President: Regina Schinker
Vice President: Patti Adams
Secretary: Sherri Rivers
Club/Specialty representatives:
   Desperados representative: Kris Barga
   Competitive Trail representative: Chris Smith
Treasurer: Tereasa Hufstedler
Deputy Treasurer: Pam Cook

Call to Order/Pledges - Regina Schinker, President
Welcome. As parents and leaders we have an obligation to be here, yet this is our personal family time. So thank you for taking time out from your families to be here. I am running this meeting as President, but we are all Presidents, so as we move forward I ask you to think about being on board in the future! We want this to be a very transparent organization. If you have questions please ask them.

Sign in - at back table

Roll Call for Votes, Patti Adams: 18 out of 22 eligible voters, Eva, clarified that teen leaders are optional not needed for a quorum (2/3 of voting members). But teen leaders will be added if they are present. (One per club)

Secretary's Report - Patti Adams took January minutes - Copies available on Sign in table. Motion by Brenda, 2nd by Tereasa Hufstedler, passed.

Correspondence - Letter received from Peggy Geruska (regarding moving Gymkhana to first day of fair, not read due to group discussion). Secretary will retain for future record.

Treasurers Report/Bills to be Paid - Tereasa Hufstedler - Beg Bal $5418.98, correction .06, Jan interest .25, Ck from fairgrounds $11.00, add back ck#1533 for 31.24 outstanding from 7-28-13, add back ck#1539 for 8.36 outstanding from 7-28-13. Balance as of 2-4-13 $5469.77 There is still one outstanding check #1614 for Sara Eperjes from 7-27-13. To be added back in at later time. Motion by Pam, 2nd by Julie, passed.

Bills to pay: Schmick, Sportsmanship Engraving for fair awards, to MSU office $10. Copies 2,025 @ $.05 each $101.25 for 2013. Tereasa will write check for Eva. Reimburse Tammy Hughes for recent competition at MSU see Tammy's report below.

Additions to the Agenda Secretary Minutes, add audio tape added to website. Pony measuring dates. Peggy Geruska, Moving Gymkhana to first Saturday of fair. Rachael Baughman (4H Member 2014 Queen). Regarding Royalty Show.

Public Comment (3 min per person - timed by Regina Schinker) **Please note that comments made out of turn will not be added to minutes.
1. Diane Zinsmaster - emails re: KQ - parents were asked for input by Kathy Zelms, but this information was not taken back to the committee. Was this done after vote was taken? Committee Chair did not share this input with committee. Why do 2 sets of courts in one year? Doesn't blame anyone on board and HC. Request Board reconsider decision on 2014 KQ changes. Emails she received were very bad and inappropriate. What need not be changed is that we are all here for this meeting for the right reasons – the kids. Please reconsider this decision. When I vote on something I want to know all the details and why there is a vote. Stress that the emails were very bad.
2. Norma Switawski - miscommunication, board supported committee that brought the proposal but what was presented was missing info that was pertinent. Committee was formed by volunteers at a regularly scheduled Horse Council meeting. The royalty committee date was agreed upon and seven members attended. Kathy, Jaye, Norma, Pam, Regina, Tereasa and the President at the time, Patti Adams. Kathy was nominated by Norma to be the chair in respect for her past time served as chairperson and she accepted. After lengthy discussion a new plan was agreed upon. A lot of time was spent discussing how we could make it better for all the children. The consensus was that even with sharing, the current Royalty would end up with a better situation then they currently have. There was a little of excitement for the kids. In regards to the written thoughts by current court the changes will bring about positive change and we planned on getting the information to the court. I volunteered to write a new test and a study guide ready to the 4-H members. Since then the committee has had no communication with the Chair, Kathy Zelms. There was an early email thread in December about how the points would be counted and I believe we spoke about a horse and member combination. Kathy was included, but as I look back she did not join in. The Royalty Chair (Kathy Zelms) did not attend the Horse Council meeting in which the proposal was to be voted. So she was not there to present it. The committee members that were present did not know that the Chair (Kathy Zelms) did not support the proposal or that she was not coming to the meeting. Nor did we know that she knew that the present Court was already disappointed. The proposal was presented by the committee members that were at the Horse Council meeting. Again there was discussion as to how the current court would feel. If we had had the information that Kathy kept from us, it could have made a big difference in the outcome of the vote. The proposal was voted on and passed. The committee still had no more contact the Chair (Kathy Zelms). The committee was contacted by Eva that we had to have a emergency meeting. Because of an upset parent. But the point is we did not have the information that Kathy gathered. I understand that the court was asked for input and information that was never brought back to committee. Thus, this is where we are at.

