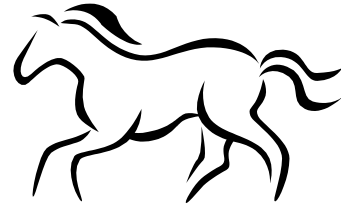




St. Joseph County, MI
4-H HORSE COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes
March 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

Clubs & Specialty Areas: **Desperados:** Diane Zinsmaster, **Town & Country:** Connie Miracle, **Tumbleweed:** Pam Cook & Andrea Littlefield, **Sauwaseebee:** not present, **Trail Blazers:** Jaime Terry, **Stir Up Fun:** Patti Adams, Clara Graberk Jennifer Gump, **Competitive Trail:** Tereasa Hufstedler **Dressage & Jumping:** Hannah Yoder **Reining:** Not Present **Cloverbud:** Patti Adams **Driving:** Bobbi Newland, Cassie Lewis & Danielle Sackrider

Guests: none

- Call Meeting to Order: 6:36pm. HC President Diane Zinsmaster called mtg to order.
- Pledges: 4-H Pledge & Pledge of Allegiance were recited.
- Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by H. Yoder, Second by Jamie Terry. Motion carried.
- Approval of January 3, 2017 and February 7, 2017 HC meeting minutes- Motion to approve by T. Hufstedler, Second by B. Newland, Motion Carried.
- Approval of Rules/Constitution/Fairbook Changes as presented: Motion to approve by C. Miracle, Second by P. Adams. Motion Carried.
- Secretary's Report: Information shared re: the Mid-States Team Tournament, in interested in attending and forming a team, Danielle has the information.
- Treasurer's Report:
 - Beginning Balance: \$5468.72
 - Ending Balance: \$5568.80
 - There was a \$100 check donated to the driving program from the MI Horse Drawn Association.
 - Monthly Financial Report: Motion to Approve by P Adams, Second by H. Yoder, Motion approved.
- Public Comment- Shelhammer Benefit went well. Nice turn out. Silent Auction was great. \$2,574.00 was raised so far.
- Specialty Club Comment- See facebook pages and 4-H website for workout dates and show bills- being uploaded by Tonya.
 - H. Yoder has been given some show clothes, let her know if anyone has a youth needing some clothes.
 - Discussed idea of bringing any tack/clothes to shows to share/exchange/recycle
 - There is need for a size 1 boot for a youth if anyone has a pair.
 - T. Hufstedler will be emailing the competitive trail rules and dates. Come with a helmet and breast collar, English or Western wear. Halter and lead rope needed under the bridle.
 - Driving Information meeting scheduled for March 16, 2017 @ 6:30pm @ the Mendon Library. There is a lot to go over on the agenda. Need a member of the youth's family or youth present for the meeting.
 - Cloverbud- Pam Cook resigned as the cloverbud county coordinator. Patti Adams accepted the position. Motion by S. Hart, Second by T. Hufstedler. Motion Carried.

- Leader Comment- Town and Country Tack Sale went well. About a \$1000 profit
- 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:
 - Donor Packets- need to be turned in by 3/10/17
 - Trophies- 2 horse youth picked out the trophies for this year. HC agreed with selection.
 - Master Calendar- circulated and members asked to add show dates etc. – Added Mini State Show for August 20, 2017
 - 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.
 - Horse Sign-Up Sheets: Changes made
 - 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, show bill is being changed
 - 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- has been signed. Pre-order of t-shirts is coming.
 - vi. Pleasure- Sat. Aug 5, 2017 @ Horseman's- contracts in place.
 - vii. Driving/In-Hand Fundraiser Show: Date Sat July 1, 2017 @ Fairgrounds, Contracts in place.
 - viii. Ridden/Driven Dressage Fair Show- August 26, 2017
 - ix. Please bring work assignment sheets to the March 28th meeting**
 - Youth Council Fundraiser- April 21st at the Fairgrounds- volunteers needed to help monitor the barn.
 - i. YC is asking 4-H clubs to donate a basket for the auction.
 - Barn Decorating Ideas:
 - Unified Club Banners
 - Seasons
 - Books

- Eva's Updates:
 - Walk/Trot sharing of horses- Eva's decision is NO sharing of horses.
 - There is a 3 County Healthy Living Event scheduled for April 29, 2017 at the Doyle Center in Sturgis. Volunteers needed.
 - Stalling at fair no longer will have the Herdsmanship due to stalling changes.
 - April 26-May7 , 2017 is the TSC paper clover sale.
 - Michigan State is looking for host families for the International Exchange program this summer- hosting a student for one month.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Sackrider

Next meeting: March 28, 2016 @ 6:30pm