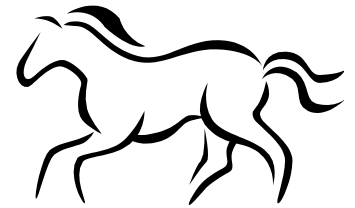




St. Joseph County, MI  
4-H HORSE COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, August 4, 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 (Sauwauseebee)  
**Club/Specialty representatives:**  
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**Buckaroos:** Scott Kline (parent) **Desperados:** Michelle Chupp-Shears (Diane Zinsmaster) **Sauwauseebee:** (Cindy Sigman) **Stirrup Fun:** None **Town & Country:** Connie Miracle, Julie Bruce, Brianna MeNees (Teen) **Trail Blazers:** Vicky Sutton, Lisa DeLeo **Tumbleweed:** Andrea Littlefield

Eva Beeker, MSU 4-H Program Coordinator

SPECIALTY AREAS:

<b>Cloverbud Representative:</b> (Pam Cook)	<b>Competitive Trail:</b> Tereasa Hufstedler
<b>Dressage:</b> None	<b>Driving:</b> Bobbi Jo Newland
<b>Gymkhana:</b> Shirel Hart	<b>Horse/Judging Bowl:</b> None
<b>Jumping:</b> Kelly Trail	<b>Reining:</b> Kasara Yoder

- 1) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGES:** At 6:36p.m. Diane Zinsmaster called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H pledge was recited.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** There was a small change to the agenda, add discussion about the August 25<sup>th</sup> Dressage workout. Shirel Hart made a motion to accept the agenda with the small change. Julie Bruce 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion was carried.
- 3) **INTRODUCTION OF VISTORS:** Scott Kline, from Buckaroos
- 4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 29, 2015:** A motion was made by Julie Bruce, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by, Pam Cook, motion carried.
- 5) **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Thank you note from Zack Sackrider, Thanking the Horse council for donating the money to help him get to the MSU, Miniature horse show, on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 6) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Beginning Balance as of June 29<sup>th</sup> \$6246.93 with many deposits from donations, income from 4-H pleasure and driving fundraisers shows. Along with money spent on the MSU state horse show for the delegates, and payback classes from the 4-H fundraisers' Total income for the month of July, \$4103.20, and total deductions of \$2501.26 brings the ending balance to \$7848.87. **Bills that need to be payed, \$89.00 for hand timers for gymkhana, \$1223.00 for trophy's for fair, \$406.00 for the fundraiser T-shirts (to Adams Shirt Shake), and \$100.00 for August 25<sup>th</sup> Dressage workout to (Margret Spencer) (coming out of the Dressage fund money).** Tereasa Hufstedler made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report with the pending bills being accepted, Kelly Trail 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion was carried.
- 7) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
- 8) **LEADER COMMENT:** None
- 9) **BOARD COMMENTS:** None
- 10) **SPECIALTY AREA REPORTS:**
  - a. **DRESSAGE:** None
  - b. **DRIVING:** Bobbie Newland had the fair driving qualification sheet, which was handed to Diane Zinsmaster. Also reported that the August 27<sup>th</sup> workout has been cancelled.
  - c. **GYMKHANA:** Shirel Hart announced that the last gymkhana workout will be August 27<sup>th</sup> and that this will be a fun workout for the kids before the fair, at 6p.m. at the fairgrounds. She also announced she has 62 kids signed up and qualified for the fair. Which the list was handed in to Diane Zinsmaster.
  - d. **JUMPING:** Kelly Trail announced that due to weather she had to cancel the first 2 workouts, but has had 2 other workouts plus workouts with some of the clubs to get kids qualified. The next workout will be August 20<sup>th</sup> with Town & Country at 6:30pm at the fairgrounds and all are welcome to come

- e. **CLOVERBUD:** Pam Cook is hoping entries are coming in for the fair. Kids can do 2 of the 3 classes. There is a showmanship pattern posted for the CloverBud kids. It is a simple pattern, **walk to the judge set up for inspection, do 180 degree turn then trot back into the line. Flags for gymkhana. There also will be a costume class, this will be an exhibition class only, (a non-ribbon class) Old McDonald will be the theme.**
- f. **REINING:** Kasara Yoder, said they have had some good workouts, and that the reining pattern is pattern one. Any question please contact her.
- g. **HORSEBOWL/HORSE JUDGING:** None
- h. **COMPETITIVE TRAIL: Tereasa Hufstedler** said the judged ride will be at the Zinsmaster farm on August 15<sup>th</sup>. There are 8 kids competing, with 4 brand new riders. There will be 2 routes one for the new kids and one for the experienced kids. Tereasa said it will be kind of a scavenger hunt ride this year to make it more interesting and entertaining. Packet and study guide will be given out at the first day of the fair. Each test is a little different for each participate, to keep the kids from sharing information.

