

Gladwin County 4-H Horse Project Association Minutes

Thursday, April 14, 2016

Meeting started at 7:06 p.m. Members present: Melissa Maxwell (Beaverton Buckaroos); Jill Nartker (Hoof Beats); Denise Shears (EUTS); Kim Bruner (Country Blend); Kearstin Simrau (Getting Down on the Farm); Jessica Hufford (MSU Extension Office)

Secretary's report – Minutes from March 2016 were presented. Kim made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Melissa supported. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report – \$1,652.77 in checking account; \$1,234.02 in savings. Outstanding checks for kids from last years incentive awards. Letter will be sent stating that these checks will be invalid by the end of April; and that if they are not cashed by this date they will not be reissued a new check.

MSU Report:

Extension office secretarial position will be open – Rachel took a job in West Branch.

Horse books are in. If you have any new horse members that need them, let the leader know and they will get them to you.

After June 1, 2016, 4-H clubs are no longer able to have meetings at the Extension office due to insurance issues. Associations will still be allowed to meet there as there will be an MSU staff member there.

National Volunteer Appreciation week is this week – thank you to all the people that volunteer with our kids. 4-H grows here is also a new message that they are using PSA's to promote 4H qualities.

4-H (correct way to use logo) – Jessica passed around a flyer to look at.

Old business:

Free Educational Horse Clinic – May 21 at 10 or 11 a.m., running until it's over. It will be a free educational clinic, Jill will try to pull the Tribute feed lady. We will have Kelly Alward talk about saddle fitting and saddle pads, Gail and Angie to talk about massage and oil therapy; Brenda Inscho to talk about grooming; Renee Barlow to give tips to the kids on running patterns; and Dennis to give tips on showmanship. Melissa will try to get a dentist or vet to come as well. We also are looking to have a tack sale/swap at the same time. Kim made a motion to pay each person that will be coming to present to the 4-H members, \$50, from the Horse Leaders Association savings account. Melissa supported. Motion carried.

Horse project sheets – make change to June 1st and 4H emblem.

New business:

New wording to put into By-Laws next year – **There needs to be a representative from each club at 5 of the 8 association meetings or you forfeit voting rights at the annual meeting AND club members will not be allowed to show horses at that year's fair.**

We need one more definite volunteer to go to the State 4-H show in August or the Gladwin County kids will not be able to show. Kids will be decided after June 1st when they sign up their horse. There are a maximum of 10 spots for kids to go. Noel O'Dell is definitely signed up.

Rayna Yeager – she sent Melissa message stating that she has rodeo nationals in Wyoming, July 17-23. It takes 2 days to get back to Michigan so she wouldn't be back in time for her to show in showmanship on

Monday, and would like to still be able to run speed on Friday. This will have to be taken before the fair board resolution committee, but the association doesn't feel that this should be allowed as it will open a whole can of worms with other kids – if you bend the rules for one, you will have to bend them for all.

Flyers for the Saddle Series and the Twilight shows were passed out, as well as horse project sheets. Leaders can take them to their meetings and pass them out.

Kearstin made a motion to adjourn; Kim supported. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Next meeting: May 12, 2016 at 7 p.m. at MSU Extension office.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Shears, Secretary