Montcalm County 4-H Horse Leaders
October 10, 2017 Meeting

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Meeting called to order by Treasurer, Rachelle Croy at 7:05 p.m.

Secretary Report – Motion to approve September 12, 2017 minutes by Holly Esterling, seconded by Christy Williams, motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report – $3,173.28 in checking, $13,627.21 in savings – Grand Total of $16,800.49
Sprinkler’s have been paid in full less the $500 for digging the connection hole.
Still needs remaining outstanding deposits to be able to calculate profit from EWHA and NBHA in order to issue the check for the bathhouse.

Fair Board
1. Need about $60,000 more to complete the bathhouse fund. They have committed to a builder (Butterworth). Will be completed by fair of 2018.

Extension Report – Don from MSU. He met with the county board (economic development) they have agreed to sign a letter of agreement to continue allowing the extension office to use the office space. There will be a millage to vote on in 2018 to continue the support of the extension office. Program Coordinator is being covered by MSU. Extension office is looking for donations for the salary of the clerical worker. Rachelle Croy informed that the Horse Leaders executive committee has decided not to donate to the extension office at this time.

From Kadren Grawburg:
1. Spin Clubs are now being offered. 6 meetings only. More information at the extension office geared toward 11-14 years old.
2. Swine Clinic on Saturday at 10:00 am at fairgrounds
3. November 1 fair workshop – be healthy at fair
4. Campus is moving all back-ground checks to a new company. Volunteers will be required to logon to have their background checks completed. If a volunteer does not complete, they will not be approved as a volunteer.
5. Annual fairboard meeting on October 19 – if you’re a member please show up to vote.

Old Business:
None
New Business:

1. Fair Schedule Report/Fair Book given by Sabrina Nyenhuis – see attached proposal – Please note the new procedure for fair – all championship trophies will now be handed out on Saturday vs during the class. Discussion held: Have a set time on Saturday in the afternoon for the awards so that everyone can attend. Put stick horse class in fair book to encourage participation. Mike Jenson motion to approved. Joann Larson seconded. Motion passed

2. Horse Rental Area Committee given by Amy Bell – see attached proposal – Motion to approve by Joann Pyle, seconded by Sherry Brown. Motion passed. Don Baese made a motion that the Horse Rental Area Committee to explore rental agreement and negotiate the specifics with the fairboard on behalf of the horse leaders. Christy Williams seconded. Motion passed

3. Show committee Report
   Dates for Pleasure shows are May 10 (trail) & June 7 (reining) make-up date of June 14.
   buckle series dates– May 17, June 21, July 19, Aug 2, Aug 9 and a make-up date of Aug 23. Classes offered are Pole Bending, Cloverleaf, Down & Back with Alternating classes of Keyhole, U-Turn & Flag.
   Joel Nyenhuis made motion to approve Pleasure and Speed shows dates, and for the committee to schedule a EWHA and NBHA shows. Christy Williams seconded. Motion passed.
   All profit from shows will be for ground improvements of the horse area.


5. Additional Nominations and declination of nominations – Christy Williams declined her nomination, Sherry Brown declined nomination. Mike Jensen declined nomination. Current nominations are: President – Melanie Rodenhouse, Vice President – Joann Pyle, Treasurer – Rachelle Crosy, Secretary – Sabrina Nyenhuis. Motion to close nominations by Amanda seconded by Christy. Motion passed.

6. Election: Joel Nyenhuis made a motion that by acclimations of nominations to accept board as stated. Joann Larson seconded. Motion passed. New executive committee is: President – Melanie Rodenhouse (2 year term), Vice President – Joann Pyle (1 year term), Treasurer – Rachelle Croy (1 year term), Secretary – Sabrina Nyenhuis (2 year term).

Adjourned by Rachelle Croy at 8:45

Next meeting is November 14, 2017 at 7 p.m.

**REMINDERs**

Fair board annual meeting October 19, 2017

Annual enrollments due by December 1, 2017
Horse Leaders Proposal

October 10, 2017

Proposal includes: Rental of Horse Arena/Stalls/Camping (as needed per event)

- Horse Leaders will be responsible for the following:
  - Provide liaison between fair board rental committee and horse leaders
    - Ensure no conflicts with current scheduled events on fairgrounds prior to booking any horse related events
    - Schedule arena drag both before, during (if requested) and after event
    - Ensure Fair board has grounds mowed and weed-wacked, porta-johns cleaned and dumpsters emptied prior to any event
  - Rental agreement and negotiation per event
  - Marketing for new/existing scheduled events
  - Show Manager Volunteer(s) provided for each event to:
    - Be the point person contact for the event
    - Open/close out event
    - Coordinate trash removal during/end of event

Summary: The intent of this proposal is to get the horse leaders committee to agree that we should take over responsibilities for Horse related activities that take place at the Montcalm County Fairgrounds. We will in turn manage the coordinating of events, up keep of the horse area facilities (repairs) and manage each event accordingly. We will expect majority profits, but intend to make it fair and equitable with the Fair board. One example would be to pay the Fair board the sum total of prior year profits, any amount generated above and beyond would be the profit of the horse leaders committee. We would negotiate a yearly contract with the Fair board to keep things fair and equitable. It would include our responsibilities, their responsibilities. We would submit our pricing schedule to be posted to the Fair website. We would vote a liaison between our committee and the Fair board/rental committee that would agree to attend all meetings with a summary of events.
Horse Leaders Proposal for Bylaw changes

I propose that we change the term of the executive board to a two year term each. We will start in 2017/2018 that Vice president and Treasurer would be a one year term. Then President and Secretary would be a two year term. In 2018/2019, Vice president & treasurer will be a two year term.