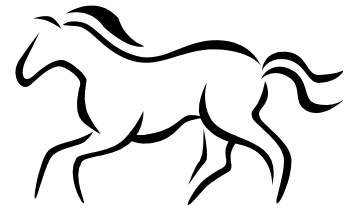




St. Joseph County, MI
4-H HORSE COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 3, 2017

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

Secretary: Danielle Sackrider (Tumbleweed/Driving)
Deputy Treasurer: Shirel Hart (Gymkhana- Absent)
4-H Office: Eva Beeker- Absent

Specialty Areas: **Desperados:** Diane Zinsmaster **Town & Country:** Connie Miracle **Tumbleweed:** Pam Cook, Andrea Littlefield & Norma Switalski **Sauwauseebee:** Not Present **Trail Blazers:** Not Present, **Stir Up Fun:** Patti Adams **Competitive Trail:** Tereasa Hufstedler **Dressage:** Hannah Yoder **Jumping:** Not Present **Reining:** Not Present **Cloverbud:** Not Present **Driving:** Bobbi Newland, Cassie Lewis & Danielle Sackrider

Guests: Clara Graber (helping with Stir-Up Fun if approved for leadership)

1. Call Meeting to Order: 6:31pm. HC President Diane Zinsmaster called mtg to order.
2. Pledges: 4-H Pledge & Pledge of Allegiance were recited.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Connie Miracle, Second by Cassie Lewis. Motion carried.
4. Approval of December 6, 2016 HC meeting minutes. Motion to Approve by Andrea Littlefield, Second by Connie Miracle. Motion Carried.
5. Secretary's Report: None received.
6. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Monthly Financial Report: Motion to Approve by Cassie Lewis, Second by Bobbi Newland
 - b. Beginning Balance: \$5408.45
 - c. Ending Balance: \$5468.62
 - d. No current outstanding Bills
7. Public Comment- None
8. Specialty Club Comment- workouts are being scheduled and will be posted to Facebook pages.
9. Leader Comment- Town & Country Tack Sale- Feb 26, 2017 @ Mendon High School.
10. Board Comment- None
11. Discussion/Action Items:
 - a. Master Calendar- circulated and members asked to add show dates etc. – Please keep adding info.
 - b. Coggins Clinic and Pony Measuring date- Good turn out last year. To be Scheduled for: March 25, 2017 Diane Zinsmaster to arrange with Fedore Large Animal Clinic. Held at Fairgrounds.
 - c. Show dates for 2017- options
 - i. State Qualifier- June 24 & 25- discussed moving to a one day only show with only qualifying classes. Proposal by T. Hufstedler to open to unlimited classes and points given to the top 5 classes per horse/rider combo. Second by Hannah Yoder. Motion passed- unlimited classes at State Qualifier
 - ii. Fuzzy Horse Show- April 30th @ fairgrounds
 - iii. State Horse Show- Aug 11-13, 2017
 - iv. Mini State Show- Aug 26, 2017- Being Confirmed!!!!!!
 - v. Gymkhana- @ Horseman's- July 8th?
 - vi. Pleasure- Sat. Aug 5, 2017 @ Horseman's

- vii. Driving- August 19 & 20- Michigan POA show- Andrea checking to see if the driving show can piggy back and share the fairgrounds that weekend
- viii. Proposed Pleasure dates at Horseman's: May 27, June 24, July 22 or Aug 5.
- ix. Ridden/Driven Dressage Fair Show- Sept 9, 2017????
- d. 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
- e. 2017 Costume Class Theme: "Books"- Motion by Danielle Sackrider, Second by Connie Miracle. Motion carried.
- f. Remember to have members complete a required 4-H animal required livestock meeting for this coming year.

12. 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- . Connie Miracle to lead State Qualifier Show Committee- members to review show bill: Dianne Zinsmaster, Danielle Sackrider, Hannah Yoder and Connie Miracle.
- d. Gymkhana Fundraiser Show- Shirel, Brooke, Diane
- e. Pleasure Fundraiser Show- Andrea Littlefield, Pam Cook (few more members needed)
- f. Driving Fundraiser Show- Danielle Sackrider, Bobbi Newland, Cassie Lewis
- g. Constitution/Rules/Awards- 1 member per club:.H. Yoder (jumping), B. Newland (driving), P. Cook (TW), C. Miracle (T&C), A.Taylor (Sauwauseebe), P. Adams (S.U.F), Diane (Desperados), Jamie (TB), Shirel (Speed)
- h. Stalling- Norma Switalski & Executive Board
- i. Points: Danielle Sackrider (chair), Connie Miracle, Diane Zinsmaster, plus members from each club.

13. Fair Horse Barns:

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

14. Other Topics of Discussion:

- a. Letter of Intent to now include all awards offered at fair: High Point, Please, Prairie Pony etc.
- b. Tonya needs the following information to add to horse sig- up sheets: Add 4-H number to sheets, Signature Agreeing to stall shown horse at fair and Add Pony/Horse/Mini for each animal signed up with each rider.
- c. No Cloverbud stalls at fair this year.
- d. Horse/Pony can only show in one Showmanship class per horse/rider combo- livestock rule.
- e. Email Connie if you have suggestions for state qualifier classes or changes to be made to the show bill.
- f. Discussion re: concerns with footing being deep at Horseman's- idea to run barrels at the opposite end
- g. In hand jumping- must attend 2 workouts to be approved for fair.
- h. Discussed topic of sharing W/T & W/T/C horse between 2 4-H members. Further discussion and review to rules to be held.
- i. HC/YC audits being set up.
- j. Species Dates scheduled- see newsletter, website and FB pages for dates and times.

15. Eva's Updates: Eva was not present.

16. Adjournment: Motion by H. Yoder, Second by T. Hufstedler

Next meeting: February 7, 2016 @ 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Sackrider