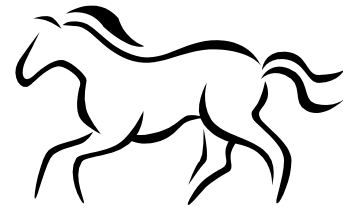




St. Joseph County, MI
4-H HORSE COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 29, 2016

President: Diane Zinsmaster (absent)
Vice President: Pam Cook (Tumbleweed)
Treasurer: Tereasa Hufstedler (Buckaroos)

Secretary: Peggy Geruszka (Town & Country)
Deputy Treasurer: Shirel Hart (Gymkhana)

Buckaroos: Tereasa Hufstedler **Desperados:** Michelle Chupp-Shears **Town & Country:** Connie Miracle, Karin Fleetwood, Tatianna Geruszka (teen leader) **Tumbleweeds:** Norma Switalski Cindy Sigman. Andrea Littlefield

Guests: Scott Kline, Vicki Sutton, Gary Lehman, Jaden Chupp-Shears, Hunter Myers, Jorden Chupp-Shears.

Speciality Areas - Cloverbud: Pam Cook **Competitive Trail:** Tereasa Hufstedler, Lori Bowdish **Dressage:** Hannah Stauffer
Driving: Bobbi Jo Newland, Danielle Sackrider **Gymkhana:** Shirel Hart, Peggy Geruszka **Horse Bowl:** None **Horse Judging:** None **Jumping:** Kelli Trail **Reining:** None

1. **Call meeting to order:** 6:35pm. HC Vice President Pam Cook called meeting to order.
2. **Pledge:** Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H pledge were recited.
3. **Approval of February minutes:** Andrea questioned changes for pleasure show showbill. Some discussion on showbill. Motion to approve minutes made by Tereasa Hufstedler second by Shirel Hart. Motion carried.
4. **Secretary Report:** Midstates Team Tournament information read. Sturgis Parade info read and passed around to read. No correspondence.
5. **Treasurer Report:** No bills to report. Motion to accept treasurer report by Hannah Stauffer second by Kelli Trail. Motion carried.
6. **Donors Packets:** Still need some clubs packets to be turned in. Donor sheets from last year's donors are missing in some packets.
7. **Leader Comments:** Connie Miracle attended the Leader/member workshop. She felt it was very interesting and informative. The price is \$99 for the weekend food included. There were several workshops through the weekend. Next year's possibly date is February 2017.
8. **Board Comments:** None.
9. **Discussion:**
 - * Concern from office on trophies not picked up and returned to supplier.
 - * Fair Arenas: Shirel revisited discussion on splitting the arenas on Sunday to save on time at fair. Would split the Megan arena. Would need to hire a judge for trail. Set up a committee to meet and discuss this: Committee members are Kelli Trail, Cindy Sigman, Teresa Hufstedler, Shirel Hart, date for committee to meet is April 14 at 6 pm.
 - * Showbills: Pleasure showbill not available at this time. There is some classes to add.
 - * Driving would like to propose to hire a 2nd judge for driving and donate \$50 toward the judge.

- * State show: Cloverbuds should be on the showbill Saturday after the driving. Correction needed.
- * Horse and pony showmanship should not be combined on the showbill for the state show. There needs to be a pony showmanship all ages.
- * Gymkhana showbill is ready and out.
- * 26 kids get to go to state this year.
- * Reining workout dates need to be schedule for work.
- * Competitive trail workouts are scheduled. August 7th is the final; it will be held at Camp Eberhart.
- * Driving approval for moving the ridden dressage to Saturday, September 10. Bobbi Jo motioned Hannah Stauffer second. Motion passed.
- * Clinic Update: Most spots are filled. T-shirts for attendees are in. Potluck items are finalized.
- * Judges Committee: Judges hired. Sportsmanship/costume Class judges not yet hired.
- * All dates for workouts should be to Tonya.
- * Points Committee: Karen reminded the Horse Council that she is no longer willing to head the points committee and a new committee will need to be formed. Tabled for next meeting.
- * Amendments to rules and regulations:
 - Motion to Amend by Norma that Prairie Ponies in hand points from driving fundraiser will be included in the Prairie Ponies award. Seconded by Andrea Littlefield. Motion carried.
 - Connie in general rules motioned to amend that Flying lead Changes takes Precedence over Simple lead changes. ADD: Lead changes must follow pattern as specified in state 4-H rule book to be considered. Seconded by Karin Fleetwood. Motion carried.
 - Motion to amend : others ARE able to handle horses on showday by Shirel Hart, second by Tatianna Geruszka, Motion carried.
 - Motion to amend Cloverbud and walk trot kids may share a 4-H horse (added in 2014 and voted and passed however was not put in the rule book)
 - Voting by ballot on all rules and regulations proposed changes. Passed unanimously.

10. Eva Updates:

- * Chocolates still available.
- * Trophies voted on Monday night.
- * Christian Ellis Family updates: he is in very serious condition.
- * United Way funded organization. 4-H is now included.
- * 4-H silent auction being organized.
- * Promote Exploration Days. Still time to sign up.
- * 15 or older for camp counselors needed.
- * Reminder for Shots Clinic at Fairgrounds.

11. Motion Carried to Adjourn by Tereasa Hufstedler, second by Shirl Hart. Motion carried.

**Next regularly scheduled meeting:
Tuesday, May 3, 2016, MSU Extension Office**