3. Amy Taylor - KQ princess parent - agrees with Diane Z. I understand that the information was not given to the correct people. Not everyone that should have been included in this process where asked, notified, etc. My 13 yr old was asking questions, that I could not answer, because we were not included. Again, we are forgetting about the children not just the adults. We can’t take any their award. The information was not given to all parties and asked at the correct time. Individual emails where given to individuals and not to everyone. So I do not feel I was a part of the decision for my daughter. We both feel ok with change. Everyone feels that change is necessary and they are ok with that. But I have a problem with how you went about and who it was affecting. I don’t feel it was right. I don’t feel it was fair to the kids on the court at this time. It wasn’t about the prizes and how everyone was laid out. It was about how it was asked and how it was finished out without getting the rest of our opinions and our children and the court. I feel it needs a revote and the early on survey did not include everything that we are talking about today. Diane Zinsmaster asked Amy if she received a copy of the email from Kathy Zelms. She said no. Diane said she should have gotten it because Diane responded to everyone. Amy admitted that she did get an email from Kathy and Diane, and that’s when she (Amy) went out into a blur. Norma stated that Kathy was not representing the committee, she was representing herself. Amy asked where the committee was at that point. Norma said we were there yet; we were still in the planning stage.

4. Jaye – Discussed the issue will Kathy and Jaye believe that she can speak for Kathy and for herself that I thought we made good changes. The issue is that it was felt that the changes should take place in 2015 so that we don’t have an overlap of courts. It’s not about the prizes, sashes, crowns. It’s about the children who have earned the spot and getting their full year of glory and not have to share that with anyone else. After, which “we” did not go to the kids at the December meeting because it needed to come to the Horse Council first, before we knew what direction we were taking. After meeting with the council, what we left with that night in December was given to the kids. There was never, NEVER, NEVER, an additional meeting with the additional changes that were made as you pointed out Norma. Also, I want to point out that these concerns were brought to the office. People were told about these concerns. (Diane, Amy, Angie King’s concerns) were brought to the office. There was a meeting scheduled for January 7 that was cancelled due to weather that was never rescheduled. Please make sure that is in the minutes. Never rescheduled. Diane – Who called the meeting? Jaye – the meeting was called by Eva and never rescheduled. So we have never reconvened as a group or committee to discuss this never ever. Now the Horse Council was not on its regular Tuesday night, it was on an odd night. (Actually it was following Tuesday due to conflict for Eva per Sherri) and Jaye and other people work outside of town and it is a huge issues to get to these meetings by 6:30 especially in the wintertime when you are driving on horrible roads. There is absolutely no way I can get to these meetings by 6:30 and Kathy works an hour out of town as well. So whatever was discussed and voted on at the last meeting never made the minutes, which are here today. The December minutes never say exactly what the changes were. Just that it was discussed and that changes were made. So it is miscommunication and shame on us as a council for not providing good information out there for the club members, leaders and parents, everybody. Rachael Baughman - KQ comp changes she never received any letter, email or info, found out from leader Connie M., upset she was not contacted in regards to changes, because she wasn’t contacted personally and that she didn’t understand what the need was for a double rein of courts. No one competes to share a position and my question is why that was needed for the 2014. Why not just start in 2015?
6. Mike Fleetwood - Doesn't know where Kathy is on this topic. Kathy has spent a lot of time and effort and a lot of years on this project and he supports her. Rule to complete obligations before getting awards. Kathy changed the awards so that the kids had to complete their obligations before they got their awards. I still think this is a good idea. I hope that Kathy was involved in this decision and I hope Kathy is not offended. Someone that works that hard on a program should not be tossed aside. I don’t know that that has happened. Patti Adams, Kathy was present for decision. Regina – we all worked together as a committee to bring this proposal to the Horse Council for a decision. If we had received the feedback that the office had it may have had a different outcome. Jaye – I agreed with the changed, Kathy agreed with the changes. The issue is 2014 we should have waited to 2015. Which was suggested in December.

