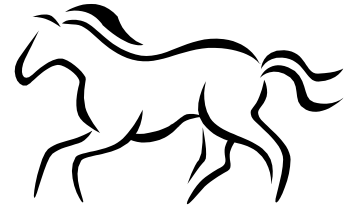




St. Joseph County, MI
4-H HORSE COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 29, 2015

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

Secretary: Cindy Sigman (Sauwaseebee)
Club/Specialty representatives:
_____ representative: _____
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Buckaroos: None **Desperados:** Megan Zinsmaster (Teen) - arrived late, (Diane Zinsmaster) **Sauwaseebee:** (Cindy Sigman), Samantha Sigman (Teen) **Stirrup Fun:** Patti Adams **Town & Country:** Connie Miracle, Karin Fleetwood **Trail Blazers:** Vicki Sutton
Tumbleweed: Norma Switalski, Andrea Littlefield, Ben Littlefield (Teen) - arrived late

Eva Beeker, MSU 4-H Program Coordinator

SPECIALTY AREAS:

Cloverbud Representative: (Pam Cook)	Competitive Trail: Tereasa Hufstedler, Lori Bowdish
Dressage: None	Driving: Brenda Lewis, Bobbi Jo Newland
Gymkhana: Shirel Hart - arrived late	Horse/Judging Bowl: None
Jumping: Kelly Trail	Reining: None

- 1) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGES:** At 6:43p.m. Diane Zinsmaster called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H pledge was recited.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion to accept was made by Brenda Lewis, second by Kelly Trail. Motion was carried.
- 3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 2, 2015:** A motion to accept by Andrea Littlefield, second by Shirel Hart, motion carried.
- 4) **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** No correspondences was received.
- 5) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Beginning Balance as of June 2, 2015 \$5731.02 State Qualifier Show Day 1 Income Deposit \$1050. State Qualifier Show Day 2, \$406. Total Donation Deposits \$1210. Total Gymkhana T-Shirt Fundraiser Pre Orders \$105. State Qualifier Show startup money/deposit \$250. Expenses from May 2015 -\$1451.44 (Approved on June 2, 2015 meeting) State Qualifier Show Expenses -\$1053.65. With and ending balance of \$6246.93. A motion was to accept the treasures report was made by Shirel Hart, seconded by Kelly Trail. Motion carried.
Expenses for the month of June 2015 that needed to be approved, for 2 stop watches for \$89.00 to Pam Cook, also \$100.00 for Pony Payback for the Driving Show July 26, 2015. A motion was made by Shirel Hart, seconded by Kelly Trail to accept expenses. Motion carried.
- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
- 7) **LEADER COMMENT:** None
- 8) **BOARD COMMENTS:** No comment
- 9) **SPECIALTY AREA REPORTS:**
 - a. **DESSAGE:** None
 - b. **DRIVING:** Bobbi Newland said things are going well at workouts, and any help would be great for the Driving Fundraiser Show on July 26, 2015.
 - c. **GYMKHANA:** Shirel Hart said workouts are going well and quit a few people have qualified for Fair. Next workout is July 14, 2015 at the fairgrounds.
 - d. **JUMPING:** Kelly Trail has had the last 2 workouts get rained out. Next workouts will be with Tumbleweed 4-H Club at the Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m. on July 13 and July 22, 2015 and anyone is welcome to come.
 - e. **CLOVERBUD:** Pam Cook reported no participants at either State Qualifier Show nor any participation at any workouts.
 - f. **REINING:** None
 - g. **COMPETITIVE TRAIL:** Lori Bowdish said there was small participation only 4 at the Sunday, June 28th workout but the workout had to be changed from the original day Saturday, June 27th because of weather. Next ride will be July 12th at the Covered Bridge Park in Centreville at 10:00 a.m.
 - h. **HORSE BOWL/JUDGING:** None

10) REGULAR COMMITTEE UPDATES: Please try to find a way to encourage the kids to participate more. Andrea Littlefield commented.

