Montcalm County 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2014  
Montcalm County Fairgrounds

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mike Rasmussen.

Members Present:  Kadren Grawburg, Mike Rasmussen, Jo Ann Larson, Monica Larson, Darlene Stewart, Joann Pyle, Linda Uzelac, Sabrina Nyenhuis, Nicole Pfeiffer, Mike Jensen and Don Baese

Secretary’s Report:  No minutes were available and will be presented at the next meeting.

Treasurer’s Report:  Linda reported balances of:  Checking- $1,656.31 and Chemflex - $3,920.10 for a total amount of $5,576.41.  

Motion made by Baese to accept the report as presented, supported by Pyle.  Motion carried.

Extension Report:  None.

Old Business:

- Fair Horse Awards:  
  o As a follow up to last meeting, Sabrina presented several options for items that could be awarded to top overall novice and intermediate riders at fair.  The consensus was to award the grooming tote.  She will present buckle choices at next meeting.

- Equine Area Sound System:  
  o Mike reported that Paul Spittka estimated that it would cost approximately $3,000 to $3,500 to replace the equine area sound system.  There is uncertainty regarding what actually needs to be replaced.  Mike will either meet with Paul or invite him to attend the next meeting to get a better idea as to specific purchases and costs.
  o Discussion followed as to how to pay for the sound system.  Fundraising and the seeking of donors were mentioned.  There was also related discussion in regard to ownership and usage of the sound system, as well as reimbursement, in case of damage.

- Horse Bleacher Pavilion:  
  o Joann mentioned that the volunteers who put the roof on the bleacher pavilion are willing to come back and finish the work (siding on gable ends and metal on ceiling).

- Horse Announcer’s Booth:  
  o Don is looking for someone to head up the drywall/painting work in the announcer’s booth so the woodwork can be completed.

- Fair Assignments:  
  o Mike wants to complete club and worker assignments for all shows at the next meeting.

- Coggins Test Reminder  
  o Leaders were reminded of getting Coggins Tests and submitting horse entries by May 1.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Baese