

Genesee County Horse Leaders Association  
Special Meeting February 21, 2017 6:30pm  
Genesee County MSU Extension 605 N Saginaw St #1a, Flint, MI 48502

Clubs Present: Fenton Wranglers, Genesee Equestrians, Genesee Chupacabras, Mane Connection, Trail Blazers, Lone Rangers, Equine Excellence

Clubs Absent: none

Board Members Present: Abby Shock, Lori Eastwood, Miranda Eastwood, Shannon Harris, Barbara Harris, Trinity Waterson, Anna Taylor

Board Members Absent: Drew Mallery, Cassidy Bartkowiak

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

- I. Pledges and Roll Call
- II. Show Committee/Unfinished Business
  - a. Decision on show location for 2017
    - i. Comparison Chart handed out for review. Discussion points included that most alternative locations did not have our desired dates available and some locations may not meet our needs for stalling. The Indoor arena of the 4-H barn is an option that would not require changing locations or dates. Some improvements to the arena may need to be done to insure the safety of this arena (Miranda to follow up on), however this arena is free of charge since it is included with the rental of the barn for stalls.
    - ii. Shannon Harris moved to “Hold the Warm and Fuzzy Show in the indoor arena of the 4-H Barn.” All were in favor. Motion Passed.
    - iii. Show Volunteer positions were discussed. Heidi suggested getting word out to high school students that are required to complete community service/volunteer hours. Heidi will sign off on volunteer hour paperwork for any student that volunteers at the shows.
    - iv. Lori Eastwood moved to “hold open shows in the indoor arena of the 4-H barn and rent the new arena from 1pm-7pm(discounted price \$500) on both Saturday and Sunday to provide better footing for jumping and gymkhana classes. Club vote: 8 yes, 2 no. Motion passed.
    - v. Abby Shock will check with park to see if they will offer the \$500 half day fee (1pm-7pm) on Saturday and Sunday as it was originally only offered for Friday. Plans will need to be revised if this is not an option.
    - vi. Miranda Eastwood moved that “To help with timeliness during Achievement Days, classes be combined into championship classes if rider numbers are low.” All were in favor. Motion passed.
      1. For classes that have two age divisions: 4 exhibitors or less, they will automatically qualify for their appropriate championship class and their original qualifying class will not be ran. Example 1: English equitation 9-15 has 2 riders, English Equitation 16-19 has 4 riders = all 6 riders would automatically be entered in the English Equitation Championship class and the separate age division classes would not be ran. Example 2: Western pleasure 9-

15 has 6 riders, Western Pleasure 16-19 has 3 riders = the 9-15 age division would ride their qualifying class and top 4 would be entered in western pleasure championship, 16-19 riders would automatically be entered in the championship and not ride their qualifying class.

2. For classes that have one age division: 8 riders or less, they will automatically qualify for their appropriate championship class and their original qualifying class will not be ran. Example: Saddleseat Equitation 9-19 has 7 riders = all 7 riders would automatically be entered in the Saddleseat Equitation Championship class and the regular qualifying class would not be ran.

- b. Finalize 2017 schedule of fees
  - i. Lori Eastwood moved to “Increase camping fees from \$22 to \$25.” All were in favor. Motion Passed.
  - ii. Lori Eastwood moved to “Keep the Warm and Fuzzy Show W/T/C Blanket Fee at \$40, and add W/T and Novice Blanket Fees at \$25 each.” All were in favor. Motion passed.
- III. Billie Mallory moved to “table any further discussion of fees and budget to the regularly scheduled March GCHLA Members Meeting.” All were in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm

Submitted by Miranda Eastwood