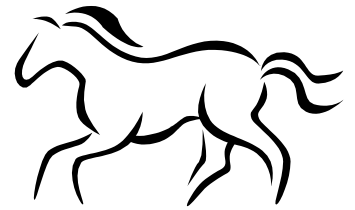




*St. Joseph County, MI*  
**4-H HORSE COUNCIL**



Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 5, 2016

President: Diane Zinsmaster (Desperados)      Secretary: Peggy Geruszka (T&C)  
Vice President: Pam Cook (Tumbleweed)      Deputy Treasurer: Shirel Hart (Gymkhana)  
Treasurer: Tereasa Hufstedler (Buckaroos)

**Buckaroos:** Tereasa Hufstedler **Desperados:** (Diane Zinsmaster) Michelle Chupp-Shears **Sauwauseebee:** Amy Taylor, Savannah Taylor **Stirrup Fun:** Kasara Yoder **Town & Country:** Connie Miracle, Scott Miracle, Tatianna Geruszka (teen) **Trailblazers:** none **Tumbleweed:** Norma Switalski, Cindy Sigman, Samantha Sigman (teen)  
Eva Beeker, MSU 4H Program Coordinator

**Specialty Area**

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: at 6:35 p.m. HC President Diane Zinsmaster called the meeting to order.
2. PLEDGES: Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H pledge was recited.
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Connie Miracle, seconded by Shirel Hart. Motion carried.
4. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS: All attendees introduced themselves.
5. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 1, 2015 MINUTES: Motion to approve 12/1/15 minutes by Kelli Trail, seconded by Tereasa Hufstedler. Motion Carried.
6. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Correspondence received and thank you note read from Parkville Prairie 2015 Hi-Point Recipient; Maria Schlabach.
7. TREASURER'S REPORT: Tereasa Hufstedler gave the Treasurer's report, Beginning Balance of \$5510.95. Credits to the account: check fee reimbursement and interest with total credit of \$10.20. Expenses: from Youth Council, Signs & More, and Kiwanis of \$221.80. Ending Balance as of Jan, 05, 2016 of \$5299.35. Motion by Shirel Hart, seconded by Peggy Geruszka to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.
8. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jan. 30th will be Tumbleweeds Fundraiser pop-can drive. For more info contact Kelli Trail.

\*LEADER COMMENTS: Shirel Hart reminded the Board that the two "at Large" board members were not designated at the December meeting. After brief discussion; and following suit with previous years (alphabetical order) the 2 "At Large" members would be from: Jumping: Kelli Trail and Reining: Kasara Yoder.

\*Diane Zinsmaster passed around a "Master" calendar and everyone to list all the show dates/horse tack sales/local horse events they were aware of this. This will be beneficial to know for reference and planning.

9. DISCUSSION: Coggins clinic with Dr. Fedore being discussed with two possible dates of March 19th and April 16th.

\*Required livestock meeting dates added: Feb.22 Bio-Security with State Vet, Feb. 23rd Livestock Judging and March 12 - Goats.

\*Dr. Fedore will be conducting the Equine required species meeting. This will be a good and informational meeting. Dr. Fedore always does a very nice job.

\*Jan. 14, 2016 is the last required Leader meeting being offered at this time.

\*2016 show dates: discussed that currently there is some conflict with show dates. There is another driving show scheduled on the same day as our 4-H Driving Fundraising Show. Discussed option of moving the Driving Show date to a different date and possibly holding the Gymkhana Fundraiser Show on that day. It is a Sunday show and there were concerns discussed about the attendance being down for a Sunday Gymkhana Show coupled by the fact that Gymkhana had to be flexible last year. Bobbi offered to contact the fairgrounds to see if there were any other date options available. Concern is that IF the driving show is held on another date, we would not see the benefit of having 2 day show at the fair (profits) due to having to pay for an additional insurance/fairground fee. Pleasure Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> and Driving Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at the fairground.

