St. Joseph County 4-H Horse Council
Minutes
Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Buckaroos: Jessica Zabonick, Sherri Rivers **Cloverbud**: None **Desperados**: None **Dressage:** Sharon Jones **Driving**: Brenda Lewis **Gymkhana**: Wendy Wonders, Shirel Stamper **Lariats:** None **Sauwauseebee**: Jaye Nevins, Rex Nevins **Silver Spurs**: Julie Bruce **Spirit Riders**: None **Stirrup Fun**: None **Town & Country**: Kathy Zelms, **Trailblazer**: Lisa DeLeo **Tumbleweed**: Regina Schinker, Norma Switalski **Young Riders**: Nancy Hofstra, Racheal Pelikan **Competitive Trail**: None.

Call to order – Rex Nevins, President, 7:00 p.m.

Pledges

Introduction of Guests – No guests.

Public Comment – None.

Secretary's Report

1. Corrections: None.
2. Motion to accept minutes: Brenda Lewis. Motion seconded: Wendy Wonders. Approved.

Correspondence – None.

Treasurer's Report

1. Corrections from last month:

April:	Beginning Balance:		$3360.29	
	Interest:		.85	
	Total income:		$150.00	(Donations receipt #488409-412)
	Ending balance:		$3511.14	
May:	Beginning Balance:		$3511.14	
	Interest:		$1.05	
	Total income:		$2110.00	
	Expenditures:	1)	$50.00	Erin Mosher, death of son Hunter. Funeral costs donation on behalf of Horse Council Board and Members.
		2)	$84.04	Karin Fleetwood - Reimbursement postage/envelopes donation letters.
	Ending balance:		$5488.15	

(NOTE: check #1299 from last year's Pleasure Fundraiser was deleted, this was a check to Hunter Clark for $7.84).

2. Motion to accept treasurer's report: Sharon Jones. Motion seconded: Wendy Wonders. Approved.
3. Bills to be paid: None.

Additions to the Agenda – None.

Old Business

1. **Committee Reports for 2009**
   a. **State Qualifying Show** – June 27, 2009 (Sauwauseebee) Judge: Bonnie Seitler. Ready to go.
      i. Sharon wondered if this judge was judging the dressage tests also. Yes, reported Jaye. Jessica said she would also scribe if need be.
      ii. Wendy reminded everyone to make sure that if they knew of a 4-Her in their saddleclub that was planning to participate in the gymkhana classes, they must make one gymkhana workout before the State Qualifying Show. (this includes the jumping specialty area too)
   b. **King/Queen/Prince/Princess Show** – July 11, 2009 (Kathy Zelms) Judge: Jenny Pierucki. Kathy reports that the information flyer will be going out the middle of this month. Brenda suggested the contest information

be posted on the website. Kathy says that she assumes that the kids are already working on their patterns. An anonymous donation was made to the KQPP program for $200.

c. **Pleasure Fundraiser Show** – August 1, 2009 (Sauwauseebee/Trailblazers) Judge: Richard Fitch. He is bringing a conditional judge with him to the show.
d. **Gymkhana Fundraiser Show** –July 25, 2009 (Wendy/Shirel). July 25, 2009. All good.
   i. Kathy suggested updating the computer for the summer shows. Everyone supported the updating of the computer from Windows 98.
   ii. Shirel wondered if we should have kids pre-register for the Gymkhana show. It may save time in prep work. Information on this will go out with the KQPP mailer.
e. **Sportsmanship Interviews**: Saturday prior to fair. September 19.
f. **State Horse Show** (Lansing) – August 7-9, 2009. Sauwauseebee and Trailblazers. Five volunteers are needed from these two clubs.

2. **Specialty Reports for 2009**
   a. **Driving** (Brenda Lewis) – First workout has been completed. Three kids were in attendance. Pony measurement will be done at the next workout.
   b. **Gymkhana** (Wendy Wonders & Shirel Stamper) – A couple of workouts are in. Everything is going well.
      i. Shirel wanted it noted that one of the drags is missing at the fairgrounds. Shirel reports that one of the fairground employees said that some guy with 4-H took it. Shirel hasn't talked to Bill about this yet. No one else on the council was aware of anyone being authorized to take the drag.
      ii. Rex mentioned that the stalls are done in the horse barns.
      iii. Shirel and Wendy noted that the bleachers aren't down yet and this may be a safety issue.
      iv. Also, the announcer booth has been unlocked (the storage underneath and the office) a different workouts. Wendy and Shirel secured both locations. Perhaps the combination should be changed.
   c. **Dressage** (Sharon Jones) –First workout was cancelled last night. Everything is ready to go.
   d. **Jumping** (Jessica Zabonick) – same as Sharon.
   e. **Competitive Trail** (Paul Larson) –The 2nd ride was Mothers Day weekend at Silver Creek. 7 kids. The next ride is June 11th at the countywide workout. Judge has been hired for the fair.
   f. **Cloverbud** (Pam Cook) **–**Happy Birthday Pam! Norma reported that there will be a few games for the participants at the stick horse Jamboree along with making their stick horses. A leader or parent must accompany the cloverbud participant. Please RSVP to Pam by June 10 so she can plan materials. $2.00 per cloverbud participant. Those who pre-ordered T-shirts should be able to pick them up at the Jamboree.
   g. **Pony Measuring** (Dave and Suzanne Marshall) – Thursday, June 4, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 11, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. A rain date will be in between.
   h. **All County Workouts –** Horseman's, May 13, June 11, July 15, August 13.

New Business – None.

Youth Council Meeting –No report.

Monica's corner – Monica made the announcement that she has accepted a job at GVSU as a writing professor. She will be leaving us at the end of the month. Monica reports that she has mixed feeling about this change and will miss everyone. She is not sure when MSU will post for a replacement. She will be available as a resource person to the next 4-H educator.

Best Wishes Monica!

Motion to adjourn: Shirel Stamper
Motion seconded: Brenda Lewis

Respectfully submitted,
Regina Switalski Schinker, Secretary

Next meeting is Tuesday, July 7, at 7:00 p.m.