7. Teresa – We never tried to oust Kathy. We voted for her to be the chairperson of this committee and she has done a wonderful job. I think by not having a court this year and waiting another year it would have been leaving out kids and not allowing some to participate. I think the changes are exciting to do it from the end of June you are allowing kids that are seniors the ability to participate and otherwise would not be able to due to going to college. This will allow those kids the opportunity to contribute and participate all summer. As far as the kids feeling that they are slighted because they are not getting a full rein, I personally feel just the opposite. You are now going to have a larger court to represent our county. It is not slighting these kids. The court spans two years 2013-2014 and so on. The council needs to embrace the new court. Is the new court going to feel slighted because they have to share with 2013-2014 court? I would like to think they won’t. This is not a me against them situation. It is about us. I have raised five kids and they have competed against each other and they still support each other. They have learned that Sportsmanship is very important. And they support others too.

8. Andrea - Lot of thinking on this. New proposal is much more inclusive of all the kids than the old King/Queen show. We have had this show for many years, but their participation has declined. By making these changes there is more opportunity for all because they are already at the State Qualifier Show. Kids that never thought about running for Royalty get to SQ Show and decide to try it. I keep coming back to. As a youth in this country I have served on these courts and I think back to what was the goal. Sportsmanship. I think that most of the kids today do to and I’m hearing that this new change will give them another opportunity to show sportsmanship. I don’t think that winning an award shows that your child is accomplished or valued. I think that competing with other kids shows their accomplishments and value. We are not trying to take any time or honor away. The only thing that would take away the honor or accomplishments in my opinion is poor sportsmanship. I did some research with water other counties are doing and this change will put us more in line with the other counties.

9. Patti – I am part of this committee and I do appreciate everyone being here tonight and value everyone’s opinions, lots of positive ideas. Lots of great ideas for new court. We want this program to honor these kids not just make it about a job they have to perform. To show off court and put them out there in public and showing off their accomplishments. To help promote this program to the public. To help show sportsmanship with peers. Photo wall to be displayed at shows. Etc. The current court will still get their awards, but sooner. The surveys said from kids we don’t want to wait for awards for a year. And we don’t want to have to wait 4 months to find out who won. We had so much positive energy that now with hind sight I believe we should have tabled ideas and waited, but we were excited and overzealous. I don’t want all the positives that we proposed to be pushed aside by the negative. I have received a copy of what Kathy sent to some of the court and I am very disappointed at Kathy’s letter and negativity that she used. For her to point out and use as example a teen leader that was at the last horse council meeting and her opinions and to take negatively about that teen. When we are requesting teens at these meetings and their input. This is very disappointing coming from Kathy.

10. Diane Z - Not about change, just how it was presented and she doesn’t want a double court this year. She likes giving awards early to show off in community. Please rethink your decision.

11. Patty Schneeberger - appreciate the kids that came, and that we need to take your opinions into account. I see that your opinions need to be taken into account. We have issues with the number of participants. Don’t let this give you a negative opinion. I hope that in 10 years that you will come back and participate as leaders.

12. Peggy G. - Just learning about this week. Looked at minutes for clarifications. Maybe some good changes. Doesn’t understand why we can’t wait until 2015. These kids do have good sportsmanship. She likes presentation idea. The extra effort of having to do a presentation is a great idea.

