Mecosta County Horse Leaders Association
Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 9, 2017

Present: Jamie Bissett, Dee Bozek, Deb Dygert, Karen GreenBay, Liza Ing, Chad Leal, Sheila Lee, Tarin Minkel, Linda Probst, Connie Schultz, Nikki Simcoe, Tiffany Spedowski, Julie Strohkirch.

I. Call to order - 7:11pm by Tiffany Spedowski

II. Roll Call
Clubs Present: Grant Center Pioneers, Hats to Hooves, Hooves of Thunder, Lil’ Bit (formerly Tamarack Town & Country), Silver Spurs, Stanwood Pioneers, Unbridled

Clubs Absent: Barnyard Bunch, Blazin Broncs-Not Active, Boots to Blue Jeans, Hippology.

III. Approval of Minutes - August 14, 2017 Minutes reviewed
a. Minutes correction – Fairboard meeting is October 12th @ 7:15pm
   Liza motioned to approve corrected minutes, seconded by Chad. Minutes Approved.

IV. Treasurer’s Report – Checking account balance is $9,386.14; $166.50 spent to order Grand & Reserve Ribbons.

V. President’s Report
a. Nine (9) youth have requested reimbursement for state expenses. A motion by Dee to reimburse $60 to each of the following youth for state costs; 2nd by Nikki. Motion passed.
   Madeline Alber, Rebecca Herzog, Kaci Garver, Makenzie Gillum, Megan Schultz, Daisy Vaughn, Kara Veltema, Lillian Veltema, Samantha Veltema.
   b. Blazin Bronc’s Club has dissolved.
   c. Add Joey Norman as co-leader for Silver Spurs

VI. Extension Office Report
a. Pep program will continue through October 24th
b. November 12th is the Mecosta County 4-H Fall Celebration at the Alley Cat in Lakeview;
   bowling from 1pm-2:30p and banquet to follow
 c. Make sure club ‘end-of-year’ paperwork is turned in so youth can register for 2018. Fee is $20/youth or $60 max for 3 or more youth in the same family. December 31st deadline for re-enrollees
   d. Reminder to nominate people for awards; Community Partner and Leader of the Year

VII. Guest/Public Comment – No Public Comment

VIII. Committee Updates/Reports
a. Budget Committee – No Report
b. Developmental & Educational – No Report
c. Horse Show & Handbook Review – No Report
d. State Horse Show – No Report
e. Year-End Awards
   ❖ Banquet date is Sunday, October 22nd @ 2pm at Morley Stanwood HS
   ❖ Will order two (2) sandwich trays for banquet
f. Reminder to email message pictures to Tiffany for slideshow to Tiffany (tspeds@yahoo.com) or post on FB. Reminder that each club should bring a gift for the banquet auction.

g. Youth Committee – No Report

IX. New Business

a. Officer Elections-Each candidate was voted by acclamation
   1. President – Tiffany Spedowski – Motion by Dee to accept president; 2nd by Liza.
   2. Vice President – Liza Ing – Motion by Dee to accept vice president; 2nd by Chad.
   3. Secretary – Karen GreenBay – Motion by Dee to accept secretary; 2nd by Liza.
   4. Treasurer – Linda Probst – Motion by Dee to accept treasurer; 2nd by Liza.

b. Committee Chairs for 2018
   1. Show Secretary – Sheila Lee, Chairperson w/Dee Bozek
   2. Horse Show & Handbook – Linda Probst, Chairperson
   3. Year-End Awards – Tiffany Spedowski
   4. Budget – Linda Probst, Chairperson
   5. Development & Education – Dee Bozek, Chairperson
   6. Tack Sale – Committee Dissolved
   7. Youth Committee – Liza Ing
   8. State Horse Show – Tiffany Spedowski
   9. ROC Committee – Nikki Simcoe

   1st Show: Host Club – Stanwood Pioneers  2nd Show: Host Club – Silver Spurs

c. Dee requested that leaders talk to their youth about Hippology, Quiz Bow, and Horse Judging Competition to see if anyone is interested. It was suggested that she advertise participation on FB, the upcoming banquet, and via 4-H email.

X. Other business

a. The next fair board meeting is Thursday, October 12th @ 7:15pm.

b. Horse Association will be requesting support to build an addition to the announcers booth and would connect to the food booth building.

c. Other items of concern are hornet nests at the campsites/announcer booth/horse barn areas, stall doors are hard to close, repair arena gates

XI. The next Horse leader’s meeting is Monday, January 8, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm. Motion by Dee and 2nd by Jamie.

Respectfully Submitted By
Karen GreenBay, Secretary