to accept her registration and allow her to show; 2nd by Debbie.
- e. Record Books due June 1st
- f. Reminder of State show requirements - \$40 sponsorship fee, community service, education points, etc.
- g. Herdsmanship was drawn:
 - First – Unbridled
 - Second – Blazing Broncs
 - Third – Hooves of Thunder
- h. 138 Horse Registrations this year
 - 27 Cloverbud
 - 26 Novice W/T
 - 14 Novice
 - 13 Under 12
 - 25 13-15
 - 24 16-19
 - 9 Pony

X. The next Horse leader's meeting is Monday, October 9th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm. Motion by Nikki and 2nd by Teri.


Respectfully Submitted By
Karen GreenBay, Secretary