\*Possible date for the Gymkhana speed show is July 9th at Kal Val. (Shirel will check with Kal Val to finalize.)

\* Discussed ideas on how to get more people to step up and help at shows so that the work doesn't just fall on the same handful of people each show. Discussed trying to suggest that each 4-H family be required to work and help with at least one show a year. Everyone was encouraged to give more thought to this and bring ideas for more discussion at the next meeting. Will also discuss possible incentive options.

\* Gymkhana: Was the topic for the Info Session before the HC meeting tonight. Input on Gymkhana clinic was good from clubs. Will be proceeding with arranging an April Clinic at Red Horse Ranch in Cassopolis, MI. Bigfoot Hydraulics and Geruszka Farm will sponsor the event. Peggy and Shirel will serve as the Clinicians. Awaiting response on Insurance coverage for 4-H members from Eva. Eva will let Peggy know shortly. Attendance at the Clinic would count towards one of the required speed workouts if the 4-H member attends. Gymkhana workout dates at fairgrounds being scheduled.

\* Town &Country reminder of Fundraiser Tack Sale on February 20<sup>th</sup> at Mendon High School. Table space still available, please contact Connie Miracle.

10. ACTION ITEMS: **April Horse Council meeting changed due to Spring Break. New date to be March 24th.** Motion by Kelly Trail, second by Scott Miracle to approve. Motion carried.

\* September Horse Council meeting moved to August 31<sup>st</sup>. Motion by Scott Miracle, second by Michele Chupp-Shears. Motion carried.

\*Committee Assignments:

**Awards Committee:** Pam Cook, Kelli Trail

**Judges Committee:** Andrea Littlefield, Kelli Trail, Bobbi Jo Newland

**Pony Measuring:** Bobbi Jo Newland, Danielle Sackrider, Shirel Hart, Cindy Sigman

**State Qualifier Show:** Connie Miracle, Cindy Sigman, Diane Zinsmaster, Danielle Sackrider

**Gymkhana Fundraiser Show :** Shirel Hart, Peggy Geruszka, Diane Zinsmaster, Tatianna Geruszka (teen)

**Pleasure Fundraiser Show:** Andrea Littlefield, Kelli Trail.

**Driving:** Bobbi Jo Newland, Danielle Sackrider.

**Stall Committee:** Norma Switalski/Tumbleweed, Shelli Carpenter/Buckaroos, Desperados/TBA, Patti Adams/Stirrup Fun, Karin Fleetwood/T & C, Lisa DeLeo/Trailblazers, Amy Taylor/Sauwauseebee.

**Constitution/County rules Committee:** Shirel Hart/Gymkhana, Bobbi Jo Newland/Driving, Kelli Trail/Jumping, Dressage/TBA, Connie Miracle /T&C, Lisa DeLeo/Trailblazers, Cindy Sigman/Tumbleweed, Amy Taylor/Sauwauseebee, Teresa Hufstedler/Buckaroos, Diane Zinsmaster/Desperados.

**Point Committee:** Tabled until the February Meeting. Would like a representative from every club.

*\*Next Meeting: February 2<sup>nd</sup> Info Session at 6:00pm - Pleasure.*

11. EVA UPDATES: Donor packets being prepared for February.

\*Youth Council species/still project, fundraiser sale will be March 12th, 10 am to 1 pm, tables available \$8.00, 10x10 space \$20.00, Centerville Elementary.

State Awards applications due by Feb. 1st. completed, mailed, emailed.

PQA Hog training date is January 12th.

4-H Camp Counselor application process will be opening soon, look online.

4-H Senior and College student Scholarships opening online soon.

Scholarships available from Youth Council are: 2- \$500.00. 3-\$750.00. 1-\$1000.00, 2-\$1500.00.

12. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Tereasa Hufstedler, seconded by Michelle Chupp-Shears to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Geruszka, Secretary

**Next Meeting: February 2, 2016 @ 6:30 pm.**