HORSE LEADERS MINUTES  
August 13, 2012  
7:00 p.m.  
Mecosta County Services Bldg.

Clubs Present: Stanwood Pioneers, Unbridled, Little Britches, Silver Spurs, Hats to Hooves, Hooves of Thunder, Tamarack Town & Country, Hippology Club, Blazing Broncs

Clubs Absent: Range Riderz, Rambling Riders, Outback Riders

The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

Nancy Robbins motioned to accept the minutes from the March meeting. Liza Ing seconded and the motion was passed.

The Treasurer’s Report was presented. Cathy Miles motioned to accept the Treasurer’s report as submitted. Liza Ing seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Extension Report - The Rough Riders 4-H club has disbanded. The Horse Science and Horse & Horsemanship books are not going to be available through the Extension Office. Newsletters are going to be available online only.

Important dates – Access training will be Thursday, September 13 from 6:30-8:30. That is the only time it will be held. Leader Updates will be held on Saturday, Sept 29 from 9-12 and on Wednesday, Oct. 3 from 6-9.

Fair Recap - There were some safety issues in the practice arena and with kids riding in the arenas in the evening. Stall assignments need to fit the size of the horse. The Roping Program needs some work on defining the classes and the rules. The large speakers during the pleasure shows were disliked and it was the consensus that they shouldn’t be used. It was also suggested that trail be held after the cloverbuds are done with their classes.

State Show – It continues to be a problem getting volunteers. Volunteers need to sign up before riders get to go to state. A rule needs to be added regarding when members start accumulating points.

Year-End – Everyone needs to turn in their sportsmanship nominee. Year-end info needs to be turned into the 4-H Office. Nancy Robbins motioned to let Tiffany spend $1,500 on awards. Cathy Miles seconded and the motion passed. Tiffany will check to see if the MSHS is available on Oct. 21 for the banquet, Oct. 28 is the optional date. The Mecosta County 4-H Awards program will be held on Oct. 6 at MSHS.

Kettunen Center registration is online now. A date will be set in September for painting the wash racks and the stalls. A discussion was held on buying another set of books for
Quiz Bowl and Hippology. Some options will be checked for pricing. Quiz Bowl meetings will start Sept. 11.

The next meeting will be October 8. Election of officers will be held and Committees will be set.

Tiffany Spedowski adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted
Sheila Lee