13. Pam Cook - Problem is if you wait to 2015, you lose a group kids that won’t get to compete in between?

14. Kelli Trail - Girls have worked hard for your time. Looking at the calendar it’s only 10 weeks. If you are honored at State Qualifier and fair. What is it you feel is being taken away from you? What else would you be doing with that time? How is sharing that 10 weeks with another group not better than having no group for a whole year? Court kids had no comment. Mike F. said they wouldn’t get to walk around at fair in their sashes. What is being taken away from you?

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16. Mike – It’s not about sportsmanship. Nobody had a chance to think about it.

17. Kelli - Adults are not showing good sportsmanship. When the kids received information from Kathy about this. I don’t think it was given in a good manner. I make sure that when my children don’t show good sportsmanship I correct them.
18. Amy - I disagree about bad info given from Kathy to a couple of us. I think she was trying to inform us what was going on. Patti Adams stated that she has the letter and disagrees and would read it, but she doesn’t feel it is appropriate to read with kids present. I don’t think committee was right. Regina stated that committee didn’t do anything. It only brought a proposal to the Horse Council. We are forgetting about children. We are upset about not getting it for a whole year. Don’t start until 2015. Not about the prizes. She doesn’t want her daughter to have to share court.

19. Teresa - all kids deserve recognition and have their time. Amy you are rolling your eyes. My son received a cross country award that is picked every year. The year he won there was a tie so he shared it with another kid. He never complained about having to share. He just felt honored to share it. Why can’t parent teach kids to be proud of larger court? Those kids will represent our county we are not asking them to give up their award early. The parents should be setting a good example. I don’t understand why the parents are upset that the kids will be sharing this honor. These kids and parents should be welcoming everyone not fighting about sharing this honor. Jaye tried to make a motion. Regina corrected her that we have one more to speak.

20. Sherri – I think this is all ridiculous. Why can’t we make it simple? Have the show in June. Tell the kids what their places are, give them their ribbons and give them their awards at fair and they start their rein at fair to the following June. There has to be a give to make this transaction of change. I don’t think it’s fair to cut a whole year of kids out that may not have the opportunity to compete next year. What is wrong with overlapping a little so that everyone can be included as opposed to eliminating a group because a few kids don’t want to share? Have both groups rein at fair.

Jaye - motion thank you for comments - go back to committee and reconsider. Regina/ Patti states that per Roberts Rules you have to have voted on winning vote to rescind. Jaye tried to rescind, but she did not vote on it the first time. She abstained. She needed to vote for change in positive manner. The first time it was voted on in December to rescind per Roberts Rules. (Patti Adams)

Eva - Only voting members can vote on this vote. Did not reschedule meeting due to weather. She accepts responsibility. Regina - no quorum 18 need 22 to vote to change this. Patty Schneeberger challenged this. She feels we do have enough. Recount done. Yes we have quorum. Teens only counted if they are present. Brenda read from Roberts Rules Vote can be amended by 2/3 vote of voting members. Eva - 2 per club, 1- speciality, teens can be added if present. Yes we do have quorum. Ballot votes were collected by Scott Miracle, Town & Co., counted by Patti Adams, Stirrup Fun, and Eva Beeker. Educator. Clarify that teen leaders are not part of quorum initially, but may be added if they are in attendance and recognized at the beginning of a Horse Council meeting by the Vice President.

Per Connie Miracle – December minutes we had 20 member vote to make changes to King/Queen Contest. Discussion on was it a ballot vote. Jaye said yes it was. But she didn’t vote. Some say no. It was a ballot vote.

Jaye - made motion. Tabled until Clarification in Constitution changes are made - see below. We need better minutes. Sherri are you recording this? Sherri replies, yes, I am. Don’t worry I have it handled and we will discuss it at New Business. See below.

Specialty Area Reports (Dates due tonight)

Cloverbud: Pam - so excited, will get a list out of activities to everyone asap.
Competitive Trail: Tereasa has list of dates will give to Eva for website. Dressage: Sharon N/A
Driving: Bobbi Jo - has list of dates, no Driven Dressage date yet, has proposal for show bill for Driving show Sandra Guy-Fox is Judge. Sunday July 13, @ fairgrounds. 53 classes.
Gymkhana: Shirel - has dates for Eva/Website.

