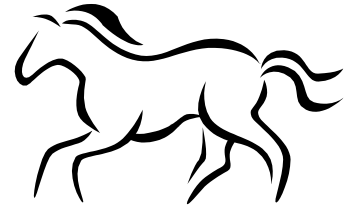




St. Joseph County, MI
4-H HORSE COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 31, 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:** (Diane Zinsmaster) **Sauwauseebee:** (Cindy Sigman), Savannah Taylor - Teen Representative **Stirrup Fun:** None **Town & Country:** Connie Miracle, Scott Miracle, Brianna McNees - Teen Representative **Trail Blazers:** Lisa DeLeo, Vickie Sutton **Tumbleweed:** Norma Switalski, Andrea Littlefield, Kylie Trail - Teen Representative

Eva Beeker, MSU 4-H Program Coordinator

SPECIALTY AREAS:

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

- 1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGES:** At 6:30p.m. Diane Zinsmaster called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H pledge were recited.
- 2) SIGN IN SHEET:** Was in the back of the room and all were asked to sign in. Also a club and specialty area sign in sheet was sent around and all were asked to sign this sheet also.
- 3) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Lisa DeLeo, second by Kelly Trail. Motion was carried.
- 4) INTRODUCTION OF VISTORS:** Dawn Braysher (Desperados), Nahum Carroll (Buckaroos), and 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. Also Scott Kline unknown club.
- 5) APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2, 2014 HC MEETING MINUTES AND JANUARY 6th, FEBRUARY 3rd, AND MARCH 3rd 2015 HC MEETING MINUTES:** Motion by Lisa DeLeo. Motion carried.
- 6) SECRETARY'S REPORT:** No correspondence to report.
- 7) TREASURER'S REPORT:** Deputy Treasurer Pam Cook reported no new activity for the month of March. March's interest will be on next month's report. Beginning/ending balance is \$4051.64. Bills for the month of February and March to the St. Joseph County 4-H Livestock Association for February Meeting Copies, 2015 Donor Packet Copies, and Constitution Update Copies and mailing came to \$68.45. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report, 1st Lisa DeLeo and 2nd Kelly Trail, motion carried.
- 8) PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment.
- 9) LEADER COMMENT:** None
- 10) BOARD COMMENTS:** It was discussed if we should contact donors from the specialty awards area about their donations for these areas, like Kim Clark for the High Point Buckle etc. These areas have been sent to individual clubs and have been contacted.

11) SPECIALTY AREA REPORTS:

- a. **CLOVERBUDS:** Cloverbuds' showing this year at the fair has been approved. Cloverbuds can participate at workouts with restrictions. But the showing of horses and rabbits will happen this year at the fair according to the guide lines that will be set. Some things will still need to be worked out yet. But Eva Beeker said it will happen.
- b. **DRIVING:** Bobbi Newland has the workout dates for this year which are on the 4-H website, also the Show Bill: Posted here also again:

MAY 28TH (Thursday) Beginner Driving/In Hand 6:30PM Fairgrounds
JUNE 4TH (Thursday) **Beginner Driving/In Hand/Pony Measuring** 6:30PM Fairgrounds
JUNE 9TH (Tuesday) Driving Pleasure/In-Hand 6:30PM Fairgrounds
JUNE 23RD (Tuesday) **Driving Reinsmanship/In Hand/Pony Measuring** 6:30PM Fairgrounds
JULY 2ND (Thursday) Obstacles/In Hand 6:30PM Fairgrounds
JULY 7TH (Tuesday) Driving Pleasure/In Hand 6:30PM Fairgrounds
JULY 16TH (Thursday) Driving Reinsmanship/In Hand 6:30PM Fairgrounds
JULY 21ST (Tuesday) Obstacles/In Hand 6:30PM Fairgrounds
JULY 26TH (Thursday) Driving Fundraiser Show 8:00AM Fairgrounds
JULY 30TH (Thursday) Driven Dressage/In Hand 6:30PM Fairgrounds
AUGUST 4TH (Tuesday) Driven Dressage/In Hand 6:30PM
AUGUST 13TH (Tuesday) Driving Reinsmanship/In Hand 6:30PM Fairgrounds
AUGUST 18TH (Tuesday) Driven Dressage/In Hand 6:30PM Fairgrounds
AUGUST 27TH (Thursday) Open 6:30PM

If you have any question you can call Bobbi Newland 269-535-1215 or Brenda Lewis 269-816-3883.

- c. **GYMKHANA:** Shirel Hart has the workout dates, 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. Dates **May 12** - Barrels and Flags, **May 26** - Poles & Speed & action, **June 23** - Funnel Barrels, **August 27** - Fun Day. Shirel Hart (269)-506-6390.
- d. **JUMPING:** Kelly Trail, has jumping workouts on the 4-H web site. Dates June 15, 22 and July 13 at 6p.m. and the fairgrounds. Kelly will try to come to club workouts if possible per request from club leaders. If you jump at the State Qualifier it will also count as a jumping workout.

12) DISCUSSION/ITEMS TO APPROVE: Horse Constitution, was gone over again to confirm all corrections were good and that the way the Constitution is ready for approval. After discussion was completed a motion was made to continue with the ballot vote on the new Constitution, Motion made by Andrea Littlefield, seconded by Kelly Trail. Eva Beeker passed out the ballots. A yes was to approve the Constitution and a no to vote it down. The ballots were collected and counted and the new Horse Constitution was approved unanimously, with all votes received were Yes. Motion carried.

13) SHOW COMMITTEE REPORTS: Before the HC meeting there was a State Qualifier committee meeting where changes in the show bill were made and discussed at the HC meeting and will be voted on at the May 5, 2015 HC meeting. Ribbons can be inventoried April 18th. Shirel Hart, still needs a contract for the Speed Fundraiser show with Kal-Val, but there should be no issues with this. Planning on using the concessions' Kal-Val uses for the fundraiser show.

14) OLD BUSINESS: Scott Miracle following up on a hay wagon for the fair jumps etc.

15) NEW BUSINESS: Eva Beeker has paper clovers for the clubs to sell for a 4-H fundraiser.

16) INFORMATION TO SHARE:

- a. **Donor Packets:** Turned in for Cindy Sigman to turn into the office, which was given to Eva Beeker. Which will now need to be gotten ready to be mailed by the treasurer.
- b. **Fairbook Discussion:** Wait until specialty areas approve and/or make changes.

17) EVA'S UPDATES: Scholarship applications were low this year. She asked club leaders to talk your kids to get them to sign up next year.

18) HORSE WELLNESS CLINIC: April 11th at the fairgrounds Dr Fedore shots and coggins, also Chiropractor and Equine Massage will be on site.

19) ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Shirel Hart. Seconded by Connie Miracle, all were in favor. Motion Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Sigman, Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015 @ 6:30P.M.