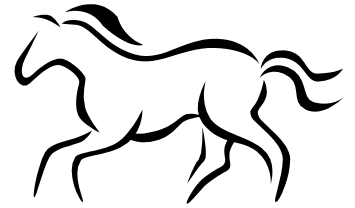




*St. Joseph County, MI*  
**4-H HORSE COUNCIL**



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Feb. 6, 2018**

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

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

**Clubs & Specialty Areas:** **Desperados:** Michelle Chupp-Shears, Brian Wonders **Town & Country:** Sarah Franklin, Connie Miracle  
**Tumbleweed:** Not Present **Trail Blazers:** Melissa Clark, Jamie Terry **Competitive Trail:** Tereasa Hufstedler **Dressage & Jumping:**  
Hannah Yoder & Sharon Jones **Reining:** Kasarra Perry **Cloverbud:** Katie Staples **Driving:** Cassie Lewis

**Guests:** Megan Zinsmaster, Sabrina Griffith, Kali Reeg, Lori & Dave Bowdish

- Call Meeting to Order: 6:30pm. HC President Diane Zinsmaster called mtg to order.
- Pledges: 4-H Pledge & Pledge of Allegiance were recited.
- Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve with addition of Ridden/Driven Dressage and Costume Class Theme by S.Hart, Second by T. Hufstedler Motion carried.
- Approval of Jan. 9, 2018 HC meeting minutes - Motion to approve by H. Yoder, Second by M. Chupp-Shears, Motion Carried.
- **Secretary's Report:** Correspondence Received- Thank you letter from Mari Clark.
- **Treasurer's Report:**
  - Beginning Balance: \$5518.30
  - Ending Balance: \$5518.30
  - Minutes from last month received and will be taken to the bank to transfer treasur from T. Hufstedler to J. Terry.
- **Public Comment-** Sabrina Griffith attended and presented to HC her decision to use the \$50 prairie pony award towards participation in local shows this upcoming show season. Authorization will be requested from donor to provide check to Sabrina. HC treasurer will write check and mail to Sabrina Griffith.
- **Specialty Club Comment:** Shirel Hart discussed that most gymkhana workouts will be held at horseman's. If clubs would like Shirel to attend their workouts contact her or Brooke to arrange. Dates for workouts are being figured out.
  - Cassie shared that In-hand and Driving will be having a meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm @ the Mendon Library.
- **Leader Comment-** Connie Miracle requested an update on CLARK buckle status from 2017 fair- no information available- Danielle Sackrider to contact Kim Clark to follow up and will send out information to all leaders.
  - Sara Franklin shared the upcoming Tack Sale for Town & Country scheduled for Feb 24<sup>th</sup>. @ Mendon High School.
- **Board Comment-** Diane presented new way for meetings to run: 1. All attempts to stick to 1 hour, 2. Information presented will be given 2-3 minutes to present and individuals will be allowed to ask questions/offer input 1 time with a 2 minute time frame. VP will run the timer. 3. Motions will be presented in a more formal fashion after all discussion.
- **Discussion/Action Items:**
  - Committee Updates given:
    - Points./Awards- Danielle Sackrider discussed Clark Buckle with Kim Clark. Kim is likely to discontinue the Clark Buckle award and will likely support 4-H in other ways. Points meeting will be scheduled to further discuss consistency between all awards.
    - Constitution/Rules/Fairbook- Bobbi Jo sent change requests to the 4-H office. Changes updated to include consistent language, age groups for showing etc.
    - Judge Hiring- Process is held up due to contracts for show dates and grounds not completed by MSU. Judges have been contacted- contracts will be the hold up.
    - Pony Measuring- will be done at the Coggins Clinic and at one workout (date to be determined).
    - Connie Miracle did an informal survey at the mandatory horse meeting with horse members re: points- 26 youth participated in the survey. Following are the questions asked and total responses:
      - Do Fair awards offered encourage you to improve your skills? Yes-24 No- 2

- Would you be more likely to attend a show if you received points for fair awards? Yes-18 No-8
- Do you feel the State Qualifier Show should include fair points? Yes-17 No-7
  - Pleasure Fundraiser Show? Yes-15 No-8
  - Driving Fundraiser Show? Yes-14 No-9
  - Gymkhana Fundraiser Show? Yes- 15 No-9
- Do you normally participate in the State Qualifier? Yes- 19 No- 7
  - Pleasure fundraiser show? Yes-17 No- 8
  - Driving Fundraiser Show? Yes- 14 No- 12
  - Gymkhana Fundraiser Show? Yes- 20 No- 6
- Motion made to allow points from the State Qualifier Show to count for the Prairie Ponies, Eng high Point, Horse with the most heart and Top Ten. Motion by Connie Miracle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shirel Hart. Motion carried.
- State Qualifier Show bill presented. Each exhibitor/horse combo can only show in 5 classes. Motion for approve the show bill by Cassie Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon Jones. Motion carried.
- State Qualifier work detail sheet passed around.
- Gymkhana Fundraiser Show: show bill presented- Motion to use same showbill as last year, but with updated date and time. Motion by T. Hufstedler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Katie Staples. Motion carried.
- Updated motion to amend the gymkhana showbill to split pony age groups to 19 and under and 20 & over. Motion by Kali Reeg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon Jones. Motion passed.
- Driving and In-hand Show- showbill passed last month. Show is scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Pleasure Show – Trailblazers and Desperados will work on the showbill and present next month. Discussion to add Jumping classes. Contact Jamie Terry with any suggestions or changes.
- Fair Class for Ridden and Driven Dressage- tentatively scheduled for September 8, 2018.
- Horse Sharing Proposal: Jamie Terry presented another version for horse sharing. If there are any suggestions contact Jamie. This will be voted on at the March meeting.
- Ribbon Inventory/ordering- Connie Miracle offered to do this task.
- Coggins Clinic- scheduled for April 14, 2018 with Dr. Fedore @ the fairgrounds- get info sheet from Diane.
- Eva's Updates:
  - Leaders meeting scheduled for Feb. 21 @ 6:30pm at the Nora Hagan Theatre at Glenn Oaks. .
  - All contracts need to be sent through state to be signed by MSU legal. This process is taking longer that initial thought.
  - Fundraisers need to be approved by Eva and a follow up review form must be completed for records and audit purposes.
  - Silent Auction for youth council. Colleting club baskets at this time.
  - Youth council is asking that horse council support them in moving all livestock and equine showmanship classes to an alternative award TBD.
  - March 5 @ 6pm is trophy preview night.
  - Scholarship applications forms are due back by March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - HC needs to put together a budget to be approved by HC for the program year.
  - HC minutes are posted on the 4h website as written and presented.
  - Youth council is updating their Facebook page, please join and ask for information to be posted. YC is hoping to use this page as a primary way tot get information to all 4h members.
- Adjournment: Motion by H. Yoder, Second M. Zinsmaster @ 7:40pm

Next meeting: March 6, 2018 @ 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Sackrider