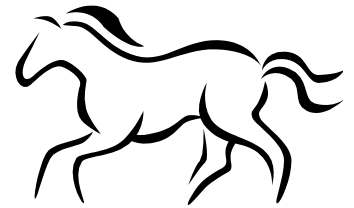




St. Joseph County, MI
4-H HORSE COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes
Tuesday December 6, 2016

President: Diane Zinsmaster (Desperdaos)
Vice President: Pam Cook (TW)
Treasurer: Tereasa Hufstedler

Secretary: Peggy Geruszka (Absent- T&C)
Deputy Treasurer: Shirel Hart (Gymkhana)
4-H Office: Eva Beeker

Specialty Areas: **Buckaroos:** not present, **Desperados:** Diane Zinsmaster & Michelle Chupp Shears, **Town & Country:** Connie Miracle, **Tumbleweed:** Pam Cook, Andrea Littlefield & Norma Switalski, **Sauwauseebee:** Amy Taylor, **Trail Blazers:** Not Present, **Stir Up Fun:** Not present **Competitive Trail:** Not Present, **Dressage:** Hannah Yoder, **Jumping:** Not Present, **Reining:** Not Present, **Cloverbud:** Not Present, **Driving:** Bobbi Newland, Cassie Lewis & Danielle Sackrider

Guests: None

1. Call Meeting to Order: 6:36pm. HC President Diane Zinsmaster called mtg to order.
2. Pledges: 4-H Pledge & Pledge of Allegiance were recited.
3. Approval of Agenda with additional discussion re: Horsemans added: Motion to approve by Hannah Yoder, Second by Shirel Hart. Motion carried.
4. Approval of December 6, 2016 HC meeting minutes. Noted changes to be made: Add Shirel Hart to Gymkhana Specialty Areas, Add Brook Huff to Guests. With Changes Motion to Approve made by Tereasa Hufstedler, Second by Michelle Chupp-Shears.
5. Secretary's Report:
 - a. Correspondence Received: Thank You letter received from Bailey Miracle. Information passed around regarding the American Youth Horse Council Literature.
 - b. Letter received from Buckaroos to dissolve the club. Bank statements, Charter etc need to be turned into Eva.
6. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Monthly Financial Report: Motion to Approve by Andrea Littlefield, Second by Hannah Yoder
 - b. Beginning Balance: \$5399.03
 - c. Ending Balance: \$5408.45
 - d. No current outstanding Bills
7. Public Comment- None
8. Specialty Club Comment- None
9. Leader Comment- Please refer to TW as Tumbleweed, not Tumbleweeds. Need to work on show dates for 2017. Town & Country Tack Sale- Feb 26, 2017 @ Mendon High School.
10. Board Comment- 105 returning youth entries so far this year- Trailblazers have not turned in their club enrollments.
11. Election of 2017 Horse Council Board Officers: Amy Taylor made motion to amend the constitution and by-laws to extend current board members terms. Motion Second by Michelle Chupp-Shears. Motion Carried.
12. Election Results:
 - a. President: Diane Zinsmaster
 - b. Vice President: Pam Cook

- c. Treasurer: Tereasa Hufstedler
- d. Secretary: Danielle Sackrider
- e. Deputy Treasurer: Shirel Hart
- f. At Large Members- Sauwaseebee & Stir-Up Fun

13. Discussion/Action Items:

- a. Master Calendar- circulated and members asked to add show dates etc.
- b. Coggins Clinic and Pony Measuring date- Good turn out last year. Optional dates: March 25, 2017 or April 15, 2017
Diane Zinsmaster to arrange with Fedore Large Animal Clinic.
- c. Spring Sign Up Forms:
 - i. Add kid 4-H # to the form
 - ii. Add Signature Agreeing to Stall shown Horse at fair
 - iii. Add Pony/Horse/Mini
- d. Show dates for 2017- options
 - i. State Qualifier- June 24 & 25
 - ii. State Horse Show- Aug 11-13, 2017
 - iii. Mini State Show- Aug 26, 2017
 - iv. Gymkhana- @ Horseman's- July 8th?
 - v. Pleasure & Driving- July 29/30, Aug 19/20--- other options to be looked at
 - vi. Proposed Pleasure dates at Horseman's: May 27, June 24, July 22 or Aug 5.
 - vii. Ridden/Driven Dressage Fair Show- Sept 9, 2017
- e. Show Help Ideas
 - i. Horseman's will run shows on their grounds
 - ii. Option to raise entry fees to pay for someone to run shows
 - iii. Admin fee day of show
 - iv. Pre-enter- no admin fee
 - v. Discussed option to hire show staff to run shows due to lack of volunteers

14. Committees for 2017

- a. Judge Hiring: Andrea Littlefield, Diane Zinsmaster, Pam Cook & Bobbi Newland
- b. Pony Measuring: Cassie Lewis, Bobbi Newland and Danielle Sackrider
- c. State Qualifier- TBD
- d. Gymkhana Fundraiser Show- TBD
- e. Pleasure Fundraiser Show- TBD
- f. Driving Fundraiser Show- Danielle Sackrider, Bobbi Newland, Cassie Lewis
- g. Constitution/Rules- TBD
- h. Awards- TBD
- i. Stalling- TBD

15. Fair Horse Barns:

- a. Barns 16 & 17 are being renovated into Box Stalls. This will mean changes in stalling at fair. Danielle Sackrider suggested a mini barn in one of the tie barns.
- b. Keep positive at club meetings about sharing of the barns.
- c. Barns 18 & 19 will be done after fair

16. Horseman's: 9 members, Shirel Hart and her husband are on the board. Shirel will act as a liaison between Horseman's and 4-H horse council.

17. Eva's Updates:

- a. Mtg with Bill Johnson re: trailering and stalling for 2017
- b. Wordpress site is down and a St. Joseph County is not able to have a 2nd website per MSU extension rule. All information will be on the MSU extension site, but may take a few weeks to post. Eva interested in alternative ways to get information out to members.
- c. 4-H online Code of Conducts need to be signed.
- d. Facebook Page- St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council
- e. Option of Facebook Horse Council Page? -- Who would create and keep updated? Administer on the page.
- f. HC/YC audits being set up.

- g. New FLSA Law put on hold at this time- Eva to keep HC updated.
 - h. New Treasury Guidelines- must charge tax.
 - i. Horse Mandatory meeting- Jan 31, 2017- Eva is presenting
 - j. Species Dates scheduled- see newsletter, website and FB pages for dates and times.
 - k. Mandatory Leader Meeting Dates: Dec 13, 2016 and January 10. 2017
18. Adjournment: Motion by T. Hufstedler, Second by Bobbi Newland @ 8:30pm

Next meeting: January 3, 2017 @ Glen Oaks – Dresser Business Development Auditorium

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Sackrider