President: Diane Zinsmaster (Desperdaos)   Secretary: Peggy Geruszka (Absent- T&C)
Vice President: Pam Cook (TW)     Deputy Treasurer: Shirel Hart (Gymkhana)
Treasurer: Tereasa Hufstedler      4-H Office: Eva Beeker

**Specialty Areas:**
- **Buckaroos:** not present
- **Desperados:** Diane Zinsmaster & Michelle Chupp Shears, **Town & Country:** Connie Miracle,
- **Tumbleweed:** Pam Cook, Andrea Littlefield & Norma Switalski, **Sauwausebee:** Amy Taylor, **Trail Blazers:** Not Present, **Stir Up Fun:** Not present
- **Competitive Trail:** Not Present, **Dressage:** Hannah Yoder, **Jumping:** Not Present, **Reining:** Not Present, **Cloverbud:** Not Present, **Driving:** Bobbi Newland, Cassie Lewis & Danielle Sackrider

Guests: None

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** 6:36pm. HC President Diane Zinsmaster called mtg to order.

2. **Pledges:** 4-H Pledge & Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

3. **Approval of Agenda** with additional discussion re: Horsemans added: Motion to approve by Hannah Yoder, Second by Shirel Hart. Motion carried.

4. **Approval of December 6, 2016 HC meeting minutes.** Noted changes to be made: Add Shirel Hart to Gymkhana Specialty Areas, Add Brook Huff to Guests. With Changes Motion to Approve made by Tereasa Hufstedler, Second by Michelle Chupp-Shears.

5. **Secretary’s Report:**
   a. **Correspondence Received:** Thank You letter received from Bailey Miracle. Information passed around regarding the American Youth Horse Council Literature.
   b. **Letter received from Buckaroos to dissolve the club.** Bank statements, Charter etc need to be turned into Eva.

6. **Treasurer’s Report:**
   a. **Monthly Financial Report:** Motion to Approve by Andrea Littlefield, Second by Hannah Yoder
   b. **Beginning Balance:** $5399.03
   c. **Ending Balance:** $5408.45
   d. **No current outstanding Bills**

7. **Public Comment- None**
8. **Specialty Club Comment- None**

9. **Leader Comment-** Please refer to TW as Tumbleweed, not Tumbleweeds. Need to work on show dates for 2017. Town & Country Tack Sale- Feb 26, 2017 @ Mendon High School.

10. **Board Comment-** 105 returning youth entries so far this year- Trailblazers have not turned in their club enrollments.

11. **Election of 2017 Horse Council Board Officers:** Amy Taylor made motion to amend the constitution and by-laws to extend current board members terms. Motion Second by Michelle Chupp-Shears. Motion Carried.

12. **Election Results:**
   a. President: Diane Zinsmaster
   b. Vice President: Pam Cook
c. Treasurer: Tereasa Hufstedler  
d. Secretary: Danielle Sackrider  
e. Deputy Treasurer: Shirel Hart  
f. At Large Members- Sauwaseebee & Stir-Up Fun

13. Discussion/Action Items:
   a. Master Calendar- circulated and members asked to add show dates etc.  
b. Coggins Clinic and Pony Measuring date- Good turn out last year. Optional dates: March 25, 2017 or April 15, 2017  
   Diane Zinsmaster to arrange with Fedore Large Animal Clinic.  
c. Spring Sign Up Forms:  
   i. Add kid 4-H # to the form  
   ii. Add Signature Agreeing to Stall shown Horse at fair  
   iii. Add Pony/Horse/Mini  
d. Show dates for 2017- options  
   i. State Qualifier- June 24 & 25  
   ii. State Horse Show- Aug 11-13, 2017  
   iii. Mini State Show- Aug 26, 2017  
   iv. Gymkhana- @ Horseman’s- July 8th?  
   v. Pleasure & Driving- July 29/30, Aug 19/20- other options to be looked at  
   vi. Proposed Pleasure dates at Horseman’s: May 27, June 24, July 22 or Aug 5.  
   vii. Ridden/Driven Dressage Fair Show- Sept 9, 2017  
e. Show Help Ideas  
   i. Horseman’s will run shows on their grounds  
   ii. Option to raise entry fees to pay for someone to run shows  
   iii. Admin fee day of show  
   iv. Pre-enter- no admin fee  
   v. Discussed option to hire show staff to run shows due to lack of volunteers

14. Committees for 2017:
   a. Judge Hiring: Andrea Littlefield, Diane Zinsmaster, Pam Cook & Bobbi Newland  
   b. Pony Measuring: Cassie Lewis, Bobbi Newland and Danielle Sackrider  
   c. State Qualifier- TBD  
   d. Gymkhana Fundraiser Show- TBD  
   e. Pleasure Fundraiser Show- TBD  
   f. Driving Fundraiser Show- Danielle Sackrider, Bobbi Newland, Cassie Lewis  
   g. Constitution/Rules- TBD  
   h. Awards- TBD  
   i. Stalling- TBD

15. Fair Horse Barns:
   a. Barns 16 & 17 are being renovated into Box Stalls. This will mean changes in stalling at fair. Danielle Sackrider suggested a mini barn in one of the tie barns.  
   b. Keep positive at club meetings about sharing of the barns.  
   c. Barns 18 & 19 will be done after fair

16. Horseman’s: 9 members, Shirel Hart and her husband are on the board. Shirel will act as a liaison between Horseman’s and 4-H horse council.

17. Eva’s Updates:
   a. Mtg with Bill Johnson re: trailering and stalling for 2017  
   b. Wordpress site is down and a St. Joseph County is not able to have a 2nd website per MSU extension rule. All information will be on the MSU extension site, but may take a few weeks to post. Eva interested in alternative ways to get information out to members.  
   c. 4-H online Code of Conducts need to be signed.  
   d. Facebook Page- St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council  
   f. HC/YC audits being set up.
g. New FLSA Law put on hold at this time- Eva to keep HC updated.


i. Horse Mandatory meeting: Jan 31, 2017- Eva is presenting

j. Species Dates scheduled- see newsletter, website and FB pages for dates and times.

k. Mandatory Leader Meeting Dates: Dec 13, 2016 and January 10, 2017

18. Adjournment: Motion by T. Hufstedler, Second by Bobbi Newland @ 8:30pm

Next meeting: January 3, 2017 @ Glen Oaks – Dresser Business Development Auditorium

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Sackrider