Gladwin County 4-H Horse Project Association Minutes
Thursday, January 15, 2015

Meeting started at 7:03 p.m. Members present: Jill Nartker (Hoof Beats); Cheryl Badger; Darcy Hite; Kim Abbas; Kim Persky (Farm Central); Kim Bruner (Country Blend); Denise Shears (EUTS)

Secretary's report -- Report was emailed to everyone in November. Darcy made a motion to accept the minutes as emailed. Kim A. supported. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report -- $804.16 in checking; $167.25 in savings Mary Lou donated her check back; she wants the funds to go toward the Lawrence Lemke award. Kim will void the check to Mary Lou. Kim is wondering who will pay for that award at the fall awards banquet now. This $50 will go toward the Lemke award; along with monies from the horse association. Kim B. made a motion that the horse association will pay, from 2015 forward, for the Lemke award that is presented at the fall awards banquet each year. Kim P. supported. Motion carried.

MSU Report: No program coordinator; no report.

Bills to be paid: None

Correspondence: None

New business:

Fair report -- Judges; any other info. Melissa has judges for Monday; working on Friday's judges. Kim Persky has volunteered to announce for the speed events on Friday. Possibility of having Constance Thurlow being the judge on Friday. Melissa has Adam and Kable lined up; Kim is willing to help them if they need her.

I have something posted somewhere; and passed out at barn set up; which clubs are supposed to be setting up events; working gates, etc.

Twilight shows -- May 29th, June 19th, July 17th; all have been okayed by the fair board.

Boot camp -- June 19th-20th (okayed by the fair board) Jill has talked to Jennifer McCulloch; she has a nutritionist that would possibly come in and talk; she also would like to have someone come in and give a saddle fitting clinic. Kim Abbas will bring Hershey the horse again; possibly make stall signs with horse information. Take the kids for a drive around the fairgrounds in the horse trailer to show them how it feels to try to stand up while the trailer is moving. Work on loading a horse that doesn't want to load in the trailer.

Memorial and Labor Day speed shows -- Jill will clarify with Melissa about whether or not the monies raised will stay in Gladwin County. There was some confusion from Fred as to where the monies were going.

Overall showmanship -- Kim P. has suggested letting Gail do wood burning on stools for overall showmanship with a horseshoe and each division; high point and reserve high point.

Discussion of having the grounds committee build a box around the water spigot and put pea stones in it to keep the mud down at the north end of the barns. Also possibility of digging a trench and adding a drain to the wash rack area to keep the mud down.

Old business:

Fundraisers - Kim B. thinks we need to keep our money in the account this year, as we depleted it quite a bit last year.
May possibly have a can drive at one of our twilight shows. Discussion of having paybacks during these shows to draw more people.

Kim B. will also be talking to Carrie Breault about getting funds from the hospital; as well as the Midland baseball foundation.

Kim P. made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Kim B. supported. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Next meeting: February 12, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Extension office

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Shears, Secretary.