Minutes
Horse Leaders Association
October 12, 2015

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

I. Call to order- 7:00 pm by Tiffany Spedowski

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

III. Approval of Minutes- August 2015- Nancy moved, Jamie seconded. Approved with minor changes to meeting dates.

IV. Treasurer’s Report- Current balance-$9374.56. Deposits waiting- $500 from auction. Payments to be made- $705 trophies and belt buckles. Engraving- still needs to be done. Motion to reimburse Tiffany for ink and PA system check. Moved by Teri, seconded Nancy. Approved Unanimously.

V. Extension Office Report- Need Year-End report from Horse Leaders Association- Linda is aware. Invoice from Marie’s Embroidery needs to be paid. Banquet for 4H is Oct. 25, 2 pm- dessert and drinks. Each club attending needs to bring a basket for silent auction $25.

VI. Old Business:
   a. 4H engagement- Off-season- activities to engage youth outside of shows. Activities that are educational and fun- such as QuizBowl hosting an event or Hippology, other educational ideas. Provide snacks or prizes. Trail rides.
   b. Discipline- need to document rule infractions as they occur. Should have a log at the announcer’s booth to record incidents. Motion: Infraction of 4H Rules and Code of Conduct will have an incident log to document infractions. The leader observing the infraction will log and sign. Youth and their leader will also have to sign that they are aware of infraction. Moved by Chad, seconded Nikki. Approved Unanimously.
   c. Ribbons- Grand Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons were found for ROC. These will be presented at the 4H Banquet. Teri will send an invitation to the youth receiving the awards to the Banquet. Need to find Best of Class ribbon to be given for Demonstration class. For future- ROC has 3 classes for Grand and Reserve Champion. All three were given to roping classes only, they will now give two roping classes and one to obstacle course. They will need to get something in the fair book in order to get the ribbons.

Discussion- why does speed get grand and reserve yet they aren’t in fair book.
VII. New Business
   a. Officer elections- new officers for 2015-16
      President- Tiffany Spedowski
      Vice President- Liza Ing
      Secretary- Karen GreenBay
      Treasurer- Linda Probst
      Show Secretary- Sheila Lee with Nancy Robbins
   b. Committee assignment changes: All clubs need to be represented on at least one committee.
      Horse Show & Handbook- remove- Cathy Miles. Add Dee Bozek, Jaycee Potts
      Year-End Awards- no changes
      Budget Committee- no changes
      Developmental & Educational- remove- Cathy Miles, Mary Katke, Brandi Shelton, possibly Trudy Herzog. Add Dee Bozek, Nikki Simcoe, Jaycee Potts
      Tack Sale- remove- Angie LaPalm. Add Dee Bozek, Brian Marquardt
      Youth Committee- remove- Nancy Robbins, Cathy Miles. Add Nikki Simcoe, Karen GreenBay
      State Horse Show- remove Mary Katke, Brandi Shelton. Add Liza Ing
      ROC Committee- remove- Teri Ouderkirk, Trudy Herzog, Mary Katke, Linda Probst, Liza Ing. New chair Nikki Simcoe- 231-245-4048
   c. Banquet recap- overall- things were good. Not enough food (main meal stuff). Suggestions- the Horse Leaders Association provide meat and clubs are given specific type of food to bring, i.e. salad, dessert, sides, chips, etc.- rotate each year.
   d. Cloverbud Ribbons- Blazin Broncs’ will do all the ribbons this year. Tiffany has three bags full. Motion: Invest $60 into ribbons for 2016 and reimburse club for additional expenses with receipts. Moved- Teri, seconded- Dee. Approved unanimously.
   e. Quiz Bowl- Meetings will begin Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 6:30 pm @ 4H building. Open to youth 9 and older. Meetings will be every Tuesday with competition in April at MSU. Must attend 75% of meetings in order to compete.

VIII. Other business
   a. Judging Team- Mecosta and Osceola Counties will meet together but compete as separate teams.
   b. Michigan Horse Council- Dee is on the Executive Board. Many changes are occurring for the better. She is encouraging our group to join. The benefits- we can vote, can request scholarship/grant money for projects. We can have three representatives. Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 6pm in Lansing.
      Motion: Mecosta County 4H- Horse Leaders Association will join Michigan Horse Council with fee of $35 per year. Moved- Dee, seconded- Teri. Approved unanimously. This is pending approval by Tarin or other MSU-E representative- Pat D. or Karen W. since Tarin is on maternity leave. Representatives will be Jamie Hewson, Teri Ouderkirk and Deb Dygert. We need to download application and complete.

Motion to adjourn at 9 pm.