Horse Leaders Meeting
September 10, 2013
Montcalm County 4-H Fairgrounds

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Rasmussen

Members Present: Mike Rasmussen, Barb and Jim Altizer, Sandy Spittka, Holly Esterling, Linda Uzelac, Tammy Gould, Sherry Brown, Melanie Rodenhouse, Chris Bartosiewicz, Kadren Grawberg, Don Baese, Mike Jensen and Dan Wisinski

- Secretary’s Report - Motion made by Chris, seconded by Kadren to accept the Secretary’s Report. Motion carried.
- Treasurer’s Report - Current balance $7311.89. Motion made by Chris, seconded by Kadren to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried.
- Extension Report - No report given.
- 4-H Fairboard Report –
  - 19 year-olds can show with no requirements besides a service project.
  - Possibility brought up of having 8 year-olds show...there is to be more discussion on this at the Fairboard level.

Unfinished Business:
- Fair wrap-up:
  - The change to horse show schedule worked, the moving of reining especially worked nice.
  - Suggested change to the times from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Friday for speed.
  - Kadren asked if the Fairboard could change the times of the honors pictures as it falls in the middle of speed classes.
  - Sherry suggested making Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion reusable banners to go on the stalls for these winners. The other species will be doing this next year.
  - Voted to have a novice and intermediate high point award for these divisions. The award will be a trophy, winner announced with the buckle winners and walk/trot winners.

New Business:
- Barb suggested we order generic horseshoes to replace the dates on the trophies to make the trophies reusable year to year.
- Motion made by Barb, seconded by Don to add a sentence to the horse leader rules as follows: “Independent riders not affiliated with a 4-H club is not eligible to earn state horse show points nor is eligible to represent Montcalm County as a state horse show delegate.” Motion carried.
- Tabled open riders till a future date.
- Fairground usage fee of $25 per club or $5 per rider up to 5 riders to use the fairgrounds for practice AFTER fair. Linda is to get more information on what constitutes BEFORE fair, when the clubs can practice for free.
• Motion made by Sherry, seconded by Kadren to make the stall “suggested donation” a NON REFUNDABLE stall fee, due May 1st with the horse registrations, photos and COGGINS. All of these are due MAY 1st or the 4-H’er is ineligible to show at fair. Motion carried. *An actual receipt from a vet showing the Coggins has been pulled prior to MAY 1st is acceptable if the Coggins has not come in the mail yet.
  - Chris will redo registration forms to show changes.

• Some discussion of a vet certificate requirement to show at fair.....tabled.

• Some missing equipment was brought up. Suggested we make a list of all the horse leader’s equipment, and lots of discussion on how to keep the horse leaders equipment secure from the rentals.

• Motion made by Mike J., seconded by Sherry to change the rules for Gymkhana Equitation to include “Only horse not ridden in Western Horsemanship or English Equitation classes can ride in the Gymkhana Equitation.” Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for October 8, 2013 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Spittka
Secretary