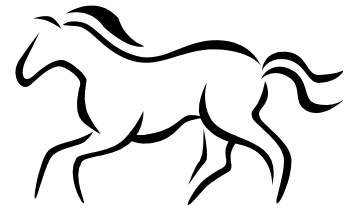




St. Joseph County, MI
4-H HORSE COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 1, 2015

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

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

Buckaroos: (Tereasa Hufstedler) **Desperados:** (Diane Zinsmaster) **Sauwaseebee:** Amy Taylor **Stirrup Fun:** Patti Adams **Town & Country:** Connie Miracle, Scott Miracle, Tia Geruszka (teen) **Trail Blazers:** Lisa DeLeo, Vickie Sutton **Tumbleweed:** Norma Switalski, Andrea Littlefield, (Cindy Sigman).

Eva Beeker, MSU 4-H Program Coordinator

Guests: Dawn Brays

SPECIALTY AREAS:

Cloverbud Representative: Pam Cook	Competitive Trail: Tereasa Hufstedler, Lori Bowdish
Dressage: None	Driving: Bobbi Jo Newland, Danielle Sackrider
Gymkhana: Shirel Hart, Peggy Geruszka	Horse/Judging Bowl: None
Jumping: Kelli Trail	Reining: Kasara Yoder

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGES:** At 6:35p.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 Tereasa Hufstedler, second by Lori Bowdish. Motion was carried.
- 3. INTRODUCTION OF VISTORS:** Scott Kline, Amanda Sutton, Michelle Todd, Michelle Chupp-Shears, and Bill Johnson.
- 4. Approval of October 6, 2015 HC Meeting Minutes:** Pam Cook 1st. Kelli Trail 2nd motion carried.
- 5. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Correspondence received,** Thank you note from Kylie Trail was read.
- 6. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tereasa Hufstedler gave the Treasurer's report, with a breakdown of profit loss, from January 1, 2015- November 28, 2015. Beginning balance from January 1, 2015 \$4601.50 plus a net profit of \$909.45 leaves and ending balance on November 28, 2015 \$5510.95. Beginning balance for November 2015 \$5682.63 with expenses of \$171.68 in November 2015 with a December 1, 2015 balance of \$5510.95. A motion was made to accept was made by Connie Miracle. 2nd by Shirel Hart, motion carried
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Bill Johnson fairgrounds Superintendent attend the meeting, He shared with us the dates he had open at the fairgrounds for the 2016 show season. Also he requested that if we have any food or other concession at the shows or other events that we get a hold of him first. He also wanted us to know that it is in the works to get box stalls in all the 4-H barns at the fair, he asked us if we could see about working on fundraisers to help do this. It would be collapsible stalls and would take a couple years or so to come up with the money.
- 8. LEADER COMMENT:** Connie Miracle had the results from the fair clean barn awards for Small club Trail Blazers Medium club Desperados and Large club Town & Country. Also she wanted to let everyone know that the annual Town & Country tack sale will be February 20, 2016.

- Diane Zinsmaster from Desperados and Mendon Clovers wanted everyone to spread the word that they are having a Holiday gathering at their barn in Mendon on Saturday December 12th at 4pm all 4-H clubs are invited to this event. First there will be a potluck dinner and a gift exchange (\$10 amount limit) followed by Christmas caroling starting at 6pm for people in the area.

9. BOARD COMMENTS: None

10. DISCUSSION:

- **Show Dates for 2016 Show Season:** June 25, 26 State Qualifier. July 23, 24 Pleasure and Driving Fundraiser. These are tentative while meeting is finished and will be voted on at the end of this meeting.
- **Informational:** Andrea Littlefield had an idea on hopefully getting more people to come to the meetings. That each month we focus on a discipline and share information a 1/2hr before each HC meeting to do this.
- **Cloverbud update:** Pam Cook asked Eva Beeker if they could adjust the Web site, Pam said it reads that cloverbuds could not ride at the fair but they can.

11. ACTION ITEMS:

- **Election 2016 Horse Council Board: President,** Andrea Littlefield nominated Diane Zinsmaster Pam Cook 2nd. Norma Switalski made motion to close nominations Shirel Hart 2nd. A vote by show of hands was counted by Cindy Sigman (Secretary) 20 for and 0 opposed. Diane Zinsmaster 2016 HC President. **Vice President:** Kelly Trail nominated Pam Cook and Patty Adams 2nd. Dawn Brayser made a motion to close nominations Tereasa Hufstedler 2nd. A vote by show of hands was counted by Cindy Sigman with 17 for and 0 opposed. Pam Cook 2016 Vice-President. **Treasurer:** Pam Cook nominated Tereasa Hufstedler and Lori Bowdish 2nd. The Constitution had to be amended for this to happen because Tereasa had already served 2yrs as Treasurer. Shirel Hart made a motion to amend the constitution and allow Tereasa to serve another year as Treasurer Dawn Brayser 2nd, motion carried. There was a show of hands vote 16 for 0 opposed. Tereasa Hufstedler 2016 Treasurer. **Secretary:** Norma Switalski made a motion for Cindy Sigman and Pam Cook 2nd. A second nominee Peggy Geruszka was nominated by Shirel Hart and 2nd by Amy Taylor. Ballots were passed out and Eva Beeker counted and Peggy Geruszka is the 2016 HC Secretary. **Deputy Treasurer:** Peggy Geruszka nominated Shirel Hart, Andrea Littlefield 2nd. Peggy Geruszka made a motion to close the nominations and Andrea Littlefield 2nd. A show of hands vote was made 18 for and 0 opposed. Shirel Hart 2016 HC Deputy Treasurer.
- **Show Dates for 2016 Show Season:** After everyone thought about it and with Bill Johnson at the meeting it was decided that it would be a good idea to see about setting the 4-H show dates for the 2016 season. A motion was made by Cindy Sigman for the State Qualifier to be June 25-26th at the fairgrounds Tereasa Hufstedler 2nd. Motion carried. For the 4-H pleasure and driving fundraiser shows Dawn Brayser made a motion for July 23-24, Andrea Littlefield 2nd. Motion carried.

12) EVA'S UPDATES: Eva commented on the stuff that was in the back of the room that was left at Fair, Brown Chaps, Jacket, Glasses. Still looking for the owners of these item.

- Reminder of the required leaders meeting dates December 15 ISD at 6:30pm. January 14 ISD at 6:30pm. If you attended the organizational leaders meeting in November 2015 you do not need to attend another required leader meeting.
- **Required meeting dates for 4-H livestock exhibitors: Goat December 28 6:30pm C6:30pm ISD. Pork Quality Assurance January 12th 6:30pm ISD. Rabbit TBA. Horse February 4th 6:30pm ISD, Sheep February 11th ISD Dairy February 17th ISD. Beef TBA.**
- **Eva still has trophies so if someone is missing a trophy contact the extension office.**
- Eva commented on having 4-H Chocolate disks left for \$2 each.
- Horse Council decided that maybe these would be good to have for prizes for people attend HC meetings discipline before future HC meetings. Shirel Hart made a motion to purchase 2 cases, and Cindy Sigman 2nd motion carried.

13) ADJOURNMENT: Tereasa Hustedler made a motion to adjourn the meeting Scott Miracle 2nd it, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Sigman, Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 5TH 6:30P.M.