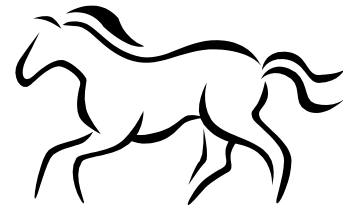




St. Joseph County, MI
4-H HORSE COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 3, 2015

President: Diane Zinsmaster (Desperados)
Vice President: Julie Bruce (Town & Country)
Treasurer: Tereasa Hufstedler (Competitive Trail)
Deputy Treasurer: Pam Cook (Cloverbuds)

Secretary: Cindy Sigman (Sauwauseebee)
Club/Specialty representatives:
_____ representative: _____
_____ representative: _____

Buckaroos: None **Desperados:** Megan Zinsmaster – Teen Representative, (Diane Zinsmaster) **Sauwauseebee:** (Cindy Sigman),
Stirrup Fun: Kasara Yoder **Town & Country:** Connie Miracle, Scott Miracle **Trail Blazers:** Lisa DeLeo **Tumbleweed:** Norma Switalski, Kylie Trail – Teen Representative.

Eva Beeker, MSU 4-H Program Coordinator

SPECIALTY AREAS:

Cloverbud Representative: (Pam Cook)	Competitive Trail: (Tereasa Hufstedler)
Dressage: None	Driving: Bobbi Newland
Gymkhana: Shirel Hart	Horse Bowl: None
Horse Judging: None	Jumping: Kelly Trail
Reining: None	

- 1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGES:** At 6:45p.m. Diana Zinsmaster called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H pledge was recited.
- 2) SIGN IN SHEET:** Was in the back of the room and all were asked to sign in.
- 3) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Shirel Hart, second by Pam Cook. Motion was carried.
- 4) INTRODUCTION OF VISTORS:** Dawn Braysher (Desperados) Anthony Chupp, Nachum Carroll (Buckaroos) Amy Taylor (Sauwauseebee) All of the visitors have filled out leader application and had leader interview, they are waiting on background checks to become new 4-H horse club leaders.
- 5) APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2, 2014 HC MEETING MINUTES AND JANUARY & FEBRUARY DISCUSSION MINUTES:** Motion by Shirel Hart, second by Tereasa Hufstedler, motion carried.
- 6) SECRETARY'S REPORT:** No correspondence to report.
- 7) TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Tereasa Hufstedler gave a brief Treasurer's Report/Summary. Beginning Balance: \$4,601.50 January interest, .08 expenses \$550.00 to the fairgrounds. February interest, .06, with and ending balance of \$4,051.64. Motion by Connie Mircale, second by Cindy Sigman. Motion carried.
- 8) PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment.
- 9) LEADER COMMENT:** Connie Miracle Town & Country Fuzzy Horse Show Date Sunday, May 3, 2015 @ 11:00a.m.
- 10) BOARD COMMENTS:** Diana Zinsmaster about getting the new leaders on board to get a quorum. Eva Beeker responded as soon as possible.

11) SPECIALTY AREA REPORTS:

- a. **CLOVERBUDS:** About being able to show horses at the fair this year? Eva Beeker is working on this, she is going to talk with the MSUE program coordinator in the next week. To see how they can cover the liability issue for the cloverbuds to show animals at the fair. Discussion was brought up on why it was a concern in our county when other counties already have cloverbuds showing animals at the fair. Eva said, because we are a Grange Fair and not a Youth Fair. So we are insured for liability differently than Youth Fairs are. Eva is working on the subject and should have info at the next HC meeting.
- b. **DRIVING:** Bobbi Newland
 - i. The workout schedule will be posted on the St. Joseph County MSU Extension website http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/st._joseph/4_h_horse_and_pony If you have any question you can call Bobbi Newland 269-535-1215 or Brenda Lewis 269-816-3883.
 - ii. Bobbi Newland is also working on having a driving clinic for 4-H members and others who would like to attend. This is still in the works, but if it goes through possible dates would be May 30 or 31. She would like to see if she could get other disciplines' to join in. There are three rings at the fairgrounds in Centerville and there is plenty of space. There was a motion made by Norma Switalski, seconded by Megan Zinsmaster, for Bobbi to research this and report her findings at the next Horse Council meeting. Motion carried.
- c. **GYMKHANA:** Shirel Hart (269-506-6390) - Workout dates are set. She said she could not get many regular gymkhana workouts, but if clubs want to contact her she can probably come to those workouts. Also any gymkhana show she sees members ride in will count for your required workouts for fair requirements.
- d. **JUMPING:** Kelly Trail - Will have the workouts scheduled at the next Horse Council meeting.
- e. **REINING:** Kasara Yoder - Still needs to get workout dates.

