Montcalm County 4-H Horse Leaders
September 12, 2017 Meeting

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<td>Jim Altizer</td>
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<td>Amy Wilcox</td>
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<td>Leah Garcia</td>
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Meeting called to order by President, Mike Rasmussen at 7:02 p.m.

**Secretary Report** – Motion to approve July 18, 2017 minutes by Joel Nyenhuis, seconded by Christy Williams, motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report** – $7,150.50 in checking, $13,624.91 in savings – Grand Total of $20,775.41

1. Sprinklers still have to be paid – project still needs to be completed – original bid $6,938.90. Bill came in at $7438, an additional $500 for digging the connection hole. Jim Altizer will be contacting them to discuss.

2. $5,000 stall payment has been made to the fair board.

**Fair Board**

1. 5 positions open up for re-election – the following members have served their current term: Jay Smith, Amy Homich, Melanie Rodenhouse, Sandy Smith, Jason Nadeau. Annual meeting (to vote for fair board) is October 19. Must be a member by September 19 to be able to vote at the annual meeting.

2. Bathhouse – have not received any full bids. Partial bids received only for the cement blocks. Funds raised of $150,000, need another $25,000 as the bathhouse needs to be larger due to the campgrounds expanding.

3. Bleachers will be made handicapped accessible.

**Extension Report** – Don Lehman (MSU extension rep): funding for the local 4-H program. Budget has been cut by ½, county continues to struggle and will not be providing any funding for the 2018 fiscal year, however, they are supportive of the program. A group has been formed to discuss a millage for funding. If the millage is approved, the 4-H coordinator will become a full-time position. The finance committee for the county has voted to send a millage request to the board. MSU is funding the extension office at this time to keep the doors open. 4-H council has offered to provide some funding for clerical work in the amount of $11,000. MSU has requested that we considered making a donation to help cover the costs (they are requesting this of several Montcalm committees).

Kadren:

1. New clubs are forming. When enrolling on 4-H online for annual enrollment, parents cannot register as a volunteer unless you have been through the formal training.

2. Council has purchased a float for parades.
3. Judge recommendations for 2018 fair are due Nov 1
4. Fair book changes due Nov 1 to the fair board.
5. Oct 15 at 10 am Swine workshop at fairgrounds flyer will be posted
6. Sept 30 annual financial club reports due to Kadren.
7. Kadren has not been receiving bank statements. Please contact your bank and make sure that the extension office is receiving paper statements
8. Nov 12 awards banquet – information will be posted – located at Ash Building, games, potluck and awards.

Old Business:

1. Arena lighting: poles have been delivered. Luke Grawburg has the lights and brackets. Need to have the poles set.
2. Horse area rental: As discussed in previous meetings, the fair board has requested that the horse leaders take over the renting of the horse area. Discussion held about the opportunities and work associated with the request. Sabrina suggested that a committee be established to make a proposal to the horse leaders so that the proposal can be taken to the fair board. Committee established consisting of the following members: Joel Nyenhuis, Amy Bell, Christy Williams, Rachelle Croy and Sabrina Nyenhuis. The members will meet and provide a proposal to the horse leaders via Facebook for review and approval so that the proposal can be presented to the fair board at the October fair board meeting.
3. Additional fair recap:
   a. Thanks to Ark Electric for lighting in the tent. Amy Bell will request that we put a “thank you” on the Fair’s Facebook page.
   b. Concern over the way work/job slots are handled at fair – Joel Nyenhuis made the following suggestion to make the process and assignment of the jobs fair for each club (i.e. the larger clubs will have more jobs/hours to work at fair):
      1. Determine the exact jobs and the number of hours of work needed for the week.
      2. Divide the total number of hours by the number of 4-H members to determine each individual’s “quota” for working, excluding Cloverbuds.
      3. The per individual quota will then be multiplied by the number of members per club (example: 2 hours per member x 5 members in the club = the club would need to work 10 hours total at fair)
      4. Two months (or 1 month) before fair, the club names will be put into a hat and drawn at random. As each club is drawn, that club will then pick the jobs that their respective club will be responsible for at fair totaling the hours required per club (the club leader will then assign the jobs across their club as they see fit).

New Business:

1. Committee for fair schedule/fair book/fair judges established: Joel Nyenhuis, Sabrina Nyenhuis, Barb Altizer, Amanda Wall, Emily Ream, Holly Esterling and Rachelle Croy. They will meet separately and bring the proposed changes to the next horse leaders meeting.
2. 2018 show committee established of the following individuals: Sherry Brown, Don Baese, Jim Altizer (need more individuals to volunteer). The committee will be responsible for determining the dates for our pleasure series, buckle speed series and any other fundraising shows (i.e. NBHA and EWHA), updating the show bills and organizing the shows.
3. EWHA results: very well attended. $1,904.23, cost of $269.50 for high point awards and $277.33 for ribbons, profit of $1,357.40.
4. NBHA results: $826.00 profit. This event could be a great fundraiser, need to pick a better weekend and secure additional add-back sponsors.

5. Buckle series results: 1 - $714, 2 - $546, 3 - $675, 4 - $656, 5 - $87 (includes payout of expenses for gifts cards, etc.) Total raised of $2,678.

6. Pleasure show results: 1 - $293, 2 - $316 Total $609

7. Proposal by Barb Alitzer to donate the profit from the EWHA and NBHA shows to the bath house fundraiser. Motion accepted by Sabrina Nyenhuis, seconded by Christy Williams. Motion passed.

8. Nominations: President – Rachelle Croy, Don Baese
   Vice-President -
   Secretary – Sabrina Nyenhuis, Sherry Brown
   Treasurer – Christy Williams

   Additional nominations will be accepted until vote at October meeting.

Adjourned by Mike Rasmussen at 8:45

   Next meeting is October 10, 2017 at 7 p.m. (elections for executive meeting)

   **REMINDERs**

   Annual club financials due to extension office September 30, 2017

   Fair board annual meeting October 19, 2017

   Annual enrollments due by December 1, 2017