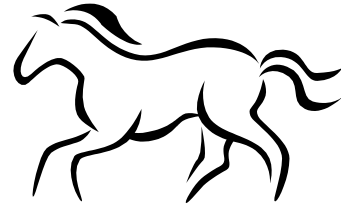




St. Joseph County, MI
4-H HORSE COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2017

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

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

Specialty Areas: **Desperados:** Diane Zinsmaster & Michelle Chupp-Shears **Town & Country:** Connie Miracle & Scott Miracle
Tumbleweed: Pam Cook & Andrea Littlefield **Sauwauseebee:** Amy Taylor **Trail Blazers:** Jaime Terry & Melissa Clark **Stir Up Fun:** Not Present
Competitive Trail: Tereasa Hufstedler **Dressage & Jumping:** Hannah Yoder **Reining:** Not Present **Cloverbud:** Pam Cook
Driving: Bobbi Newland, Cassie Lewis & Danielle Sackrider

Guests: Lori Bowdish

- Call Meeting to Order: 6:40pm. HC President Diane Zinsmaster called mtg to order.
- Pledges: 4-H Pledge & Pledge of Allegiance were recited.
- Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Connie Miracle, Second by Cassie Lewis. Motion carried.
- Approval of January 3, 2017 HC meeting minutes. Approval Tabled until Eva has a chance to review. Will be up for approval at March 2017 meeting. Also up for approval- Rules/Constitution Changes.
- Secretary's Report: Correspondence from Brian and Wendy Wonders from Horseman's Club – Holiday card read.
- Treasurer's Report:
 - Audit with Youth Council went well.
 - Proposed budget for 2017 presented, please review and suggest changes at March mtg- Budget to be approved at March 2017 meeting.
 - Reviewed 2016 proposed vs actual budget.
 - Beginning Balance: \$5468.42
 - Ending Balance: \$5468.72
 - Current Bills- \$43.84 for mailings/postage from Sept 2016-
 - Monthly Financial Report: Motion to Approve by Andrea Littlefield, Second by Shirel Hart, Motion approved.
- Public Comment- None
- Specialty Club Comment- workouts have been scheduled and will be posted to Facebook pages.
 - Show date for Driven/Ridden Dressage needed- Bobbi to contact Bill for approval of August 26, 2017 at Fairgrounds- Motion to approve show date by T. Hufstedler, Second by H. Yoder, motion carried.
 - Shirel asked for discussion about moving Gymkhana day for fair.
 - Gymkhana Workout Dates – 6-8pm all dates: Following dates at Horseman's: May 30, June 13, July 11, Aug 8
Following dates at Fairgrounds: June 26, July 24, Aug 22.
 - Shirel is willing to attend club workouts as well.
 - Driving/In-Hand workout dates- all at fairgrounds and 6:30-8pm. June 8, 13, 22, 27, July 13, 25, Aug 10, 15, 24
 - State Qualifier and Driving fundraiser show will count as workout dates for approval to show at fair