Horse Bowl/Horse Judging: Tammy Hughes: competed at MSU did well, Tansley Henline 7th place Tumbleweed!!! Olivia Lexi didn’t place, but did very well, Kaitlyn Hughes placed 5th. Can she (Tammy) be reimbursed for fee $12 per person, $48, and can Council pay for next State Competition in April - 9-10 kids, Patti A motion to reimb. and pay up to $120 towards the State Equine Comp. in April. 2nd by Shirel. VERBAL VOTE – all in favor, none apposed.
Eva has form to use for paper trail.

Tell kids about these programs. They meet every Monday t 7pm at Centreville Elementary. She requests that leaders pass this on difficult to bring late sign ups up to speed
Regina - recognize kids at March meeting.
Jumping: Kelli Trail – State Qualifier Show will count as a jumping workout - must do 2 workouts to compete at fair. Make sure all leaders tell kids that 2 are required to show.

Reining: Kasara - has dates for website. Regina thanked her for serving as a young leader.

Old Business:
Ashley – Relay for Life - update next month per Diane Zinsmaster.

Special Committee Reports
State Qualifier June 27/28/29: Connie still needs gymkhana judge, on fence with rules, has copies of show bills for everyone to vote on tonight. No judge yet per Shirel.
Regina motion? Teresa made motion, 2nd by Brenda, passed verbal vote. None apposed. Pleasure Fundraiser
July 11/12/13: Patti - copies passed out, same as last month, in addition possibly at fun classes on Friday pm and maybe some free Brenda motioned, 2nd by Teresa passed verbal all in favor.
Driving Show July 13: Bobbi Teresa Motioned to pass, 2nd by Julie, passed verbal vote. All in favor.

Gymkhana Fundraiser July 26, Shirel – added 20+ age classes, raised price on open classes to $10, everything else same, Pam motioned, 2nd by Julie passed verbal all in favor.

KQPP: June 29 - Kathy - Jaye - motion to rescind December vote. Regarding changes to Show. Dec Vote from December Minutes states, “Royal Contest Show to be held at the State Qualifier Show per the proposed changes brought by the committee.” Ballet vote facilitated by Eva and Patti A. See Public Comment above for details.
Yes to change, No to keep the December vote 11 no’s 7 yes, December vote stands to move KQ to SQ. Which means: A. Moved to State Qualifier, B. Judged on points. C. Starts this year 2014.

Lost 2 voters - due to time. Still have quorum.

Regular Committee Reports – Refer to complete list/wording of Proposed Changes distributed by Tonya prior to meeting.
Rules and Reg./Fairbook Changes/ Brenda All of these are ballot votes. Collected by Scott Miracle, counted by Patti Adams, Eva Beeker.
- Horses don’t have to be entered in class. 10 yes 6 no Passed.
- Horse must be ridden on show day only - get rid out this rule 10 yes 6 no Passed.
- Each club must fill all stalls for each member 10 members 10 stalls full 12 yes 3 no Passed.
- Horse only measured until age 5 15 yes 1 no Passed.
- Add showmanship 38” & adding younger class 15 yes 1 no Passed.
- Speed & Action change rule to match state 1/4 turn dq 15 yes 1 no Passed.
- Costume class changes 14 yes 2 no Passed.
- Driving classes changes 13 yes 3 no Passed.
- In hand changes 15 yes 1 no Passed.
- Reining Pattern #1 walk/trot, no premium, Pattern #1 9-14, pattern #1 15-19 15 yes 1 no Passed.
- Dressage add must do at least 1 test to do flat class, etc. 14 yes 2 no Passed.