**11) REGULAR COMMITTEE UPDATES: Gymkhana still could use some help for the show on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**12) SHOW COMMITTEE:**

- A) **PLEASURE FUNDRAISER SHOW:** Was a big success!!!! There were 100 horse and rider combinations at the show. There was deposit \$2544, plus donations from Kal Val pleasure show donation \$25, Town & Country Show Donation \$125, Kim Clark Donation \$401, and another donation of \$6.50, making the total \$3101.50. With expenses of \$250, for the fairgrounds, \$375, for the judge, \$280 for payback classes, \$8.00 judge's lunch, and Fair grounds stalls/camping \$145. With a total expense amount of \$1058. With a total pleasure profit of **\$2043.50.**
- B) **DRIVING FUNDRAISER SHOW:** Had a good turnout for it only being the 2<sup>nd</sup> year for this show!!!! With a total of 30 driving entries. There was a deposit of \$697, with donations from Mark and Brenda Lewis \$100, Town & Country Riders \$75, Kevin and Bobbi Newland \$100, Norma Switalski payback donation \$28, Karen and Tom Thompson \$100, and Karen and Tom Thompson Payback donation \$25. Making the total \$1125. Expenses Fair Grounds \$250, Driving judge \$350, Payback classes \$130, making total expenses \$730. With a profit of **\$395.**
- C) **SPECIAL THANKS GOING TO TUMBLEWEED 4-H CLUB!!!: Bill Johnson brought up that the stalls all had not been cleaned out from the horse show weekend, so the Kids from Tumbleweed 4-H club cleaned out all of the stalls, saving the 4-H horse council \$130.00 and making Bill Johnson happy. Andrea Littlefield was very proud of the 4-H kids working together and getting the job done. Again another Thank You to Tumbleweed 4-H club for your efforts!!!!!!!**

**13) DISCUSSION/ITEMS TO APPROVE:**

- a) **HELP: SIGN-UP.** For Gymkhana Fundraiser Show-August 23 @ SJC Fairgrounds: Sign-up sheet was going around the room for all the clubs to participate.
- b) **CLUB SPORTSMAN:** All paper was due at the HC meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup> but it was extended to Friday August 7<sup>th</sup>. Then all nominees' need to sign up for an interview time with the judge for the overall county sportsman for the horse project area. The interview times are August 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm.-6:30pm. Or August 19<sup>th</sup> 10a.m.-noon. Please call ahead to the 4-H extension office to reserve a time..... There was a request from the judge for the sportsperson award for passes to get into the fair one day. A motion to accept this request was made by Lisa Deleo, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Connie Miracle, motion carried.
- c) **HORSE CHANGES: Must be turned in by August 14<sup>th</sup>. Then would have to go in for approval from the HC officers. There needs to be a real need to have a horse change. Injury, Death, or horse being unsafe to show at the fair.**
- d) **FAIR BARN: ALL BARN PAINTING MUST BE DONE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>. fair spraying will be September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. No one can be in the barns for 48hrs after that. If your club wants to paint all paint orders must be in by August 20<sup>th</sup>.**
- e) **INVENTORY:** Ribbons and equipment. It was reported that we should be good for the rest of the season.
- f) **FAIR RIBBONS: Lisa DeLeo,** has done this in the past, she was asked if she would do it again and she accepted. **Thank You Lisa!!!!**
- g) **SHOW BILLS FOR 2015 SJC FAIR: Julie Bruce,** handed out a copy of the show bill for everyone to look over. Everyone looked over the show bills noting changes needed. A motion was made by Tereasa Hufstedler and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicky Sutton, motion carried. Julie Bruce will make needed changes to the show bills and turn them in, by Monday August 11<sup>th</sup>.
- h) **COMPUTER ENTRY FOR FAIR CLASSES:** Must be entered by August 17<sup>th</sup> to be ready/handed out August 25<sup>th</sup>. This is all done by volunteers' during the day at the 4-H extension office. Please contact Tonya at the extension office to see if you can help. (Club Leaders only).
- i) **DATES/TIMES FOR FAIR CLASS CORRECTIONS:** September 1<sup>st</sup> from 6p.m.-7:30p.m. and September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6p.m.-7p.m. Please get the class sign ups to your kids and make sure they check them carefully before these date. They must go to the 4-H extension office to correct any problems on these 2 dates only. (No phone calls must go into the Extension office to correct)

- j) **TRAIL CLASS GATE:** A letter was sent to Diane Zinsmaster, from Amy Taylor, regarding the position of the gate for the fair trail class. Amy was wondering if it could be moved to the draft horse side of the arena, instead of down by the 4-H barns. She is concerned about all the congestion and safety. Diane read her letter and brought her concerns up at the HC meeting, there was a discussion on the matter, and at this point it was decided to leave it the way it is. Because there is also concern on safety by having the kids wait on the side where the draft horse come in and out. We will look into the matter more after this year's fair and see if a solution can be come up with. Thank you Amy for your concern on safety for all...
- 14) **OLD BUSINESS:** Shirel Hart brought up a concern about the rule book, from what she found it has not been updated. Eva Beeker will look into this and give an update and see if corrections and updates are needed.
- 15) **NEW BUSINESS: Special thanks to all the volunteers' for up at the MSU state horse show. Everyone participating from our county, to help. It takes a lot of volunteers to make things like this work. Will provide list next month on all the people that gave their time to this wonderful events.**
- 16) **AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>:** Still project sign-up forms are due from the 4-H leaders into the 4-H office.
- 17) **AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>:** Show bills should be done and sent out.
- 18) **EVA'S UPDATES:** Anyone needing a fair book they are available at the extension office for \$3.00.
- a) **Milk barn sign –up sheet will be sent out and each club needs to take a turn at the milk barn. ALL club members must have an adult with them when they volunteer.**
  - b) **Pumpkin fun run October 17 at the fairgrounds. Registration forms are online. It will \$25.00 to run. She wants this to be a fun event for all, if anyone wants to help please contact Denise Skryzpek.**
- 19) **ADJOURNMENT:** Tereasa Hufstedler made a motion to adjourn the meeting a second was made by Bobbi Newland. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:37p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Sigman, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 25th @ 6:30P.M.**