Horse Leaders Meeting
October 8, 2013
Montcalm County 4-H Fairgrounds

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Vice-President Altizer.

Members Present: Barb and Jim Altizer, Sandy Spittka, Holly Esterling, Linda Uzelac, Tammy Gould, Kadren Grawburg, Don Baese, Mike Jensen, Joanne Pyle and Heidi Terry

- Secretary’s Report – Motion made by Jim, seconded by Holly to accept Secretary’s Report. Motion carried.
- Treasurer’s Report – Current balance $7,597.22. Motion made by Holly, seconded by Kadren to accept Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried.
- Extension report – No report given.
- Fairboard Report –
  - Any noticed repairs are to be brought to the attention of Shari Potter. She can be contacted by email at Fairground.bldgrental@yahoo.com, or 616-550-7184.
  - The Fairboard approved the stall donation being a mandatory fee.
  - Winter storage will take place in the barn on the fairgrounds from October 31 through the first Saturday in April. After that the Fairgrounds are open for free rental to 4-H clubs to hold practices there until fair.
  - Fairboard has decided it would be a “good idea” to purchase their own equipment for the rentals, so the Horse Leader’s equipment is not used.
  - 4-H Fairboard Annual meeting is October 29th, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting at the Ash Building.

Unfinished and New Business:
- Sandy mentioned they had a potential sponsor for the Novice and Intermediate high point award winners. It was suggested that we purchase bridle bags or something similar as awards, as too not take away from the specialness of the advanced belt buckle.

- A sign up for committees was sent around and will be available next month also. The chair is responsible to contact the others on the list to set up times for the committees to meet.
  - Committees:
    - **Buckle Series** – Chair: Barb Altizer; Members: Jim Altizer, Don Baese, Tammy Gould and Mike Jensen
    - **Announcers Booth/Bleachers** – Chair: Holly Esterling; Members: Jim Altizer, Don Baese, Joann Pyle and Kadren Grawburg
    - **Fair Book Addition/Awards** – Chair: Sandy Spittka; Members: Holly Esterling
    - **Fun Shows** – Chair: ?; Members: Sandy Spittka
  - The Fair Book and Fun Show committees need more members if anyone is interested
• We discussed sending a letter to all members and also having Rebecca put it in the weekly news letter about the mandatory stall fees being due May 1st along with the Coggins Test, Pictures and Registration form. Sandy will contact Rebecca about this.

• Don brought up the possibility of larger more experienced clubs helping smaller inexperienced clubs for fair. This will also be added to the e-news.

• It was a suggested and approved to change the next meeting from Tuesday November 12th to Wednesday November 13th due to a conflict with MIHA that involved numerous members.

Motion made by Don, seconded by Linda to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Spittka
Secretary