

Genesee County 4H Horse Leaders Association Members Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2016 Regular Meeting 6:30pm  
Genesee County MSU Extension 605 N Saginaw St #1a, Flint, MI 48502

Meeting called to order at 6:37pm by Drew Mallery

- I. Pledges and Roll Call
  - A. Clubs Present: Equine Excellence, Fenton Wranglers, Trail Blazers, Genesee Chupacabras, Mane Connection, Genesee Equestrians
  - B. Clubs Absent: Champs, Lone Rangers, So Fine Equine, Friendly Farmers
  - C. Executive board present: Drew Mallery, Trinity Waterson, Anna Taylor, Barbara Harris, Cassidy Bartkowiak, Lori Eastwood, Miranda Eastwood, Shannon Harris
- II. Thank yous- Julie Taylor moved "to send a thank you card with pictures of members to Family Farm and Home for their sawdust donations during fair." Seconded by Kirstin Lahti. All were in favor. Motion Approved.
- III. Review of minutes- Kirstin Lahti moved to accept minutes. All were in favor.
- IV. Treasurers Report – none due to vacated office
- V. Election of vacated officer positions
  - A. Youth Treasurer: Cassidy Bartkowiak
  - B. Adult Vice President: Lori Eastwood
  - C. Adult Treasurer: Shannon Harris
    - i. Heidi moved to destroy the ballots. All were in favor.
- VI. Heidi Mudel MSU Youth Educator
  - A. November 12, 2016 is Science Saturday from 10am-11am at the extension office. They will be blowing stuff up!! Also remember that Heidi is available to bring science activities to individual club meetings.
  - B. Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup> is the 4-H Winter Bake Off Pre-meeting to go over kitchen safety
  - C. The Extension Office will be closed on November 24-25 for Thanksgiving
  - D. With new security at the Extension Office, the front door will be locked during the day. There is a buzzer and camera to get into the building.
- VII. Revisions for GCHLA Bylaws
  - A. Please see attached Bylaws
- VIII. Committee Reports (Chairpersons finalized)
  - A. Cloverbud – Samantha Moody and Barbara Harris
  - B. Education/Fun – Jaime Beam and Ella Downey
  - C. Show – Kirstin Lahti and Trinity Waterson
    - i. Kirstin moved to postpone show committee discussion until after the other committee chairpersons were appointed"
    - ii. Judge coordinator: Kirstin Lahti
    - iii. Show Manager: Jackie Kerr
    - iv. Office Manager: Lori Eastwood
    - v. Barn Manager: Emma Crandall
  - D. Awards – Kristina Jordan and Anna Taylor
  - E. Advertising – Samantha Moody/Shannon Harris and Cheyenne Mills/Sydney Fish
    - i. Possibility of online registration discussed. Online payment is not allowed per MSU. The Gaitkeeper Show Program provides online registration through their own website. Lori Eastwood moved to "purchase the Gaitkeeper Show Program" Seconded by Jaime Beam. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- F. Fundraising – Billie Mallery and Anna Taylor
  - i. Theme for 2017 is Disney/Pixar Films. Start thinking of t-shirt and sponsor book designs!
- G. Show Patterns – Miranda Eastwood and Cassidy Bartkowiak/Grace Jordan
- H. Sportsmanship – Kirstin Lahti and Lily Taylor
- I. Grounds/Maintenance – Abigail Shock and Cheyenne Mills
- J. Fair – Lori Eastwood and Trinity Waterson
  - i. Proposed changes for 2017 were handed out.
    1. Coggins received at time of entry for youth show first week of July.
    2. Upon arrival to Fair, Coggins will be matched to horse (per State requirements). Additionally, health check and project record book check in for youth 9 and over, BEFORE horse can be placed in stall. Body score issues to be discussed with Fair board and at Members meetings. Consider hiring a vet tech to evaluate that is not connected with any group participating in Fair.
    3. Combine W/T 9-12 and 13 and over to one class. Reason: not enough riders for several years. Probably due to less experienced riders not wanting to attempt fair situation.
    4. Change age division for W/T/C to 9-13 and 14-19 (instead of 9-15 and 16-19).
    5. Put Cloverbud classes at the start and end of the show to help with time management. Start their classes at 1, possibly more fun classes than equitation and pleasure.
    6. Put Western on second day with speed, put trail at end of first day (with much simpler pattern). Remove Egg and Spoon from first day to help decrease length of show on First day. Could run the egg and spoon as a fun class later in the week.
    7. Add "Golden Pitch Fork" award for cleanest group of stalls.
    8. Start show at 1pm, due to concern over how late it runs. Have Cloverbud classes run from 1-1:45 with the help of older youth as appropriate.
    9. Two new high point divisions. Rail and Gymkhana. Rail to include: Showmanship, Eng. Eq. And Pleas., West. Eq. and Pleas., Trail, Bareback and Commands. Gymkhana to include: Cloverleaf, Down and Back, Indiana Flag Race, and Pole Bending. There will be a W/T 9 and over and W/T/C 9-13 and 14-19 high point for a total of 6 high point and 6 reserve award sashes to be given out.
    10. Continue to provide demonstrations, especially if able to use the new ring. Consider the Cloverbud demo, Jumping, Dressage, and Reining. Depending on youth interest and weather.
  - ii. Lori moved “to accept proposed changes as written” Seconded by Jaime Beam. All were in favor. Motion Passed.

#### IX. 2017 Show Dates

- A. Warm & Fuzzy May 6
  - B. First Open Show June 3-4
  - C. Second Open Show June 17-18 OR 24-25
    - i. Discussion on which date to pick. Miranda Eastwood called the question to end discussion. Majority passed. Club Votes – June 17-18: 8 votes, June 24-25: 3.
    - ii. Date will be June 17-18, the 24-25 will be a backup date if the first is unavailable.
  - D. Achievement Days July 11-14 OR July 12-15
    - i. Kirstin moved for “club votes on Achievement Days dates” Seconded by Lori. Club Votes – July 11-14: 5, July 12-15: 6.
    - ii. Date will be July 12-15, the 11-14 will be a backup date.
  - E. Fall Finale October 7, October 14 as backup date.
  - F. Miranda moves “to accept dates as written for Abigail to take to the Parks/Rec” Seconded by Lori Eastwood. All were in Favor.
- X. Jaime Beam Moves to “Table the Showbill and Show Rules discussion/voting to a Special Meeting on November 22 at 6pm” Seconded by Lori Eastwood. Club vote – yes:8, no:3. Motion passed.
- XI. Youth Presentations/updates
- A. Horse Judging Team – no report
  - B. Drill Team – no report

XII. New Business

- A. Sam Moody is organizing a 4H show on Mackinac Island on October 27-29, 2017. There are 15 stalls available. Freight shipping for the horses will be available for planning to help with transportation costs. More info to come.
- B. Thank you to GCHLA from Lori Eastwood, Miranda Eastwood, and Jackie Kerr for the sponsorship to the MSU Proud Equestrians Program Update.
- C. Kirstin has updated the Horse/Pony Project Record Book and they will be posted for review.
- D. Judges Conference at the Kettering Center is coming up on January 8-10. GCHLA used to sponsor two members to attend this each year.
- E. Genesee Chupacabras will be in the upcoming Thanksgiving Day Parade

XIII. Miranda Eastwood moved to adjourn at 8:27pm. Seconded by Jaime Beam. All were in Favor.

Submitted by Miranda Eastwood