



St. Joseph County, MI 4-H Horse Council



Meeting Minutes Nov. 7, 2017

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

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

Clubs & Specialty Areas: **Desperados:** Diane Zinsmaster, Michelle Chupp-Shears **Town & Country:** Connie Miracle, Sarah Franklin
Tumbleweed: P. Cook, Andrea Littlefield **Sauwaseebee:** absent **Trail Blazers:** M. Clark, J. Terry **Stir Up Fun:** Patti Adams
Competitive Trail: Tereasa Hufstedler **Dressage & Jumping:** Hannah Yoder **Reining:** Not Present **Cloverbud:** Patti Adams **Driving:** Bobbi Newland, Cassie Lewis & Danielle Sackrider

Guests: Barb Weston, Katie Staples

- Call Meeting to Order: 6:39pm. HC President Diane Zinsmaster called mtg to order.
- Pledges: 4-H Pledge & Pledge of Allegiance were recited.
- Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by S. Hart, Second by M. Chupp-Shears. Motion carried.
- Approval of Aug 29, 2017 HC meeting minutes- Motion to approve by C. Mirable, Second by H. Yoder, Motion Carried.
 - **Secretary's Report:** Correspondence Received- Thank you letters from the following: Brooke Gabbard, Bailey Miracle, Kal Wesse, Alivia Stuart, Megan Zinsmaster, Gunner Bunning, Sauwaseebee Horse Club, Dylan Putman, Kadence Jennett, Kelsey Lehman, Zach Sackrider, Savannah Taylor, Eva Beeker, Tatianna Geruszka, Sabrina Griffith, Kali Reeg, Brandan Williamson, Calli Kirkendall, Allison Littlefield, The Miracles, Megan Schlabach. Letters were nicely done by the 4-H youth.
- **Treasurer's Report:**
 - Beginning Balance: \$5468.62
 - Ending Balance: \$5629.09
 - Bills to be approved: Flowers sent to hospital for 4-h youth, Flowers and Candy given at Fair, trophies, Misc expenses from shows, competitive trail awards, Kiwanis fair lunches, livestock association, Shirel for window decals and driving judge.
 - Motion to approve bills as presented by A. Littlefield, Second by H. Yoder. Motion passed.
 - Monthly Financial Report Accepted as presented by D. Sackrider.
- **Public Comment-** none
- **Specialty Club Comment:** Patti Adams is stepping down from cloverbud program. Motion made for Katie Staples to take over the cloverbud horse programming. Motion by Shirel Hart, Second by A. Littlefield. Motion passed.
- **Leader Comment-** A. Taylor has verbally resigned as organizational leader for Sauwaseebee-looking for a member to step up to take over club.
 - Patti Adams has resigned in writing as a 4-H leader and a letter has been submitted to disband the Stir-Up Fun Club.
 - Connie Miracle introduced Sara Franklin (new organizational leader) for Town and Country. Melissa Sweats will become a resource leader. Scott and Connie are keeping leader status to help with the leadership transition, but will be stepping back involvement.
 - Fair stalls discussed- nice, but new stalls are hot. Stall straps broke and need to be fixed for next year.
 - Comments from the awards ceremony were read by D. Zinsmaster and a board response was given. Club leaders are asked to share this information with club members.
 - Discussion re: re-establishing King/Queen- Can not be called king/queen, but could be called ambassador. Is there a leader that wants to take this on?

- Fair Barn Updates- possibility of barns 18 & 19 being renovated for 2018
- Review of showbills- need to look at # of participants/class, review class age splits, review keeping/changing/adding classes.
- Board Comment-
 - Superintendent meeting update-
 - 2018 campers will not be allowed to use 20 amp plugs.
 - Moving lights to LED
 - Better communication needed between Fair Board and 4-H leaders- process being worked out. Tom Miller is the fair board contact with the horse program.
 - 2018- parking with trailers will not be allowed on the North end of the Megan Arena.
 - During fair week- there are 7am meetings to discuss concerns- leaders can parents can attend.
- Discussion/Action Items:
 - Horse Sharing: up for discussion. A. Littlefield will gather some information. Nov. 29th meeting at 5:30 pm to discuss and form a proposal.
 - Barn Decorations- Discussion on the Green/White Theme- positives: barns looked uniform, neater and simplified. Negatives- some like club decorations better.
 - Review of Show bills needed- please look at and bring suggestions. Is a committee needed or does the show committee for each show look at and review show bills and make changes?
 - Review of awards and points needed- need to discuss a committee to do this and meet with donors to discuss changes.
 - 2018 Costume class theme needed- leaders are encouraged to ask kids what they would like. Possibility of a cloverbud costume class.
 - 2018 Committees needed:
 - Awards
 - Constitution/Rules
 - Judge Hiring
 - Pony Measuring
 - Show Committee- SQ, Pleasure, Gymkhana, Driving/In-hand and Stalling
 - Points
 - Cloverbud Update: Eva Presented that Horse program will allow CB to show in 4 classes max: Showmanship, W/t Equitation, W/T Gymkhana and Driving. CB must attend mandatory workouts, be approved by CB leader or club leader. Driving must be approved by Driving leader and parent/adult must be in the cart.
 - CB's can also show rabbits and swine showmanship.
 - CB age 6-8 by Jan 1st.
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- Eva's Updates:
 - Organizational Leader meeting 6:30pm Nov 28, 2017.
 - 2017 Fair- unusual fair, exceptionally hot, did not lose any animals at fair d/t heat
 - Eva is out next week at a National Conference.
 - Parking Next Year- none on the north end of the arena.
 - All contracts need to be sent through state to be signed by MSU legal.
 - Fundraisers need MSU to sign
- Adjournment: Motion by H. Yoder, Second M. Clark @ 9:07pm

Next meeting: Dec 5, , 2017 @ 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Sackrider