Present: Dee Bozek, Deb Dygert, Karen GreenBay, Liza Ing, Chad Leal, Sheila Lee, Linda Probst, Nancy Robbins, Nikki Simcoe, Janet Snider, Tiffany Spedowski, Kim Wilber

I. Call to order- 7:05 pm by Tiffany Spedowski

II. Roll Call- Blazin Broncs’, Boots to Blue Jeans, Hats to Hooves, Hooves of Thunder, Stanwood Pioneers, Tamarack Town & Country, Unbridled

III. Approval of Minutes-October 2015 Meeting- Nikki motioned to approve, Deb seconded. Minutes Approved.

IV. Treasurer’s Report- Current balance-$8,929.15. Check written to Michigan Horse Council for membership - $35.00 Dee motioned to approve, seconded by Deb. Report Approved.

V. Extension Office Report-
  • The Extension Office has extra basketball tickets for the Lady Spartan game – January 16, 2016.
  • Seeking presenters for the Spring Educational Series – Topics such as Science, Geocaching, Gardening, etc. Hands on and engaging workshops would be ideal.

VI. Old Business:
  • No Old Business

VII. New Business
  • Fair week is July 10th – 16th
  • Tammy Belka is the contact person to make camp reservations

VIII. Committee Updates/Reports
  a. Budget Committee – No Report
  b. Developmental & Educational – Record/Project books are up-to-date and on the MSU Extension website at: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/mecosta/4_h_programs
     Once you get to the website, scroll towards the bottom and the horse Project Books for all age groups are at the bottom of the webpage. Project Books are due June 1st. Books will not be turned in at fair week.
  c. Horse Show & Handbook Review – There are a number of changes to the Horse Handbook. Parents and Youth are encouraged to review the book carefully for revisions. Leaders in attendance voted to accept all changes effective for the 2016
show season. Nancy motioned to accept the handbook changes up to the Fair Week Schedule (Up to page 13 of the 2015 Handbook); seconded by Nikki. Motion passed.

Multiple changes to Fair Week Schedule was discussed. Motion by Kim to move cloverbud trail to the main arena; and move the Teen trail to the practice arena. Motion seconded by Nikki. Motion passed.

d. **ROC Committee**- There were updates to the ROC Program Guidelines. Please review handbook carefully for changes. Classes were modified to the ROC showbill for the qualifying shows.

Roping & Obstacle competing date for fair week is Sunday. Changes to the showbill have been proposed as well. Motion to accept the ROC changes made by Deb; seconded by Liza.

The ROC fees are included in the ROC guideline section of the horse handbook. Also to state in the ROC showbill that helmets are required. Motion to accept changes by Deb; seconded by Dee. Motion carried.

The ROC Registration form is available on the FB page and has been emailed to the horse leaders.

e. **State Horse Show** – Currently on Page 10 of the Handbook
   #4 – Add that ‘all questions must be answered’ in the Project Book. Meaning no questions should be left blank before turning in the Project Book.
   #10 – Add a line to read that ‘Youth must compete in a Showmanship Class at a Pre-Point Show’ to be eligible for state.
   Motion by Nikki to approve the changes; seconded by Janet. Motion carried.

f. **Tack Sale Committee** – Postponed for 2016. Will review possibility next year. There was too much competition with larger established tack sales.

g. **Year-End Awards** – The menu worked out good with the Horse Association providing the main meats and the clubs bringing side dishes. Any youth that didn’t receive their award should see their club leader.

h. **Youth Committee** – Possibly looking at May 14th or 21st Novice Clinic. Attendance was slightly down from last year; but could have been attributed to the cold temps or being on a different day.

IX. **Other business**
   a. Michigan Horse Council- Dee Bozek and Liza Ing attended the MHC meeting in January. Mecosta County enrolled 4-H Youth who are graduating seniors are eligible to submit a scholarship application by next week. The date is extended for our county since we just obtained membership with MHC. Scholarship value is $1,000 for awarded recipients.
MHC mentioned a horse therapy program called Eagala (Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association). More information available soon. Current representatives from the Mecosta Cty Horse Association are Deb Dygert, Liza Ing, and Teri Ouderkirk. Liza replaced Jamie Hewson.

b. Mecosta Count 4-H Point Show dates are June 10-12 and June 24-26.
c. Michigan Horse State Show date is August 19-21.
d. The Red Flannel Saddle Club should have their show dates published by February 1st. The Teddy Bear Show is April 30th and the Draft & Mini Show is June 18th.
e. Michigan 4-H Horse Teen and Adult Leaders' Conference scheduled for Feb. 26-28 at the Kettunen Center.
f. The 4-H State Trail Ride-/Family Weekend is June 17-19 at Whiskey Creek.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm. Motion by Nancy Robbins and 2nd by Deb Dygert.

Respectfully Submitted By
Karen GreenBay, Secretary