ALLEGAN HORSE LEADERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

October, 2013- MSU Extension Office, Spartan Conference Room

I. Pledges & Welcome- Lane Sturman

II. Meeting came to order at 7:05

   Additions to the agenda and welcoming of guests.

   Addition to agenda Marla added to the Horsemaster, Lane added 2014 Budget

III. Secretary Report, Roll Call, & Correspondence – Karin Wood


   Nora asked if everyone read the minutes. Vicki Swainston made a motion to accept the minutes as written, and Marla Wedge seconded it.

IV. Treasurers Report-Kristi Marlette reported: Horse Leaders bank account balance $4180.64 check book balance is $3970.64. Five Day bank account balance is $5911.89. Year End balance as of August 31, 2013 for Five day was $5424.91 and Horse Leaders balance was $5606.21

V. Committee Reports (limited)

   A. Show Committees – Fair Post-mortem review

      o Gymkhana Show: Nora reported show run really well this year, got over pretty early. There were 27 riders. 189 entries. Wasn’t happy with the riding part. Attendance was little bit low, possibly due to membership down, only having only 10 clubs. Timers are fantastic, wireless works really good.

      o English Show: Paul reported: There were 39 riders 187 entries, 7 empty classes. Not over impressed with the judge. She wasn’t consistent with her patterns. Had good number of dressage riders. Possibly in the future have a dressage judge.

      o Western Show Karin reported: Karin felt the show went really well, the judge did a great job. Everyone was impressed with the judge. Cloverbud parents were very happy with the judge. Nora mentioned that we could use him for the horsemaster program, due to she does rotate judges every year. There were 58 riders and 8 empty classes

         ▪ Driving Show: Vicki Swainston reported: There were 9 kids driving with 3 empty classes. There was some safety issue having minis, light horse and draft ponies together. Need to possibly break down classes to Mini’s, Light horses and Draft ponies.

         o For changes to fair book will be 2015, for mini height which is 38 Lane said we should stay with the state rules for mini heights.

         o Nora reported she would like to the National Anthem played before each show.

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- Dian would like to ask Cathy Leaders to present the Lee Parkhurst award for future years at the fair.
- Marla would like a gate put between the two arenas for the horse shows. It would make the shows run more smoothly. Nora is going to contact Saree about this suggestion. Karin is the contact person to talk with Saree due to Saree only wants one contact person.
- Becky Holden suggested the horse leaders buy canopies for down by the gates for shade. Wendy Tolsma said the best canopies are Quick Shade. Marla made a motion to purchase 2 quick shade canopies allow up to $500.00 and will check into prices for the sides of the canopies. Nora seconded it.

- Horse Masters – Marla
  - Buckles received by the kids: Marla reported: 3 Level 5 belt buckles, Callie Beukema, Emma Holden, and Mackenzie Sturman. Need to start on working on a driving horsemaster. 3 Driving booklets A, B, and C. Safety, hooking carts, ground driving and advance classes.
  - Marla is going to write a grant to do a driving clinic to hire a clinician to bring in more kids. Would like to see driving class with Five Day Clinic
  - Driving: Vicki is going to write a grant to do driving clinic to hire a clinician to bring in more kids doing more driving classes.

- Round up – Diane Kamps: Wendy Tolsma wanted everyone to check over Tack Sale flyer, everyone agreement with flyer. Dian suggested to put down what fee is after February 18, 2014
- Diane Kamps sent email on Tack sale: Diane contacted the Hamilton Community Middle School today and she asked for Friday evening set up 7:00 p.m. Feb. 21st and tack sale both gyms and hallway for Feb. 22, 2014 the school will let me know or confirm mid-Sept once their winter sporting schedule is set. Hopefully we can have the use of the building again. Wait and See..........

- Unfinished Business

- New
  - Officer Elections: Treasurer 2 year term – Kristi Marlette
  - President: Lane Sturman
  - Vice President: Nora Balgoyen-Williams
  - Secretary: Karin Wood
  - All nominees’ electors open all month. Voting done in November
  - December meeting
  - Dian reported Annual meeting will be combined with Leaders Banquet meeting in March at Camp Kidwell and on a Saturday, nice meal. 4-H Council will be finalizing it.
  - Nora suggested we change our Christmas party to somewhere else like the Grill House or Trestle Stop in Hamilton. Nora is going to check into prices per plate and bring the

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amount to the November meeting. Nora made a motion possibly having the horse leaders pay for the Christmas party and each person pay five dollars towards drinks and dinner. Lane was not comfortable with having horse leaders pay. November meeting we can vote on it. Lane said he would be okay to do a 50% share. Geralyn said need to check into the pricing and Nora will bring it back to the November meeting

- Break out session, Map the process – Groups of 3 or 4 divide and concur....
- Dian suggested having everyone meet ½ hour early before horse leaders meeting.

Committees for the following are:

- Horse shows: Nora Balgoyen-Williams, Karin Wood and Kim Marcus
- State delegate selection process: Lane Sturman, Wendy Tolsma and Becky Holden
- Five Day: Paul Balgoyen, Kristi Marlette and Becky Beukema
- Round up : Diane Kamps, Vicki Swainston and Geralyn Andres

Doing 3 committees and bring back guideline on how each event will be run for mostly new leaders or kids that has never done any these events. Lane is going to send out standard guidelines. Mini meetings will be from 7:00pm to 7:30pm and Leaders meeting will follow. The mini meetings will be ongoing until done. Lane said we will be asking the kids to help out with these mini meetings.

- Put on a standard format for all the categories
- Dian reported a meeting with Amanda and her family. Did receive an apology from father. Dian stated they probably won't stay in Allegan County 4-H. Dian gave them info on Barry County

- Announcements
  - Kim Kars annual tack sale at Twin Pine Farms Martin, MI- November 2nd 2013
  - Vicki Swainston made a motion to adjourn meeting and Wendy Tolsma seconded it.
  - Meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm

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