Mecosta County Horse Leaders Association
Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2016


I. Call to order- 7:19pm by Tiffany Spedowski

II. Roll Call - Barnyard Bunch, Blazin Bronc’s, Hats to Hooves, Hooves of Thunder, Silver Spurs, Stanwood Pioneers, Unbridled

III. Approval of Minutes - May 2016 Minutes reviewed - Liza motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Nancy. Minutes Approved.

   • Three checks were written for barn duty expenses
   • Lane did not receive a barn duty check because he didn’t return for duty.

V. President’s Report
   a. Year End Community Service points and Education points are due today.
   b. HS Equestrian Schedule
      • Sept. 10, 17 & 18 Shows
      • Oct. 1 & 2 – Regionals
      • Oct. 13-15 State

VI. Extension Office Report
   • Tiffany reported on behalf of Tarin that fair week was good. Monday, August 29th @ 7pm is the Fair wrap up meeting.
   • Council is selling t-shirts for $10

VII. New Business
   a. Fairweek Bleachers – bleachers get pulled during speed show and spectators are sitting on the ground the whole day. Consider purchasing bleachers that will remain for Saturday events or adjust the schedule of horse shows.
   b. State Alternate – Acea Smith is on/off with lameness.
   c. Herdsmenship – Done and waiting for fair board; discussed putting names in the hat and draw clubs for barn assignment, as small clubs aren’t being recognized. Nancy motioned to draw names, and 2nd by Liza. Motion passed.
   d. Pony Class – It was suggested to offer an alternative date for pony measurement.
   e. P.A. System – Couldn’t hear near the poultry barn & near the cow barn. Suggested to add another speaker.
   f. Jump Cups – Are in poor condition and measurements are not adequate. Need additional speed cones.
   g. Cloverbud are exempt from rules of showing of requiring them to show in the June point shows.
VIII. Committee Updates/Reports
   a. Budget Committee – No Report
   b. Developmental & Educational – No Report
   c. Horse Show & Handbook Review – No Report
   d. ROC Committee – No Report
   e. State Horse Show – No Report
   f. Year-End Awards – Requested the same amount as last year ($1,500) for Year-End Banquet. Possible banquet dates are October 9th or October 23rd. Date will be confirmed via FB and email. Clubs will bring a side dish to pass and the Association will provide the main dish. Each club must provide a $25 value item/basket for the banquet auction.
   g. Youth Committee – No Report

IX. Other business
   a. Michigan Horse Council – The next MHC meeting is Tuesday, September 13th. Delegates please contact Dee if you can attend.

X. The next Horse leader’s meeting is Monday, October 10th

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. Motion by Liza to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted By
Karen GreenBay, Secretary