HORSE LEADERS MINUTES
March 11, 2013
7:00 p.m.
Mecosta County Services Bldg.

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

Clubs Absent: Tamarack Town & Country, Silver Spurs

The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

Minutes – Deb Dygert questioned the motion that eliminated Team Competition, she thought it had been tabled. It was confirmed by several leaders that the motion was valid. Liza Ing motioned to accept the minutes from the January meeting. Jamie Hewson seconded and the motion was passed.

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Tiffany in Sherri’s absence. Terri Ouderkirk motioned to accept the Treasurer’s report as submitted. Angie LaPalm seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Melissa wasn’t present for the Extension Report – Tiffany passed on the PEP has been cancelled because the instructor is not available right now. There are several Coggins clinics coming up: March 24 and April 14 from 1:00-3:00 at the Fairgrounds, April 20 from 11:00-1:00 at the Posse Grounds in Reed City. There will also be two clinics put on by Stonehill – one at the vet clinic and one in Remus. Call Stonehill for dates and times.

Team Competition – Ideas are needed to bring back this competition and make it work the way it was intended. Several ideas were suggested. Youth members were asked to talk to their fellow members and see how they can make this work without all the drama that has been attached to it the last few years.

ROC – This program has been raising funds for their obstacle course. Currently they have raised $520 and they will need $455 to purchase items needed for the course, this leaves $65 that they will give to the horse leaders to help with ribbon costs. It was voted last year to pay the judge for judging the ROC program and that hasn’t happened. Jamie Hewson motioned to pay $25 to last years judge, Jamie Belcher, out of the additional $65. Angie LaPalm seconded and the motion passed.

Terri Ouderkirk asked the Horse Leaders to pay the Hippology competition fees. The cost is $12 and there are 11 participants for a total of $132. Nancy Robbins motioned for the Horse Leaders to pay this fee and Cathy Miles seconded. The motion passed.

A question was raised about the additional insurance fee that the horse leaders collected from their members and turned into the office. Tiffany will check with Melissa about
what happened to this money and why clubs are getting letters saying they have to renew because it hasn’t been paid.

Parades - Eric Little, 4-H Council Member, asked why the horse clubs aren’t riding their horses in the local parades – i.e. 4th of July. Safety issues seem to be the largest concern.

Dairy Booth – Once again the Dairy Booth is looking for volunteers and will pay clubs for manning the booth. There must be two adults and only members 14 or older will be allowed to work in the booth. Contact Melissa if interested.

Tiffany passed out handbooks to leaders present. She also said that the FSU Equestrian Team will be holding the Fast & Fuzzy Horseshow on April 20 at the fairgrounds. They will also be holding a clinic on the 19th at 5:00 – topic TBA.

Tiffany Spedowski adjourned the meeting at 8:15.

Respectfully Submitted
Sheila Lee