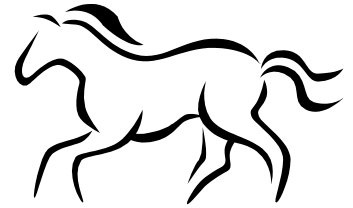




St. Joseph County, MI
4-H HORSE COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 2, 2015

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

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

Buckaroos: None **Desperados:** Megan Zinsmaster (Teen), (Diane Zinsmaster) **Sauwaseebee:** (Cindy Sigman) **Stirrup Fun:** Patti Adams **Town & Country:** Connie Miracle, Brianna McNees (Teen) **Trail Blazers:** Vicki Sutton **Tumbleweed:** Norma Switalski, Andrea Littlefield, Ben Littlefield (Teen)

Eva Beeker, MSU 4-H Program Coordinator

SPECIALTY AREAS:

Cloverbud Representative: (Pam Cook)	Competitive Trail: Tereasa Hufstedler
Dressage: Sharon Jones	Driving: Brenda Lewis
Gymkhana: Shirel Hart	Horse/Judging Bowl: None
Jumping: Kelly Trail	Reining: None

- 1) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGES:** At 6:45p.m. Diane Zinsmaster called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H pledge was recited.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** There were added Items to the agenda. Motion to accept was made by Shirel Hart, second by Brenda Lewis. Motion was carried.
- 3) **INTRODUCTION OF VISTORS:** Visitors were introduced, Paul Freed. Ashley Kuhlman, and Brenda McNees
- 4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 5, 2015:** Motion to accept by Brenda Lewis, second Connie Miracle. Motion carried.
- 5) **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** No correspondences were received.
- 6) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Beginning balance \$3,977.26 Total income \$1,865.08 Total Expenses, \$111.32 ending balance \$5,731.02. Bills to be paid, \$16.74 for receipt books, \$616.82 for ribbons, \$ for copies to St Joseph 4-H Livestock, \$500.00 deposit to Otten Trophy for trophies for fair. Motion by Patti Adams to accept Treasurer's Report and pay the outstanding bills as presented, second by Brenda Lewis. Motion carried.
- 7) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
- 8) **LEADER COMMENT:** Connie Miracle- On behalf of Town & Country 4-H Horse Club, they would like to make a donation to Horse Council of \$700.00 from the Fuzzy Horse Show in May. Connie requested that the funds be split up for each specific specialty group as Town & Country has designated; motion was made by Tereasa Hufstedler to accept the donation the way Town & Country specified and second by Cindy Sigman. Motion carried. Leader Norma Switalski gave a big thank you to Town and Country Riders for their donation!!!!
- 9) **BOARD COMMENTS:** No comment
- 10) **SPECIALTY AREA REPORTS:**
 - a. **DESSAGE: Sharron Jones,** said she cannot do regular workouts. The program has now gotten to where it can carry its self. She is willing to do clinics for around \$100, also if clubs are wanting help at their workouts she is willing to come out if she can make it. There is also enough money for one clinic in the specialty club fund money for one specialty but she would want enough people to R.S.V.P. that they would come to make it worth having. Announcement for fair, Sharron cannot be there so she will need someone else to run the show at the fair. Also there are new test this year and they are available on the 4-H web site.
 - b. **DRIVING:** Brenda Lewis said the first workout only had 2 kids. Pony measuring June 4th along with a workout and June 23rd will be the next workout.

- c. **GYMKHANA:** Shirel Hart said the first workout was good with good attendance, the second workout got cancelled because of weather. June 16th there will be a workout with the tumbleweed club at the fairground at 6:30 also will have another with tumbleweeds on July 14th - everyone is invited to attend these workouts. As a reminder the State Qualifier counts as a workout. Also even if the same horse rider combination is going to the fair please contact Shirel and let her know so she can clear you.
- d. **JUMPING:** Kelly Trail, has workouts on June 15th, June 22nd, and July 13. Also no one will be jumping 2'6" at State Qualifier because the horses will not be ready to jump that high by then. July 22nd there will be a workout with Tumbleweeds at the fairgrounds. She is also available for other club workouts but please call ahead for availability.
- e. **CLOVERBUD:** Pam Cook asked if there could be an e-mail blast for the addition of being able to show horses at the fair this year. June 10th at the Tumbleweed workout will be for Cloverbuds.
- f. **REINING:** None
- g. **HORSEBOWL/HORSE JUDGING:** None

11) DISCUSSION/ITEMS TO APPROVE:

