**St. Joseph County, MI**

**4-H HORSE COUNCIL**

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 3, 2015

**President:** Diane Zinsmaster (Desperados)

**Vice President:** Julie Bruce (Town & Country)

**Treasurer:** Tereasa Hufstedler (Competitive Trail)

**Deputy Treasurer:** Pam Cook (Cloverbuds)

**Secretary:** Cindy Sigman (Sauwauseebee)

**Club/Specialty representatives:**

- **Buckaroos:** (Tereasa Hufstedler) **Desperados:** (Diane Zinsmaster) **Sauwauseebee:** (Cindy Sigman), Samantha Sigman – Teen Representative **Stirrup Fun:** Patti Adams **Town & Country:** Connie Miracle, (Julie Bruce) **Trail Blazers:** Lisa DeLeo **Tumbleweed:** Norma Switalski, Andrea Littlefield, (Pam Cook).

Eva Beeker, MSU 4-H Program Coordinator

**SPECIALTY AREAS:**

- **Cloverbud Representative:** (Pam Cook) **Competitive Trail:** None
- **Dressage:** None **Driving:** None
- **Gymkhana:** Shirel Hart **Horse Bowl:** None
- **Horse Judging:** None **Jumping:** None
- **Reining:** None

1) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGES:** We did not call an official meeting to order, because there was not enough people for a quorum.

2) **SIGN IN SHEET:** Was in the back of the room.

3) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Could not be done.

4) **INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS:** No visitors were in attendance.

5) **APPROVAL OF JANUARY’S 6, 2105 HORSE COUNCIL MINUTES:** could not be approved because of attendance.

6) **SECRETARY’S REPORT:** None.

7) **TREASURER’S REPORT:** Treasurer Tereasa Hufstedler gave a brief Report/Summary. Beginning balance $4601.50 plus .08 interest and $550.00 to fairgrounds for the pleasure/driving show for an ending balance of $4051.58.

8) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

9) **LEADER COMMENT:** None

10) **SPECIALTY AREA REPORTS:** Pam Cook handed out a proposal on horse program for cloverbuds. On how to handle the possibility of cloverbuds showing a horse/pony project at the fair.

11) **DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Diana Zinsmaster went over the findings from her cards on suggestions to get better attendance at the Horse Council meetings and interest in being on Horse show committees. We discussed that we need to see if we can get more 4-H parents and kids to attend.
SHOW COMMITTEE REPORTS: Connie Miracle suggested that we have all the show committees meetings all one night which might cut down on the amount of meetings. Then it was discussed on keeping the show bills the same as last year then we could get them finished and printed and circulated. Also most of the judges have been selected.

a. State Qualifier Show Saturday, June 13 pleasure Sunday, June 14 gymnkhana
b. 4-H Fundraiser Pleasure Show Saturday, July 25 and Driving Sunday, July 26
c. 4-H Fundraiser Gymkhana Show Saturday, July 18 at Kal-Val Saddle Club in Scotts MI.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS: There was a constitution meeting on January 28, and there will be another one on February 11th. Then at the next Horse council meeting (If there are enough people in attendance to make a quorum) we should be able to discuss and vote on any changes.

OLD BUSINESS: Town & Country Riders tack sale at the Mendon High School 26393 Kirby Rd from 10:00am.-2Pm. Door fee is $1.00 per person 8& and under free. Public is more than welcome to bring new or used tack to sell. Table fee $10.00. Any Questions call Connie Miracle at 269-207-6306. First annual St. Joseph County all species tack sale February 28, 2015 Centerville Elementary School 190 Hogan St. Centerville. 9:00am.-1:00pm. Space fee is $25.00. Contact Denise 269-506-0460 for more info.

NEW BUSINESS: Diane Zinsmaster is planning on having a coggins test/vaccination clinic on March 28th at the fairgrounds. Have not scheduled the time yet but will have that info soon. Also in the clinic will be Equine Chiropractor, Equine Dentist, and farrier will also be there.

EVA’S CORNER: The 4-H member and leader sign up is on the web site. There is help at the extension office if needed. Please feel free to come in and get help. There are candy bars for the clubs to get and sell for the 4-H fundraiser. Leaders please contact the extension office and get you clubs candy bars to sell. Please do so ASAP because we have a lot of them to get rid of.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Sigman, Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015 @ 6:30 P.M.