

Genesee County 4-H Horse Leaders Association  
August 8, 2017 Members Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting 6:30pm  
Genesee County MSU extension 605 N Saginaw St #1a, Flint, MI 48502

Meeting called to order at 6:31

Board members present: Drew Mallery, Abigail Shock, Lori Eastwood, Anna Taylor, Miranda Eastwood, Gracie Jordan, Shannon Harris

Board Members absent: Barbara Harris, Trinity Waterson

Clubs present: Equine Excellence, Genesee Equestrians, Mane Connection, Fenton Wranglers, Genesee Chupacabras, Lone Rangers, Trailblazers

Clubs absent: none

- I. Thank you's – Abigail Shock thanked all the volunteers that helped at Achievement Days. Julia Taylor thanked Billie Mallery for all her work on the Sponsor Book.
  - a. April Meeting Minutes reviewed. Jackie Kerr Moved to “accept Minutes as read”. All were in favor. Motion passed.
- II. Educational Presentation
  - a. Drew Mallery handed out a survey on helmet safety. Drew will be doing a helmet drive this fall, more info to come soon.
- III. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Current balance: \$17,590.76
  - b. Detailed reports from shows were handed out
    - i. Profits: Warm and fuzzy = +\$674.69, Open Show 1 = +417.73, Open Show 2 = -285.86, Achievement days coming soon.
  - c. Kirsten Lahti moved to file treasurers report. All were in favor. Report Filed.
- IV. Heidi Mudel
  - a. For Genesee County Fair Exhibitors, setup for Dairy, Poultry, and Rabbits is August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Setup for Beef, Sheep, and Swine is Aug 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00.
  - b. This September, 4-H enrollment fees will go up from \$10 to \$20. This increase automatically enrolls members/volunteers in American Income Life Insurance. Contact MSU Extension office for scholarships if help is needed in paying enrollment fees.
  - c. 4-H clubs are wanted on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at Wojo's Greenhouse in Davison from 10:00am–4:00pm. Clubs are welcome to bring animals of any species to promote 4-H and educate the public. Fundraiser of “make your own scarecrow” will benefit Genesee County 4-H.
- V. Cloverbud Committee – Sam will no longer be running the cloverbud expo at the Genesee County Fair
- VI. Education/Fun Committee – no report
- VII. Show Committee – no report
- VIII. Advertising Committee
  - a. Will be sending posting Fall Finale Showbills. Saddle Up has a free online calendar. Julia Taylor moved to “put the Fall Finale Showbill in the printed Saddle Up magazine for September and October for \$20/month using the Advertising Budget monies.” All were in favor. Motion passed.
- IX. Awards Committee
  - a. A few plaques will need to be purchased to replace missing ones from Achievement Days.
  - b. All riders who won revolving trophies please check them for any missing plates.

- X. Fundraising Committee
  - a. Billie Mallery will be stepping down from heading the Sponsor Book in 2018. It is a big job, but would make for a lot of volunteer hours for youth members who are computer savvy. Billie will be available for any questions.
  - b. Melinda Blaine volunteered to run Sponsor Book for 2018
- XI. Pattern Committee
  - a. Miranda will be stepping down for the upcoming season. New committee chair will be needed.
  - b. Horse Show Patterns.com subscription has expired. new membership can be purchased when ready to create next year's patterns as the subscription is for 6 months at a time.
- XII. Sportsmanship Committee – no report
- XIII. Grounds and Maintenance Committee
  - a. Exhibitors will be in the open barn for the Fall Finale
  - b. Please remember to be respectful of the Genesee County Parks Staff. All complaints should be sent to Abigail Shock, not directly to Parks.
- XIV. Fair
  - a. Please check that your fair classes are entered correctly. Lori has sent out a class list or you can contact/meet with her personally.
  - b. Barn will be full with the number of entries we have this year, tack stalls are not available at this time.
  - c. Family Farm and Home stores will be donating bags of sawdust again this year (Burton, Swartz Creek, and Fenton locations). With the higher number of exhibitors this year it is estimated that each member will only get 2 ½ bags each.
  - d. Julia Taylor moved to “pay \$250 for a load of sawdust from Muxlow.” All were in favor. Motion passed. As a future note, all fundraising should include in their advertising that some proceeds will benefit the Genesee County Fair.
  - e. 2 of the GCHLA Printers are not working properly (newest printer is working fine but we would like to use up ink cartridges on old printers) Lori would like to take them in to get checked using the office supply budget monies.
- XV. Horse Judging Team
  - a. Still in need of coaches for the new season
- XVI. Drill Team
  - a. Performed at Achievement Days
- XVII. New Business
  - a. If you see something that is broken on the fairgrounds, please report it to parks immediately. The Genesee County Fair and exhibitors have been blamed for some broken items that were already in need of repair.
  - b. The GCHLA show trailer is currently at Abigail Shock's house but will need to be stored elsewhere. Lori Eastwood Moved that “the GCHLA Show trailer be stored at Millenium (aprox 5 minutes from fairgrounds) for ~\$20/month until May. The trailer will be under GCHLA's name and there will be a list of people who are able to access it while in storage.” All were in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:41pm