Montcalm County 4-H Horse Leaders
November 14, 2017 Meeting

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Meeting called to order by President Melanie Rodenhouse at 7:01 pm.

**Secretary Report** – Motion to approve October 10, 2017 minutes by Joel Nyenhuis, seconded by Joanne Larson, motion passed.


**Fair Board**
Broke ground for the bathhouse

**Extension Report – by Kadren Grawburg**
Fair safety – will be given by a State Vet in Feb or March
December 1 – a lot of members have signed up on-line but the office hasn’t received the enrollment fees
A lot of winter workshops are coming up – pay attention to newsletter – how to pay has changed
Fall Extension Conference – credit card readers will be available soon to pay for items
Automated Calf Feed workshop
Joann’s Fabric Store – reward card 15% off total purchase, 2.5% of purchase is given to the Nation 4-H Council

**Old Business:**
Arena Lights update – nothing happening until spring. Luke Grawburg and Mike Rasmussen will work on getting them up in the spring.

Horse Area Rental update – Amy Bell thinks the estimates that the fairboard provided via Holly is high. She has paperwork that will be shared with the rental committee, which will set-up a meeting and report back.

Work slots at fair – Joanne Larson made a motion to accept Joel’s proposal on how to handle job assignments at fair. Rachelle Croy seconded. Motion passed.

Show Committee update – no update
New Business:
Rachelle Croy – still trying to figure amount the Horse Leaders owes to the Fair Board for the $50,000 loan for the stalls. Conclusion made that the May 12, 2010 $10,000 donation made to fair board was from a CD that was cashed-in and was a donation made to the fair board prior to our agreement for the $50,000 loan repayment. Rachelle requested that any horse leader that was part of the board back in 2010/11 meet ½ hour prior to the next meeting so that it can be discussed so that we can validate the remaining balance due to the fair board.

Clubs signed up for working the pleasure shows and buckle series (see reminders below) – still need a club to sign up for the July 19 Buckle Series show.

Adjourned by Melanie Rodenhouse at 7:47.

Next meeting is January 9, 2018 at 7 p.m.

REMINDERs

Annual enrollments due by December 1, 2017

Pleasure Shows:    May 10, 2018 – Trail – Barbed Wire & Roses
                   June 7, 2018 – Reining – Lakeview/Stars, Stripes & Snips
                   June 14, 2018 – Make-up date

Buckle Series:     May 17, 2018 – Sand Lake
                   June 21, 2018 – Elements of Grace/Boots & Dreams
                   July 19, 2018 -
                   August 2, 2018 - Hoofbeaters
                   August 23, 2018 – Make-up date
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, upkeep 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.