Mecosta County Horse Leaders Association
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2017


I.  Call to order- 7:03pm by Tiffany Spedowski

II.  Roll Call - Clubs Present;  Barnyard Bunch,  Hats to Hooves,  Hippology,  Hooves of Thunder,  Silver Spurs,  Stanwood Pioneers,  Tamarack Town & Country,  Unbridled

III.  Approval of Minutes - October 2016 Minutes reviewed - Dee motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Jamie.  Minutes Approved.

   ●  Balance in account to ROC:  $241.15

V.  President’s Report
   a.  Current cost to participate in point shows is $15/weekend.  May consider increasing the fee $20 for youth ages 9-19; and charge $10 for cloverbud.
   b.  Sponsorships are down and still need to pay for judges.
   c.  Camping fees for point shows is $15/weekend; campers need to unplug electric after the shows or remove campers between shows.  A $10 fee per day will be charged for campers that are left plugged in.
   d.  A motion was made to increase the point show participation fee to $20 or $50 family cap; and no charge for cloverbud.  Motion accepted by Teri and seconded by Nikki.

VI.  Extension Office Report
   a.  Enrollment deadline has passed but new youth members still accepted until May 1
   b.  State Awards – February 1st (14-19 No Horse) Mark of Excellence Award (11-13) Essay of what 4-H means to them.
   c.  Gearing up for new year

VII.  Guest/Public Comment
   a.  Horse Judging Workshop – Team may be going, date is February 3rd & 4th for a 3hr clinic.
      Cost is $15 to participate.
   b.  WMAHA Clinic in Middleville, February 4th Free Clinic with national judge, David Mikoscz.
      An amazing trainer will be at the clinic, kids must send in an essay of why they have problems w/their horse; trainer will invite 5-6 kids for the clinic and remaining people are auditing.

VIII.  Committee Updates/Reports
   a.  Budget Committee – No Report
   b.  Developmental & Educational – Project books will be shared on 4-H website shortly; horse science books are $11/set.
c. Horse Show & Handbook Review – A list was distributed with proposed changes. Motion to accept the changes was made by Nikki and seconded by Terri (w/out the requirement of vaccinations). Motion passed.
d. ROC Committee – Applications available soon
e. State Horse Show – No Report
f. Tack Sale Committee – Date is Saturday, March 18th
g. Year-End Awards – No Report
h. Youth Committee – Interested youth send email to Liza Ing

IX. Other business
a. Michigan Horse Council – Drill team going to Inauguration. Linda Probst will replace Teri Ourderkirk. Association will need to send a letter to Dee indicating the replacement. MHC meets the first Tuesday of each month.
b. Judging Team – Cost $15 to participate. Competition in March; 5 youth attending (3 senior youth and 2 novice) Kirsten Norton, Vivanne Hill, Sarah Krikke and could use one more senior youth (15-19). A motion was made by Liza to pay $15 each for five (5) youth to participate; seconded by Nikki. Motion passed.
c. Liza is searching for two horses for novice riders in her club.

X. The next Horse leader’s meeting is Monday, March 13th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm. Motion by Dee and 2nd by Jamie.

Respectfully Submitted By
Karen GreenBay, Secretary