

Mecosta County Horse Leaders Association
Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 14, 2017

Present: Venus Aris, Debbie Dygert, Lori Gilchrist, Karen GreenBay, Liza Ing, Ann Kolenda, Chad Leal, Teri Ouderkirk, Nikki Simcoe, Janet Snider, Tiffany Spedowski, Julie Strohkirch, Kara Veltema, Lillian Veltema, Samantha Veltema, Kim Wilber.

I. Call to order- 7:04pm by Tiffany Spedowski

II. Roll Call

Clubs Present: Barnyard Bunch, Grant Center Pioneers, Hats to Hooves, Hippology, Hooves of Thunder, Stanwood Pioneers, Unbridled

Clubs Absent: Blazin Broncs, Boots to Blue Jeans, Silver Spurs, Tamarack Town & Country.

III. Approval of Minutes - May 2017 Minutes reviewed - Liza motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Teri. Minutes Approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report – No report.

V. President's Report

- a. Reminder - Fair week barn duty fee of \$24 due for clubs that stalled
- b. Grand Reserve neck ribbons not provided by fair board as those aren't premium classes. A motion for horse leader's association to pay for ribbons this year made by Deb; and 2nd by Nikki. Motion passed. Tiffany will request at October fair board meeting to make those premium classes.
- c. Horse leaders would also like to request that two gymkhana classes be added as premium classes; pole bending and cloverleaf.
- d. Tiffany will look more into a possible 4-H horse award called the Mitchell award. This award was given years ago, but has not been recently awarded.

VI. Extension Office Report – No report.

VII. Guest/Public Comment

- a. Kara, Samantha, and Lillian Veltema presented to the association about their experiences at Michigan State Horse Show. They had fun and appreciated the support from Mecosta County. They requested reimbursement of 50% of expenses. Written reimbursement requests were also submitted by Mackenzie Gillum, Rebecca Herzog, and Madeline Albright.

VIII. Committee Updates/Reports

- a. Budget Committee – No Report
- b. Developmental & Educational – Liza Ing is resigning as chair of this committee
- c. Horse Show & Handbook Review
 - *During fair week, discussion took place to possibly move fitting & showmanship later in the afternoon on Monday (approx.. 2pm) to avoid a show conflict with another species.
 - *Allow cloverbud to participate in demonstration during fair week.
- d. ROC Committee – Keep awards the same, but mix up the categories
- e. State Horse Show – No Report
- f. Year-End Awards

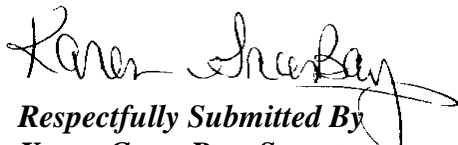
- ❖ Club education & community service reports due by end of the week.
 - ❖ Banquet date options are October 22nd or 29th. Tiffany will confirm with Morley Stanwood. Anyone that has pictures from the horse shows or fairweek should email them to Tiffany (tspeds@yahoo.com) or post on FB. Reminder that each club should bring a gift for the banquet auction. A motion was made by Teri to keep the banquet budget at \$1,500 for 2017. Motion 2nd by Liza; motion passed.
- g. Youth Committee –
- ❖ The Novice Clinic in May went well; paired teens with younger kids.
 - ❖ There wasn't a lot of participation in the Fun Show during fair week.
 - ❖ The show judge, Steven Duell, did a great job and he received good feedback from taking time to talk with the youth after the show. The horse association would like to invite him back for a clinic. Julie Strohkirsch offered her arena for a possible clinic.

IX. Other business

- a. Michigan Horse Council – The resources are not be utilized and it's difficult for delegates to travel to Lansing during the week to attend meetings. A motion was made by Chad that the association NOT renew membership for 2018. Motion 2nd by Teri. Motion passed.
- b. Discussion took place regarding the timing of trail for cloverbud during point shows and fair week.
- c. Cloverbud ribbons should not include images of cows or pigs symbols on them. Grant Center Pioneers will organize ribbons for volunteer hours. Venus & Julie will lead that project.
- d. Discussed creating a different system of class placings. Possibly announce placings as riders exit the arena; otherwise spectators and youth don't know the order when announcements are made two classes later.
- e. Next fairboard meeting is October 19th @ 7pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. Motion by Deb and 2nd by Nikki.


Respectfully Submitted By
Karen GreenBay, Secretary