Montcalm County 4-H Horse Leaders
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2015
Montcalm County Fairgrounds

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mike Rasmussen.

Members Present: Joann Pyle, Lori McInnis, Mindy Brennen, Amy Wilcox, Holly Esterling, JoAnne Larson, Barb Altizer, Melanie Rodenhouse, Sherry Brown, Jim Altizer, Chris Bartosiewicz, Sabrina Nyenhuis, Dan Baese, Mike Rasmussen, Darlene Stewart, Tammy Gould, Mike Jensen, Kadren Grawburg, Rachelle Croy

Secretary’s Report – Motion made by JoAnne Larson to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Joann Pyle. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – given by Linda Uzelac. Balance in checking of $5,776.99, balance of Chemflex of $3,923.01. Current balance on construction loan to the fair board is $24,900.00

Proposed budget made by Linda. Motion made by Joann Pyle to include a line item on the budget that the $890 received from the blood drive be earmarked for speakers in the barn. Motion to accept proposed budget the above amendment Joann Larson, seconded by Chris B. Motion carried. Proposed budget with above amendment carried.

MSU Extension Report – None

Unfinished and New Business
Horse Leaders Management Book update. Barb Altizer provided copies of the following to replace/add to the book.

1. Constitution – no updates, just cleaned up.
2. Rules and Regulations – #22 added swapping of horses at fair
3. Montcalm County 4-H Fair Horse and Pony Rules – updated to include “C” section for barns, V.B. Scoring State Points – updated to include that highest point earners move on to state.

Fair Week Class and Trophy Sponsors. Barb Altizer provided an update – the fair board has approved that 4-H members are now allowed to obtain class and trophy sponsors. $10 for class
and $25 for trophy. 75% of the proceeds goes to cost of awards, 25% of proceeds goes to the campground bathhouse “account”.

Buckle Series: Agreed that we will hold 5 shows in 2015, still on Thursday. Volunteers to work the show: Lakeview 4-H/Stars, Stripes & Snips, BWR, Hoofbeaters, Sand Lake Saddle Slickers/Tri-County, Evergreen/Elements of Grace. Fun show committee to determine dates and provide at next meeting.

Fun Shows: Agreed to hold 2 pleasure shows before fair. New for this year – open to all ages. To be held on Thursday, one in May and one in June. Fun Show committee to determine dates and provide at next meeting.

Cancellation of Buckle Series and Fun Shows: Mike Rasmussen and Barb Altizer will determine if shows will be cancelled due to weather and/or arena conditions. Cancellation of show must be determined by 4 p.m.

Summer Horsefest: Update provided by Sabrina Nyenhuis.
1. Reviewed that 100% of the horseshow profits goes to the horse leaders. The horse leaders are only responsible for the horse show. The other venues are handled by Joel Nyenhuis and his “crew”.
2. AHCA – has decided to hold a clinic on Friday for members and non-members to practice on the equipment. The cost is $35/horse. All of the proceeds from Friday will be donated to horse leaders. We do not have to work this event.
3. Dressage has been sanctioned by Glass-Ed
4. Sue Hughes has been secured as the dressage judge.
5. Waiting for P.A.C. and MOHSC sanctioning
6. Joel is working on NBHA and NPBA sanctioning.

Meeting adjourned by Mike at 8:10

Next meeting is February 10, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Upcoming deadlines:
May 1, 2015 – Horse Registration Forms are due by 4 p.m. to Extension Office.
June 1, 2015 Horse Record Books by 4 p.m. to Extension Office
Concession Stand and Ash Building Host Request form to Extension Office
Early Release Request Forms to Extension Office
Stall Request Form to Extension Office
June 10, 2015 – Horse Substitution Request Form to Extension Office
June 21st – 27th, 2015 – Fair Week! “We Got a Good Thing Growing”