12) DISCUSSION/ITEMS TO APPROVE:

- a. **2015 DONATION DRIVE:** Eva Beeker - Packets were handed out to the clubs. Due at the April Horse Council meeting.
- b. **FAIRBOOK UPDATES:** Tonya has changed all the dates in the fairbook. It will need to go specialty areas and Diana Zinsmaster was asked to look at them closely and get them back by the April Horse Council meeting.
- c. **APRIL HORSE COUNCIL MEETING:** The April 7 meeting will be changed to March 31 due to conflict with school spring break. Norma Switalski made a motion, seconded by Lisa DeLeo, to accept this change. Motion was approved.
- d. **INVENTORY:** Some of the equipment is in need of repair and/or replacement. Bill wants his hay wagon back. Scott Miracle was put in charge of finding a new trailer to put the jumps, trail equipment, etc. on.
- e. **HORSE CONSTITUTION:** A motion was made to read and revise the Horse Constitution. The Constitution was read out loud to people attending the Horse Council meeting by Diana Zinsmaster. There were corrections made and items changed on the Constitution. Then there was a motion to accept the minutes. **A motion was made by Tereasa Hufstedler, and 2nd by Kelly Trail. There was a ballot vote with 11 yes and 2 no. So motion was carried.** Diana Zinsmaster will re-write the constitution and send them out for everyone to go over before we vote on the Constitution at the March 31, 2015 Horse Council meeting. (Which will be our April HC meeting date).

13) SHOW COMMITTEE REPORTS: Show bills are done for the gymkhana fundraiser show, but Shirel Hart is in need of prizes for the adult and youth classes. She is asking that each club donate something for these prizes. She asks that the leaders take this back to their clubs. Show bills are done for the pleasure fundraiser also. Bobbi Newland said she is still working on the judge. She has one but has to make sure there is no date conflict. Next Horse Council meeting there will be task sheets for clubs to fill out for all of the shows.

14) OLD BUSINESS: All Species Tack Sale on Saturday, February 28, 11 tables were sold and about 100 people showed up, big seller was rabbit cages and carriers. It was the first year for it so the smaller turnout was expected.

15) NEW BUSINESS: Club Audits all clubs passed. But one is not filled out yet.

16) INFORMATION TO SHARE:

- a. **March 9** - Trophy-selection for 2015 SJC Fair and Youth Council Meeting. This meeting will be held at the Parks and Recs. Building behind the 4-H extension building at 6pm.
- b. **March 12** - Option for Livestock required meeting-6:30p.m. @ SJC ISD - BEEF
- c. **March 18** - Option for Livestock required meeting-6:3-30p.m. @ SJC ISD - ANIMAL EVALUATION
- d. **March 19** - Option for livestock required meeting-6:30p.m.@ SJC ISD - SHEEP
- e. **April 22** - Option for livestock required meeting-6:30p.m. @ SJC ISD - HORSE Karen Waite will be doing this meeting, but discussion item has not been determined yet.

17) EVA'S UPDATES:

- a. Boxes of candy must be taken and sold. Checks are due Monday, March 23, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the MSU Extension office. Clubs must bring in one check for all candy sold.
- b. Youth Council received a grant from the United Way for \$5,000 for scholarships for Exploration Days (June 24-26, 2015) and 4-H camp. Exploration Days registration begins mid-March through April. Registration information is available on the St. Joseph County MSU Extension website at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/st._joseph/st._joseph_county_4_h

18) COGGINS: Diana Zinsmaster checked and Dr. Fedore cannot do it on March 28. She is going to check and see if another Vet from his office can fill-in or it will need to be changed to April 4 or April 11. She will let people know what she can find out. Watch the St. Joseph County 4-H web site for more info.

19) ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Megan Zinsmaster, seconded by Tereasa Hufstedler, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:52p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Sigman, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2015, 6:30P.M.