St. Joseph County, MI
4-H HORSE COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 29, 2016

President: Diane Zinsmaster (absent)  Secretary: Peggy Geruszka (Town & Country)
Vice President: Pam Cook (Tumbleweed)  Deputy Treasurer: Shirel Hart (Gymkhana)
Treasurer: Teresa Hufstedler (Buckaroos)

**Buckaroos**: Teresa Hufstedler  **Desperados**: Michelle Chupp-Shears  **Town & Country**: Connie Miracle, Karin Fleetwood, Tatianna Geruszka (teen leader)  **Tumbleweeds**: Norma Switalski Cindy Sigman. Andrea Littlefield

**Guests**: Scott Kline, Vicki Sutton, Gary Lehman, Jaden Chupp-Shears, Hunter Myers, Jorden Chupp-Shears.

**Speciality Areas**
- **Cloverbud**: Pam Cook  
- **Competitive Trail**: Teresa Hufstedler, Lori Bowdish  
- **Dressage**: Hannah Stauffer  
- **Driving**: Bobbi Jo Newland, Danielle Sackrider  
- **Gymkhana**: Shirel Hart, Peggy Geruszka  
- **Horse Bowl**: None  
- **Horse Judging**: None  
- **Jumping**: Kelli Trail  
- **Reining**: None

1. **Call meeting to order**: 6:35pm. HC Vice President Pam Cook called meeting to order.

2. **Pledge**: Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H pledge were recited.

3. **Approval of February minutes**: Andrea questioned changes for pleasure show showbill. Some discussion on showbill. Motion to approve minutes made by Teresa Hufstedler second by Shirel Hart. Motion carried.

4. **Secretary Report**: Midstates Team Tournament information read. Sturgis Parade info read and passed around to read. No correspondence.

5. **Treasurer Report**: No bills to report. Motion to accept treasurer report by Hannah Stauffer second by Kelli Trail. Motion carried.

6. **Donors Packets**: Still need some clubs packets to be turned in. Donor sheets from last year’s donors are missing in some packets.

7. **Leader Comments**: Connie Miracle attended the Leader/member workshop. She felt it was very interesting and informative. The price is $99 for the weekend food included. There were several workshops through the weekend. Next year’s possibly date is February 2017.

8. **Board Comments**: None.

9. **Discussion**:
   - Concern from office on trophies not picked up and returned to supplier.
   - Fair Arenas: Shirel revisited discussion on splitting the arenas on Sunday to save on time at fair. Would split the Megan arena. Would need to hire a judge for trail. Set up a committee to meet and discuss this: Committee members are Kelli Trail, Cindy Sigman, Teresa Hufstedler, Shirel Hart, date for committee to meet is April 14 at 6 pm.
   - Showbills: Pleasure showbill not available at this time. There is some classes to add.
   - Driving would like to propose to hire a 2nd judge for driving and donate $50 toward the judge.

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* State show: Cloverbuds should be on the showbill Saturday after the driving. Correction needed.
* Horse and pony showmanship should not be combined on the showbill for the state show. There needs to be a pony showmanship all ages.
* Gymkhana showbill is ready and out.
* 26 kids get to go to state this year.
* Reining workout dates need to be schedule for work.
* Competitive trail workouts are scheduled. August 7th is the final; it will be held at Camp Eberhart.
* Driving approval for moving the ridden dressage to Saturday, September 10. Bobbi Jo motioned Hannah Stauffer second. Motion passed.
* Clinic Update: Most spots are filled. T-shirts for attendees are in. Potluck items are finalized.
* Judges Committee: Judges hired. Sportsmanship/costume Class judges not yet hired.
* All dates for workouts should be to Tonya.
* Points Committee: Karen reminded the Horse Council that she is no longer willing to head the points committee and a new committee will need to be formed. Tabled for next meeting.
* Amendments to rules and regulations:
  - Motion to Amend by Norma that Prairie Ponies in hand points from driving fundraiser will be included in the Prairie Ponies award. Seconded by Andrea Littlefield. Motion carried.
  - Connie in general rules motioned to amend that Flying lead Changes takes Precedence over Simple lead changes. ADD: Lead changes must follow pattern as specified in state 4-H rule book to be considered. Seconded by Karin Fleetwood. Motion carried.
  - Motion to amend : others ARE able to handle horses on showday by Shirel Hart, second by Tatianna Geruszka, Motion carried.
  - Motion to amend Cloverbud and walk trot kids may share a 4-H horse (added in 2014 and voted and passed however was not put in the rule book)
  - Voting by ballot on all rules and regulations proposed changes. Passed unanimously.

10. Eva Updates:
* Chocolates still available.
* Trophies voted on Monday night.
* Christian Ellis Family updates: he is in very serious condition.
* United Way funded organization. 4-H is now included.
* 4-H silent auction being organized.
* Promote Exploration Days. Still time to sign up.
* 15 or older for camp counselors needed.
* Reminder for Shots Clinic at Fairgrounds.

11. Motion Carried to Adjourn by Tereasa Hufstedler, second by Shirl Hart. Motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting:
Tuesday, May 3, 2016, MSU Extension Office