11) DISCUSSION/ITEMS TO APPROVE:

- a. **2015 State Qualifier-St. Joseph County Delegates/Alternates:** Karin Fleetwood reported that 26 kids get to go state, with 4 alternates, plus the Miniature Horse Delegates. There were a total of 42 kids that tried out for state between the 2 shows. The list of delegates were given out to the club leaders informing them that July 10th the State Show packets had to be into the MSU state. But had to be in by July 7th by 5pm. Good luck to all!!!!!!!
- b. **Volunteers for State 4-H horse Show at MSU:** We need at least 5 volunteers to work at the 4-H show at MSU over the 3 day show on August 7, 8, and 9th. Also for the mini state horse show on August 22nd. The 2 clubs that are to work up there this year are Buckaroos and Stirrup-fun. Each of these clubs only have 5 members each. It is very important that we send at least 5 volunteers if we want to keep the amount of spots for kids to show at the MSU state show. So if you would like to volunteer please contact the 4-H extension office and fill out the volunteer sheet.
- c. **Points Committee Discussion:** Diane Zinsmaster - Brought up the discussion that the age groups for the State Qualifier and the fair should be the same to keep it easy to count the points for the fair awards. She also commented that if you enter a class it should not matter how many are in the class you should still get the points and we should do what is fair and in the best interest of all our 4-H members (example 6 points for 1st, 5 for 2nd etc.) That it is not the child's fault if not many enter the classes they go in. (example pony class age splits). This was just a discussion and shall be looked into more after fair this year.
- d. **Show Committee Reports:** Eva Beeker - Said she wants all the different points counting areas to go through the points committee, to keep things organized and keeping things fair.
- e. **Club Sportsman update:** Norma Switalski, presented her proposed sportsmanship award. Which will contain specialty area sportsmanship awards for 4-H horse participants. The HC looked over her proposal for the new regulations for this award. There were some needed changes to the proposal. Large clubs and specialties (15 or more members that showed at previous fair year) will be able to nominate two club sportsman and smaller clubs and specialties (less than 15 members that showed at previous fair year) will be able to nominate one club sportsman. 1) Adding reining to the proposal, also adding (no discrimination by the judge) at the end of the proposal. A motion was made by Pam Cook and seconded by Bobbi Newland. Motion was approved. The Club Sportsman information will be distributed to leaders and put on the 4-H wordpress website for people to view.
- f. **Inventory update:** There are ribbons etc. left, Andrea Littlefield will get extra medals needed, Tereasa Hufstedler will count and collect the ribbons that are left and find out how many we need for the gymkhana, Pleasure, and Driving fundraiser shows coming up.
- g. **Wagon/Trailer update:** Everything is good was the report.
- h. **Show Bills for Fair:** Karin Fleetwood reported she has the computer with that on it. The HC Board will need to access the showbills so that work to update and fair class planning can proceed.

12) OLD BUSINESS: None

13) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Exploration days:** Connie Miracle reported that they had a wonderful time at exploration days, and that they want to go again. She also reported that there was an incident, when some kids left the dance at the end of exploration days and they had to shut the dance down early to find the children that left. But this did not include any of the children from our county. Eva Beeker reported how proud she was on how the children from St. Joseph County behaved.
- b. **4-H summer camp:** July 7-9th that it was not too late to sign-up Eva reported. That the numbers of kids signing up is low, and that you do not have to be in 4-H to go.
- c. **2015 Gymkhana Fundraiser:** July 18th at Kal-Val Saddle Club. There are shirts to order for the show please get a hold of Shirel Hart to order. Also need volunteers' to help run the show from each club, a sign-up sheet was sent around for everyone to sign-up to help.
- d. **2015 pleasure fundraiser:** July 25th at the SJC fairgrounds starting at 8a.m. showbills are on the 4-H web site. Also the Driving fundraiser show on July 26th.

14) EVA'S UPDATES: Eva wanted all leaders to know that if there is an incident at ANY 4-H Show, Workout etc. to call her immediately at 269-268-1252. That there is protocol that has to be followed. That she needs the details ASAP if anything happens at 4-H events. Reminder July 17-18th at the covered bridge dinner in downtown Centerville. Clubs can bring stuff to sell for a fundraiser. Make a basket or something. Please bring to the 4-H extension office a week ahead of time.

15) ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Andrea Littlefield and seconded by Bobbi Newland to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:21p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Sigman, Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.