- CLOVERBUD: Pam Cook attended a county wide meeting on 2/7/17.
 - We will no longer require an attached lead for showmanship and ridden classes due to safety concerns
 - Cloverbud workouts to be scheduled to work on showmanship patterns
 - Discussion about offering/option to participate in more than one class with 3 class max- walk or w/t classes only.
 - 15 countywide cloverbuds currently
 - Need to create cloverbud only sign up sheets.
- Leader Comment- Town & Country Tack Sale- Feb 26, 2017 @ Mendon High School.
- Board Comment- Stalling for fair 2017- Previous stall count in 2016 was 127, 2017 will have 104 stalls- 56 box, 48 tie. Stalling committee will be meeting to discuss how to distribute stalls. Highly unlikely that mini's or ponies will be in box stalls. Very likely that all clubs will be mixed in barns this year. Please start prepping your club members for this change.
- Discussion/Action Items:
 - Master Calendar- circulated and members asked to add show dates etc. – Please keep adding info.
 - Coggins Clinic and Pony Measuring date- March 25, 2017 8:30am-12pm @ fairgrounds with Dr. Fedore- gates open at 8am. Diane will get prices and forms to be pre-filled out.
 - Shelhamer Benefit Dinner is February 25, 2017 at the FOP. 4-H youth needed to help serve, wear club shirts to support this benefit. Contact Shirel, Pam, Diane or Teresa to help.
 - Discussion about using MSU horse judging team for some of our shows- especially trail classes
 - Show dates for 2017-
 - i. State Qualifier- June 24 & 25 2017 @ fairgrounds- judges are being hired
 - ii. Fuzzy Horse Show- April 30th @ fairgrounds
 - iii. State Horse Show- Aug 11-13, 2017
 - iv. Mini State Show- Aug 20, 2017
 - v. Gymkhana- @ Horseman's- July 8th - same show bill as last year, Admin fee of \$5 per horse/rider combo- Fee waived if turned in by June 25, 2017. Judge is JoAnn Kosaruc. Motion to approve by T. Hufstedler, Second by B. Newland, Motion carried
 - vi. Pleasure- Sat. Aug 5, 2017 @ Horseman's- judge has been hired- Discussed possibility of walk only classes being offered, as other counties are doing this. Admin fee of \$5 per horse/rider combo. Judge is Jodi Prime. Show Bill motion to approve by T. Hufstedler, Second by S. Miracle, motion carried.
 - vii. Driving/In-Hand Fundraiser Show: Date Sat July 1, 2017 @ Fairgrounds, Judge James McKeith has been hired, Added in-hand and driving fun classes – Admin fee per horse/rider, Pre-register by June 21 and waive fee, Camping being offered, Box stalls being offered, Driving program kids to clean out. Driving budget proposed: \$600 for grounds, \$350 for judge, \$50 for Ribbons, \$150 payback, \$100 for 2nd judge, \$270 for donation, \$200 match funds and some monies from previous years donors. Motion to approve date, budget and show bill by T. Hufstedler, Second by M. Chupp-Shears, Motion Carried.
 - viii. Proposed Pleasure dates at Horseman's: May 27, June 24, July 22 or Aug 5.
 - ix. Ridden/Driven Dressage Fair Show- August 26, 2017
 - x. **Please bring work assignment sheets to the March 7th meeting**
 - Costume Class Theme- BOOKS
 - Remember to have members complete a required 4-H animal required livestock meeting for this coming year.
 - Youth Council Fundraiser- April 21st at the Fairgrounds- volunteers needed to help monitor the barn.
 - YC is asking 4-H clubs to donate a basket for the auction.
 - Camp Eberhart is looking for youth 14 & up to volunteer with their horse program. Youth will get community service hours.
 - **Donor packets handed out- Turn in at the March 7th meeting**
 - Feb 21, 2017 @ Glen Oaks- Committee to meet to look at the following:
 - Fair awards- changing and fitting to current needs
 - Fairbook changes to match rules changes made.
 - Add to March Agenda- Rules/Constitution changes needing to be approved
 - Walk/Trot sharing of horses- waiting for Eva's final decision

- Committees for 2017
 - Judge Hiring: Andrea Littlefield, Diane Zinsmaster, Pam Cook & Bobbi Newland
 - Pony Measuring: Cassie Lewis, Bobbi Newland and Danielle Sackrider
 - State Qualifier- . Connie Miracle to lead State Qualifier Show Committee- members to review show bill: Dianne Zinsmaster, Danielle Sackrider, Hannah Yoder and Connie Miracle.
 - Gymkhana Fundraiser Show- Shirel, Brooke, Diane
 - Pleasure Fundraiser Show- Andrea Littlefield, Pam Cook (few more members needed)
 - Driving Fundraiser Show- Danielle Sackrider, Bobbi Newland, Cassie Lewis
 - 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)
 - Stalling- Norma Switalski & Executive Board
 - Points: Danielle Sackrider (chair), Connie Miracle, Diane Zinsmaster, plus members from each club.
- Fair Horse Barns:
 - 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.
 - Barns 18 & 19 will be done after fair
- Eva's Updates:
 - Thanks for feedback from the required horse meeting
 - Fair changes being made- looking for a still barn superintendent.
 - Support YC and the silent Auction
- Adjournment: Motion by T. Hufstedler, Second by M. Chupp-Shears

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Sackrider

Next meeting: March 7, 2017 @ 6:30pm