HORSE LEADERS MINUTES
January 14, 2013
7:00 p.m.
Mecosta County Services Bldg.

Clubs Present: Stanwood Pioneers, Unbridled, Little Britches, Silver Spurs, Hats to Hooves, Hooves of Thunder, Blazing Broncs, Range Riderz, Rambling Riders, Outback Riders, Hippology Club

Clubs Absent: Tamarack Town & Country

The meeting was called to order at 7:00.

Janet Snider motioned to accept the minutes from the January meeting. Liza Ing seconded and the motion was passed.

The Treasurer’s Report was presented. Janet Snider motioned to accept the Treasurer’s report as submitted. Tammy Belka seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Melissa stated that everyone needs to make sure that the medical forms need to be filled out completely, some of them were incomplete.

The State 4-H Horse Show was discussed and because it has been an issue for the past few years getting volunteers it will be necessary to get volunteers signed up before we allow the kids to sign up. The deadline for signing up for State will be July 5, and the checks will need to be made out to the Mecosta County Horse Leaders.

Handbook Review – Education Points – Deb Dygert made a motion to give 2 points to members being on 4-H Council and then 1 point for attending each meeting. Linda Probst seconded. The motion failed by a roll call vote with 6 voting against, 4 voting for the motion and 1 club abstaining. Terri Ouderkirk motioned to cap the amount of points per member at 6 pts for attending Horse Leaders meetings, 4-H Council meetings, and Youth Committee meetings. Liza Ing seconded. Passed.

Mary Gillum motioned to accept the handbook changes as presented, Liza Ing seconded and the motion passed.

Horse Show – Tammy Belka motioned to take out kegs and put in Stake Race and keep Down & Back. Janet Snider seconded, motion passed.  

Educational Committee – Liza presented the new record books. Tammy Belka motioned to accept them as presented, Mary Gillum seconded and the motion passed.

Linda Probst motioned to have the Horse Leaders print the handbooks and let the clubs print off the record books. The motion was seconded by Liza Ing and the motion passed.
OLD BUSINESS - Guidelines are set from MSU for the $10 membership fee that is collected from the members, so the money from the horse members cannot be used to help fund the Horse Program. The Hippology Club has horse first-aid kits for sale for $15. 4-H membership cards are available in the 4-H Office.

The horse show dates this year are June 7-9, June 21-23 and fair week is July 7-13. Pony measuring will be held on April 14 from 2:00-4:00.

Youth Presentation – Several 4-H Horse members presented some ideas that they were suggesting to the leaders. Terri Ouderkirk motioned to accept their proposal on Sportsmanship recognition. Tammy Belka seconded and the motion passed. The proposal was to have each leader nominate a member of their club for sportsmanship after each point show and at the end of fair week while it is fresh in their minds. The names would then be compiled and the member with the most votes would get the sportsmanship award and in the case of a tie the leaders could then vote on the members in the tie.

After much discussion about Team Competition, Liza Ing motioned to drop it from the fair showbill this year. The motion was seconded by Terri Ouderkirk and the motion passed.

Tiffany Spedowski adjourned the meeting at 9:00 as we ran out of time.

Respectfully Submitted
Sheila Lee