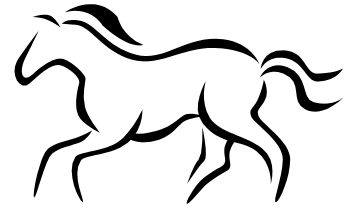




*St. Joseph County, MI*  
**4-H HORSE COUNCIL**



Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2018

President: Diane Zinsmaster (Desperados)  
Vice President: Danielle Sackrider (TW/Driving)  
Treasurer: Jaime Terry (Trail Blazers)

Secretary: Bobbi Newland (Driving)  
Deputy Treasurer: Shirel Hart (Gymkhana)  
4-H Office: Eva Beeker

**Clubs & Specialty Areas:** **Desperados:** Michelle Shears, Wendy Wonders, Brian Wonders, Danny Hargett, Kelly Reeg, Kali Reeg, Megan Zinsmanster and Brandon Williamson **Town & Country:** Sara Franklin Connie & Scott Miracle  
**Tumbleweed:** Pam Cook **Trail Blazers:** Melissa Clark **Competitive Trail:** Tereasa Hufstdele, Lori Bowdish & David Bowdish **Dressage & Jumping:** Hannah Yoder **Reining:** Not Present **Gymkhana:** Brook Huff **Cloverbud:** Katie Staples  
**Driving:** Cassie Lewis

**Guest:**

- Call meeting to order: HC President Diane Zinsmaster call the meeting to order at 6:32PM
- Pledges: 4-H Pledge & Pledge of Allegiance were recited.
- Approval of Agenda: Jaime Terry made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Shirel Hart
- Approval of December 2017 HC meeting minutes. Cassie Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes and Tereasa Hufstdele second.
- **Secretary's Report:** Correspondence Received- Thank you letters from the following: Samantha Sigman and Adriana Jury
- **Treasurer's Report:**
  - Tereasa Hufstdele and Pam Cook need to be removed from the Horse Council bank account. Diane Zinsmaster, Jaime Terry and Shirel Hart need to be added to the bank account.
  - Beginning balance: \$5,468.62
  - Ending balance: \$5,518.30
  - Bills to be approved: None
  - Shirel Hart made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented and was seconded by Hannah Yoder
- **Public Comment:** None
- **Leader Comment:** Town & Country's Tack Sale is scheduled for February 24, 2018
- **Board Comment:** None
- **Discussion/Action Items:**
  - Committee Membership & Updates
  - Constitution/Rules/Fairbook meeting is scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup> at 530PM
  - Awards & Points Committee: Recommendations to consider for streamlining the points process
    - ◆ The committee suggested all point awarding shows should be rated that same-either with 6 or 8 placings
    - ◆ Continue to have pre-sign up's for the awards-this helps to pre-create the points sheet prior to fair and other shows
    - ◆ Alphabetize points award sheets by member, not by club & member. Last year the sheets were alphabetical by club and then members alphabetical. This year eliminate the club order
    - ◆ Continue use of excel sheets
    - ◆ Eliminate all awards-get back to basics and use of ribbons/trophies
    - ◆ Only count fair shows towards points (some awards already do this)

- ◆ Eliminate prorated counting for awards-use only straight points
- ◆ Enlist an “assigned” leader to oversee an award and the counting of those points. The chair is support and keeps information
- ◆ Michelle Stears made a motion to leave the awards the same. Wendy Wonders seconded the motion. The motion was tabled. The committee will review the suggestions and vote at the next meeting.
- Judge Hiring: Diane Zinsmaster, Hannah Yoder, Tereasa Hufsteder and Bobbi Newland
- Pony Measuring: will be held at the coggins clinic and one of the driving workouts.
- Coggins Clinic: Diane Zinsmaster will contact Dr. Fedore to check on possible dates
- State Qualifier Show- The committee discussed holding the pleasure classes, dressage and speed classes on Saturday. The committee proposed to move the driving portion of the show on Sunday. The show would start at 9:00 A.M. The committee also discussed removing points from the State Qualifier Show.
  - \*Brooke Huff made a motion to leave points for awards at State Qualifier, fundraiser show and fair. Lori Bowdish seconded the motion. The motion was voted down 10 to 5.
  - \*Wendy Wonders made a motion to have points towards awards removed from the State Qualifier Show and to only allow kids to participate in five classes. Jaime Terry seconded the motion. The motion was passed 9 to 6.
- Driving Fundraiser Show-The Driving Fundraiser Show bill was presented and reviewed. Pam Cook made a motion to approve the show bill as presented. Tereasa Hufsteder seconded the motion. The motion was passed with no objections.
- Gymkhana Fundraiser Show- Shirel Hart and Brooke Huff are still working on the show bill.
- Pleasure Fundraiser Show- Show is scheduled for July 29, 2018. Trail Blazers and Desperados will be working on the show bill.
- Connie Miracle will be doing inventory of ribbons, so an order can be placed for 2018 show season.
- Proposal & Discussion for Horse Sharing- Proposal stands from last meeting because Andrea Littlefield did not receive any additional thoughts or ideas. Tereasa Hufsteder made a motion to approve the proposal as presented for one year and then review for changes. Katie Staples seconded the motion. The proposal was voted down 6 to 8. Melissa Clark proposed horse sharing for walk/trot and cloverbuds. Wendy Wonders seconded the motion. The motion was tabled until the February meeting, so a proposal could be created.
- Leaders Meeting- Reminder that Leaders Meeting January 16, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. and February 21, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. Meeting will be held at the Nora Hagen in Glen Oaks Community College.
- No updates were given about Horseman or Kal Val Show dates
- Megan Holy Show is scheduled for June 9, 2018 at Kal Val.
- Eva’s Updates:
  - Andrea Littlefield was looking for horse industry handbooks. Two new books have been ordered and are available to be checked out.
  - Youth Council and Horse Council will be doing financial review on January 18, 2018
  - Horse Council will be receiving donor packets at February meeting
  - Youth Council hopes to have the Silent Auction during the Home and Garden Show this year. The money raised from the silent auction will go towards scholarship programs, trips, 4-H programs, etc.
  - Survey Monkey request will be sent out to all 4-H members in the next few days to try and get ideas about trophies.
  - March 5, 2018 will be award presentation night. 4-H members are welcome to attend to help pick out awards for fair.
  - Livestock required meeting dates and times are on the website.
- Cassie Lewis announced that the Driving and In-Hand meeting will be held March 22, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. at Mendon Public Library.
- A motion was made by Tereasa Hufsteder to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Scott Miracle. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 P.M.