

# Jefferson County Horse and Pony Project

## Board Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2022, 7:00pm

Present:

Jenn Olson, Co-Chair  
Matt Hanson, Co-Chair  
Erica Neis, Secretary  
Terri Besch, Reporter  
Angela Mitchell, At-Large Member  
Lauren Hanson, Youth Chair  
McKynzie Neis, Youth Treasurer  
Rylie Neis, Youth Reporter  
Mason Blazewicz, Youth At-Large Member  
Ava Armstrong

1. Jenn called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. Secretary's Report – The minutes from the January board meeting were submitted to Kim and made available for review at the meeting. McKynzie N. made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report, seconded by Ava A.
3. Treasurer's Report – There is no bank statement as of today. The Treasurer's Report will be presented at the countywide meeting.
4. Bylaw Amendments
  - There was discussion about new wording of Article V, Section 1. The proposed wording was **“Adult positions shall consist of Chair, Vice Chair (OR two co-chairs)....”** Erica N. made a motion to accept this wording, seconded by Rylie N.
  - There was discussion about new wording of Article IV, Section 1, paragraph 2. The proposed wording was **“It is the board preference that no more than two adult Committee members may be from the same 4-H club, and that no more than half (1/2) the elected youth may be from the same 4-H club. In the event that these parameters cannot be met based on the lack of volunteers, the board can make a unanimous decision to allow the exemption of this rule.”** Angela M. made a motion to accept this change in wording, second McKynzie N.
  - Amended by-laws will need final approval from the new 4-H educator, Terri B. suggested that someone else should be stepping into this role in the meantime. Matt H. suggested that we announce the changes and vote at the countywide meeting, regardless. Terri B. suggested that we send the changes electronically to Kim for review before the countywide meeting.
5. Unfinished Business
  - Jenn O. made motion to accept Matt H. as co-chair, seconded by Angela with unanimous agreement.
  - Julie L. (candidate for the at-large position) must enroll as a leader in 4honline and must become a certified leader ASAP.

6. Hippology – Volunteers are needed to run or help run this event after the countywide meeting. Angela said no one volunteered for this committee at the last countywide meeting. Matt H. offered to lead this event, Mason B. and Jenn O. volunteered to help. Terri B. offered to score and present the scores at the March countywide meeting. Jenn O. will ask Brian about set up (three rows of five tables). We have 3 sets of ribbons for this.
7. Poster and Speech Contest– Lori H. emailed in that she has a photography judge and one other judge for this event and has sent out requests for a third judge. Matt will chair this event and work with Lori. Kristin McFaul signed up for this committee at the last countywide meeting. Matt will ask Lori how many sets of ribbons are needed for this event. We may need to order more.
8. Drill team – We need a minimum of 5 kids who agree to be polite and respectful. Practices would be at 5 or 5:30pm before MNLs, and a demonstration would be held during fair, a possible “demo show” in Elkhorn, and possible competitions. There is a \$500 line item in budget for drill team. The board discussed needing a commitment by interested youth by April.
9. Horseless Horse – A flyer will go out regarding the February 12<sup>th</sup> barn day, from 11am – 2pm.
10. Tack Sale – Angela M. charged Steers Tack what they had been charged in years past, which seems to be a discounted rate. She suggested that the board reevaluate Steers Tack for future tack sales to figure out a fair amount. Vendors are still coming in. Angela will put out a signup genius for volunteers – this should be mentioned at the countywide meeting. Pizza will be provided for volunteers. Angela will make sure Brian knows that we need the second area in the activity center. Mason asked about heat for the second area – Angela said it is not heated. The board discussed possible concessions, as the usual concession stand will not be open. Mason will ask his mom about concessions. The board discussed a possible 4-H consignment booth at this event. The board also discussed whether any of the tack sale profit typically goes towards fair park improvements.
11. Fundraisers
  - Terri B. is leading the cheese sale fundraiser. Angela can pick up 75 order forms on Monday. The order should be ready within 10 days after we submit order forms. Order forms need to be handed out at the February countywide meeting, and returned by the March countywide meeting. A pick-up date needs to be set.
  - Jenn brought up her previous conversation with Kara Lloyd regarding JCHP funds being too high, and the possibility that we could be flagged for needing to spend down.
  - There was a brief discussion about the need for a cheese sale since the funds are so high.
12. Eligibility and Point Cards
  - The board discussed whether points cards would be needed or motivating for the the youth without the money generated from stall cleanings. The board also discussed the difficulty in youth/families trying to manage and submit two different cards.
  - The Forms and Rules committee should reevaluate point cards and creating incentives. This committee needs volunteers.
13. May Show discussion was tabled for this meeting.
14. Other Updates
  - The indoor arena is being used on April 9, so no vaccination clinic then. Date TBD. Jenn can find out what other dates are available for the indoor arena.
  - Brian Bolan will discuss moving the shed with other staff and get back to Jenn.
  - The buzzers for horse education are not working. Kim is going to look into this.

- We need to send out an email prior to each horse education meeting. Angela will bring candy or something for prizes.
- Terri B. mentioned that February 9<sup>th</sup> is a state 4-H online event about “how to run a horse show”, if anyone is interested in attending virtually.

Angela M. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm, seconded by Rylie N.

The next board meeting will be March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm

The next countywide meeting will be February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Hippology to follow the meeting.