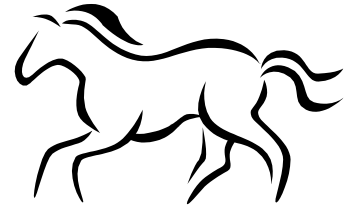




St. Joseph County, MI
4-H HORSE COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 5, 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: Elexis Carroll - Teen Representative **Desperados:** Dawn Braysher, (Diane Zinsmaster) **Sauwauseebee:** (Cindy Sigman), Amy Taylor **Stirrup Fun:** None **Town & Country:** Connie Miracle, Scott Miracle **Trail Blazers:** None **Tumbleweed:** Norma Switalski, Andrea Littlefield

Eva Beeker, MSU 4-H Program Coordinator

SPECIALTY AREAS:

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

- 1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGES:** At 6:37p.m. Diane Zinsmaster called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance and the 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:** There were added Items to the agenda. Under 12 discussion Items. Motion to accept was made by Tereasa Hufstedler, second by Shirel Hart. Motion was carried.
- 4) INTRODUCTION OF VISTORS:** Nahum Carroll (Buckaroos)
- 5) APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2, 2014 HC MEETING MINUTES AND JANUARY 6th, FEBRUARY 3rd, AND MARCH 31st 2015 HC MEETING MINUTES:** Motion by Kelly Trail second by Pam Cook, motion carried.
- 6) SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Sturgis Area Chamber Of Commerce, Invite to the "Sturgis Fest" Parade on Saturday, June 27, 2015, in Sturgis Michigan.
- 7) TREASURER'S REPORT:** Monthly Financial Report was given, beginning balance as of March 31, 2015 \$4051.64 March interest .07 April interest .07 Balance \$4051.78. Bills to be paid: March, 2015 mailings from MSUE \$74.52 (constitution revision) New Bill \$22.85 copies for donor packets, \$76.55 Stamps & envelopes for donor packets. Motion to accept treasurer's report was made by Connie Miracle and 2nd Dawn Braysher motion carried.
- 8) PUBLIC COMMENT: Wendy Walters,** an endowment for 4-H that will match 1-1 on donation, so if 4-H in St. Joseph county could get (example \$20,000 it would be matched so that would give the county 4-H \$40,000. We must get \$20,000 at least to get the match. A group of people put in a million dollars to get this match for 4-H. All the monies earned in the county would stay in the county for Robotics program, mentoring program and many other programs. The monies cannot be used for administrative needs or scholarships. We are at \$16,300 and have until end of summer to get at least the \$20,000 to get the match.
- 9) LEADER COMMENT: Connie Miracle** on Town and country Fuzzy horse show on May, 3rd. She said the show went great there were 15-17 in a class the smallest class had 12 in it. Judge Jennifer Kiaser had a good time. Judge gave pointers to the contestants. The gymkhana part was very large also.

10) BOARD COMMENTS: No comment

11) SPECIALTY AREA REPORTS:

- a. **CLOVERBUDS:** Cloverbuds' showing this year at the fair will be on Wednesday night of the fair and the Cloverbud is allowed to be in one class all classes are leadline. It should not be an issue with the insurance company, this is the pilot year for this program. If there any group activities for the Cloverbuds Pam Cook said yes as long as it's approved by the Cloverbud leader which is Pam Cook.
- b. **DRIVING:** Bobbi Newland has the workout dates, pony measuring and driving show in July. Workout schedule is posted on the 4-H portal.
- 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 12th Barrels and Flags, May 26th Poles & Speed & action, June 23rd Funnel Barrels, August 27th 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. If clubs do not contact her in advance it would be very hard for her to make it to the extra club workouts.

12) DISCUSSION/ITEMS TO APPROVE:

- a. **Donor Packets:** Have been mailed out.
- b. **Fair book updates:** In the driving section Bobbi Newland had a change. That if the first year in 4-H with approval of driving leaders, pairs could be drove by 4-H member. Also another error in writing on Jumping performance classes. That they needed the word "in-Hand" before performance. A motion was made by Tereasa Hufstedler and second by Brenda Lewis to accept the fair book changes. (All but the Cloverbud section needs to be added for lead line Cloverbud section) motion was accepted. In section N driving classes 91230- 91232 need "in-hand" before the word performance. There was a motion made By Norma Switalski to change the age division in the pony division to match the other age division in the horse section, it was seconded by Andrea Littlefield, motion was carried. The Judge Competitive Trail ride date was changed to August 15, 2015. King and Queen contest-going to Ambassador. Table for this year, Tereasa Hufstedler motion to table, seconded by Brenda Lewis, motion carried. Stated to leaders to talk with your club members to see how to continue with the subject for next year.
- c. **Ribbons,** need to be counted, at the fair office, need to contact Eva, Julie Bruce Said she would contact Eva on this subject.
- d. **Wagon update:** Bill Lindsley found another wagon we could use for the equipment.
- e. **Budget for 2015:** Take the extra \$200 from Horse Judging, the extra \$500 for King Queen contest, and put the money in the specialty equipment to replace the damage/broken equipment, a motion was made by Norma Switalski and seconded by Shirel Hart, motion carried. Make a wish list for the specialty areas. Gymkhana had \$250 that was donated last year. Tereasa Hufstedler will have to research this.

13) SHOW COMMITEE REPORTS: All of the show bills are done and out and everything is going well, will need volunteers' for all of the shows to keep them running. State Qualifier is first. There will be a list for clubs to get volunteers at the next Horse Council meeting. Please Sign up!!!!!!!!!!

14) OLD BUSINESS: None

15) NEW BUSINESS: All leaders please communicate with your members about workouts/shows

16) INFORMATION TO SHARE:

- a. Continue to encourage participation in TSC Clover Sales.
- b. 4-H Summer Camp July 7-9 (attendees/camp counselors-Status Update from Eva.

17) EVA'S UPDATES: Silent Auction at Covered Bridge Days July 17-18 Clubs to donate something donations must get to the office a week prior to covered bridge days.

18) ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Scott Miracle and seconded by Tereasa Hufstedler motion was accepted. Meeting adjourned at 8:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Sigman, Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2015 @ 6:30P.M.