Constitution Changes - Collected by Scott Miracle, counted by Patti Adams, Eva Beeker.
- Add wording 2 x 3 picture 14 yes 2 no Passed.
- Changes to 14. 15 yes 1 no Passed.
- Changes 16. 19.24. 15 yes 1 no Passed.
- Speciality areas #1 changes 15 yes 1 no Passed.
- Driving changes 14 yes 2 no Passed.
- Gymkhana change assessed to added 15 yes 1 no Passed.
- Horse Bowl/Judging/Hippology can be done as completed horse year.
Prairie Ponies In hand award -
Diane motioned Tereasa 2 passed verbal vote, all in favor none against
High points award to recognize top 6, 3 9-14 yrs old, 3 15-19 yrs old. For horses 45” and under. A member may compete with more than one horse/pony combination. The winner of the combination will be the highest number of points. The award will be presented at the award ceremony at the end of fair. Scholarship $50, plaque can’t win 2 x in a row. Recipient will info President of how they will use the money. Points accumulated from State Qualifier Show and fair In Hand classes, (4) showmanship, in hand jumping, in hand hunt & in hand trail. Points counted by Point Counting Committee and available to all after tabulation is complete. Member must choose classes for point counting.

Pleasure High Point award 3 9-14 yrs and 3 15-19 yrs. Like Gymkhana top 10. Enrollment by August 1.
1 horse/1 rider combination. Choose five classes for Pleasure Fundraiser and five classes for fair. 6/5/4/3/2/1 points. Pleasure classes. Kelli Trail will be in charge of awards for 2014. 6 donors for awards.
Tereasa Motioned, 2nd by Shirel. Ballot Vote 11 yes, 5 no Passed

Changing Gymkhana Show at Fair to first Saturday instead of last. Ballot vote 11 no 5 yes Failed. Still last day of fair
- Diane - she is voting no, not safe.
- Peggy - doesn't work, they have many other projects, won't work – Peggy submitted letter in regards to topic. Didn’t feel it was necessary to read.
- Gary - Peggy summed it up. Too many other things going on Sat., safety issues, lots of people come last day of fair.
- Jaye - kids also showing dogs, lots of traffic of other animals trailering in to grounds.
- Eva - Is Bill ok with it? Shirel - not an issue
- Karin - limits kids participation
- Connie - kids in her club say no, taking away from kids if it’s their only event.
- Brenda, appreciates that leaders asked their kids
- Patti A - her club is mixed on it.
- Scott - his club no
- Regina - stunned that she has been under the impression that the "poor kids" that have to wait
- Shirel - We discussed what this will help horses have to stand in stalls all week, but saves us $ on moving dressage to this day. Not planning on starting it first thing.
- Mike - can’t watch if its first Saturday

New Business:
- Sherri Rivers – new recorder for meeting. To record – puts a file on computer. I am requesting that it be uploaded to the website for people to listen to. Eva is checking into it with MSU. So if there are any questions about what happened at a meeting they can be listened to from the website. If not, we burn a cd and make it available to check out of office. Regina recommended that I follow up with Eva at a later date.
- Voting on Rules and Reg/Fairbook/Constitution changes proposed in December (Tabled from January) and proposed in January see above.
- Pony measuring dates. 6-5-2014, 7-24 both dates are driving workouts.
- Peggy Geruska – Gymkhana Show – Fair week change
- Rachael Baughman – King/Queen changes see above

Eva’s Updates:
- Eva gave her report at the beginning of meeting while we were waiting for board to finish with Youth Council Audit. $4 profit to clubs on fruit sales. Eva has flyers for each club. March 26 is deadline for turning in orders. One check from each club w/order to pay for fruit. No Cash. Club Checks only.
- All clubs must have Checkbook Statements (Originals) sent to MSU Ext. office ASAP per MSU State. Get w/Eva/Tonya for a copy of our statement if your bank won’t sent duplicate to you.
- Tonya out of office for week and a half starting today.
Adjournment Tereasa motioned to adjourn, 2 by Regina all in favor, verbal. Adjourned.

Next meeting March 4th, 6:30pm
Sherri Rivers, Secretary - These are the complete minutes from the February 2014 Horse Council.