- a. **HELP: SIGN-UP for SQ Show, Pleasure Fundraiser Show, Gymkhana Fundraiser, Driving Fundraiser.** Signup sheets were sent around for the clubs to sign up to help. Please if you are at one of the shows help as you can. These events take a lot of volunteers' to run them....
- b. **Change July's HC meeting:** Meeting needs to be changed from July 6th to June 29th so we can get the State Qualifier qualifications taken care of.
- c. **Volunteers for State Horse Show:** At MSU we will need to send at least 5 volunteers.
- d. **Inventory-Ribbon inventory** was done by Julie Bruce and all extra inventory was ordered. We still need a wagon to keep the equipment on. Eva reported that the last inventory on equipment was done 2013.
- e. **Weather communication:** As stated in the rule book no workout if there is a storm warning or watch. Also if the office please call and let them know so when people call there they have the info.
- f. **Sports Person Program:** "The program needs an overhaul". Norma Switalski said. "There hasn't been enough participation the nominees' are not wanting to follow though and do there essay and there interview." Norma suggested that we expand the program to the specialty areas. That we allow the people in the specialty areas to nominate a sports person for their areas. There was a discussion on whether a nominee could also be nominated for their club. There is a criteria for the size of club and specialty that would be put into place. Norma Switalski made a motion to accept the addition of adding specialty groups to the sports person program, and Tereasa Hufstedler 2nd, motion carried. Then there was a discussion made on who would be the chair person for this program. Kelly Trail made a motion that Norma Switalski be the chair person, Connie Miracle 2nd, motion carried. Norma Switalski will be working on preparing guidelines for the program.
- g. **Equipment Needs:** Kelly Trail for Jumping requested 6 cups and 16 poles to replace broken or damaged. Shirel Hart for Gymkhana requested 10 cones and 8 barrels, would like matching barrels. Gymkhana is running low on barrels also the do not match Shirel commented. Brenda Lewis for driving will check and see. Sharron Jones for Dressage, all is good. Tereasa Hufstedler for competitive trail, is good. Pam Cook from cloverbuds, all is good.
- h. **Treasurer:** Tereasa Hufstedler request that we allow them to get a debit card, because a lot of stuff is now ordered on-line and people have been having to use their own debit card and wait for reimbursement. There was a motion made by Shirel Hart, to allow the HC to get a debit card and that it would still be needed to report all uses of card to make sure the accepted expenses. 2nd by Pam Cook, motion carried.

12) SHOW COMMITEE REPORTS: Show Representative Connie Miracle is working out final details and will contact clubs for assistance if needed. Biggest issue is enough help to keep things going day of the show. Connie said there will be no potluck because of other things going on at the fairgrounds that Friday. The Weinie King maybe for Sunday for food. The Glenn Oaks College will be there on Saturday. They will have food booths already set up at the fairgrounds. For the Pleasure Fundraiser Show July 25th Kim Clark has expressed interest in donating money for a High Point award for that show. There will be signup sheets for clubs to help at the next HC meeting June 29th.

Gymkhana: Had a signup sheet sent around for help for their show July 18th.

Driving: Fliers' are being handed out a different shows to get more exposure for our show on July 26th.

13) REGULAR COMMITTEE UPDATES: None

14) OLD BUSINESS: None

15) NEW BUSINESS: Calendars marked for 4-H exploration days June 24-26 and summer 4-H camp.

16) EVA'S UPDATES:

- a. **Poultry update: Help get the word out to your clubs and people you know with poultry: There is no live poultry show at the fair but PLEASE don't dispose of your poultry, it is a learning experience for the 4-H members, give us time to figure some kind of solution for this problem. We just got this info and have not had time to work out a plan.**

- b. **STILL PROJECTS:** We will start judging the early not this year but next year (2016) to make things easier. We are waiting till next year to get things organized.
 - c. **MSU:** Received a grant for disease control kits for leaders to take and share with their members. Lesson plans etc. on diseases that go for animals to humans. She asked all leaders to take some and share them with the club members’.
 - d. **SILENT AUCTION:** July 17-18th at the covered bridge dinner downtown Centerville. Clubs can bring stuff to sell. Make a basket or something. Must be new items not used unless it’s something really nice. Please take items to the extension office a week ahead of time.
 - e. **STILL PROJECT:** An event to help people with still projects will be held June 30th. Please see website for more information.
- 17) ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Brenda Lewis and 2nd by Kelly Trail to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:07p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Sigman, Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATE: MONDAY, JUNE 29th @ 6:30P.M.