

ALLEGAN COUNTY 4-H HORSE LEADERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Minutes

Spartan Room & Zoom, May 2, 2022 7PM

I. PLEDGES & WELCOME

Meeting called to order at 7:12 PM.

Additions to the agenda and welcoming of guest

II. Secretary Report, Roll Call & Correspondence

April minutes were approved by Rachel; seconded by Nora. Motion carried.

Globe Trotters, Rabbit River Riders, Watson Wranglers; Purple Vision Absent

Resource: Paul Balgoyen, Nora Balgoyen-Williams, Vicki Swainston

All clubs cannot miss 3 consecutive meetings, Secretary to keep track of who hasn't been to 3 consecutive meetings and will be notified by President. Club will be contacted by President and will be considered inactive: Club members will be contacted by office.

Nora made a motion to accept the March minutes, Rachel seconded. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer Report

a. Horse Leaders Account – \$4,762.83

b. 5 Day Clinic Account – \$788.09; Mandi stated she deposited a \$1943 check in February, which was the discrepancy we had during April's meeting. Mandi will look for her proof of deposit to bring to the next meeting.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Show Committee – Mandi will be posting the sign-ups for volunteers for show help. Nora did contact *Saddle Up Magazine* with our show dates.

i. Karin Wood Memorial Fuzzy Show – May 1st – gates were not open when we got there. No water for the horses. No restrooms were available. Saree had completely forgotten about the show. Paul did update Saree on who could drive the tractor for shows. Nora will be sending an email to Saree about the hole in the arena. The PA system was not loud enough – people struggled to hear. There is a loose roof panel in the office. Suggestions for next time: music for stick horse race, and National Anthem before the shows.

ii. Horsemaster/Beth Wykstra Memorial – June 11-12 (11th Clinic, 12th Open Show) Heather Maurer to judge Showmanship and Western. English - Tracy Fox, Trail – Jodi Brenner, Driving - Jennifer Guillozet, Gymkhana - Tara Beilby

iii. Speed Series – June 23, July 21, August 25

- b. 5-Day Clinic –April 27 at Russos – The 5 Day packet has been emailed to all instructors. We would like to open registration June 13 – July 9. After July 9, there will be a late fee. Camping fees will be included in the registration fees this year. Camping will be available on Thursday, July 21 after our Speed Show. Stall decorating theme will be Horses Around the World. The top two clubs, decided by 5 Day Committee and our Instructors, will be awarded gift cards. We would like to include in our registration booklet that horses must be up to date with the farrier. Kids may still send in their mounted skills by virtual option. We would like to update evaluator list, taking off Beth Meyer and Angie Perry, adding Pam McGill and Kim Lerch for Driving, adding Tara Beilby for all levels. We have two new classes offered this year: intro to Cross Country and Intro to Jumping. Two Vaulting classes were added. In exchange of the potluck on Sunday night at 8 PM we will be having an ice cream social. We will be adding seminars this year at the end of the day. This year we are offering extra t-shirts for sale for adults and siblings.
- c. Horsemaster – Rachel is working on Level 4 and 5. There must be two different evaluators between the levels of 3, 4, and 5. It cannot be the same person for all three levels. Level 5 must be approved by horse leaders. Rachel and Nora will work together for the Gymkhana portion. Everything will be presented new next year after the fair. Current books due by June 6. Book and evaluation must be done by June 6. Clubbers must be 8 by January 1 to participate in Level 1.
- d. Teen Leader – Meeting Thursday, April 14 at 6 PM at Nora’s. First meeting went well. They had food available at our May 1st show. They made \$382.76. They are trying to get a new meeting set up. They found out they get a 20% discount at Sweetwaters for the show. Mandi is checking with Main Street Bakery for discounts, Doughnuts will be offered at June 11 and 12 shows.
- e. Sponsorships – Amy has mailed 109 letters. She has contacted a few on Facebook, several leaders shared it on Facebook. \$100 and \$25 sponsorships already received.
- f. County Wide Trail Ride – May 21. Mandi’s family will be camping Friday night. Anybody may camp but must secure their own sites and pay their own fees. We hope to have trial ride going by noon.
- g. State Horse Show at MSU – August 19; deadline is May 1 to declare

V. **Unfinished Business**

- a. Horse judging – State competition March 27 – went well. All of our kids placed.
- b. Planning for 2022
 - i. Back numbers – Heather sent out flyer. Heather will print and laminate. Order at first show. Order form was available at May 1 show. All orders due by June 6. Payment due to 4H leaders upon order.
 - ii. Saddle raffle – put on hold. Discussed show halter. Motion made by Nora to order a Show Halter to be used as an incentive award; seconded by Vicki. Motion carried. Heather will work on a new flyer and get it out to Horse Leaders for approval.
 - iii. County wide t-shirts for adults and kids – order form available at May 1 show.

- iv. Thank You cards – motion made by Vicki, seconded by Amy. 100 Thank-Yous - \$100 at Jiffy Print. Vicki will look into it.
 - v. Buckles for the speed series
 - c. Budget – Looked over – because of the sponsorship letter and people not allocating their funds a motion was made to give 5 Day a \$750 budget/line item. Amy made the motion. Rachel seconded. Motion carried. Money was adjusted due to \$0 spent on Fuzzy Show and Using ribbons we already had on hand. Amy made the motion to approve the newly adjusted budget. Rachel seconded. Motion carried.
 - d. Resource leaders – Discussion about how to engage Resource Leaders to be more active in helping at events and with clubs. Horse Leaders discussed if there should be an attendance policy for Resource Leaders. We agreed there should not be a policy because the leaders volunteer for the role. Paul has informed all 5 Day instructors that they are Resource Leaders. They are encouraged to come to our meetings. It was discussed with Dian that Resource Leaders do follow Code of Conduct and if there is any in question on social media or at 4H events, Dian will have a discussion with the leader.

VI. New Business:

- a. Planning for 2022
 - i. Winter Learning Series for adults and kids – discuss at a later date
 - ii. CPR training – discuss at a later date
- b. Amy brought to attention that Camp Kidwell still had not been paid for our awards banquet in Feb. It was agreed upon by the group to cut a \$150 check to KJ. Vicki wrote the check that night and gave to Amy to mail out.

Meeting Adjourned 9:00 PM. Amy made motion to adjourn, Nora seconded.

Next Meeting – June 6, 7 PM, Spartan Room