

Jefferson County Horse and Pony Project

Board Meeting Minutes

March 3rd, 2022, 7:00pm

Present:

Kim Buchholz, UW-EX
Jenn Olson, Co-Chair
Matt Hanson, Co-Chair
Erica Neis, Secretary
Lori Hogan, Treasurer
Terri Besch, Reporter
Angela Mitchell, At-Large Member
Julie Lohman, At Large Member
Lauren Hanson, Youth Chair
Bella Mitchell, Youth Vice-Chair
Ava Armstrong, Youth Secretary
McKynzie Neis, Youth Treasurer
Rylie Neis, Youth Reporter
Mason Blazewicz, Youth Member
Mary Grace Lohman, Youth Member
Kiana Mitchell, Ambassador

1. Matt called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
2. Treasurer's Report –Beginning balance of \$24532.47. Ending balance of \$25,327,27.
 - a. Angela M. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by McKynzie N.
 - b. Angela reported \$264 cash from the food booth fundraiser. After paying out for soda and food purchased, the fundraiser made just over \$100 profit.
3. Secretary's Report – The minutes from the February board meeting were posted on the website and made available for review at the meeting. Rylie N. made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report, seconded by Ava A.
4. Calendar and Upcoming Events
 - a. Tack Sale –Angela M. reported that vendor requests are still coming in and we may have the West building filled soon. Someone is interested in an outside space to sell horse shelters. Angela will give him a price for this. Angela will ask Kim to continue to send the sign-up genius to members – we are low on volunteers. Pizza will be provided on Saturday and possibly donuts on Sunday. Julie is looking for donations for raffle prizes/baskets (at least \$25 value).
 - b. Vaccination Clinic – April 9. Jenn handed out a flyer that Badger Equine provided. Interested JCHP members should email the JCHP chair for a time that they would like (by hour). 4-H members only, preferably just the horses that will be ID'd for fair. Jenn asked if anyone knew when Fair Park would be requiring coggins/vaccines done before Fair.

- i. There was an email from someone at Badger Equine saying that Amanda LePak and one other person would like to bring their horses, but they are not JCHP youth. Angela said this may be possible, but it would not be the \$80 rate because they use donated products for the 4-H youth to keep the cost down.
 - c. Drill Team – Jenn asked Kim to send an email stating that we need signups by the March meeting. We will need to provide leadership for these practices (Pam and one other leader).
 - d. Monday Night Lessons – Is there a committee? Jenn volunteered to chair the committee. Angela, Erica, Julie, Rylie, Bella, and Kiana offered to join the committee. Analisa B and mom (Peggy) are on sign-up sheet.
 - e. May Show and Sunday Clinic – Angela said the past committee meeting had good attendance. She created and shared a solicitation letter printed with sponsorship levels. Matt said that he reached out to Dan Gruenwald about a possible trail clinic. There were some other ideas, as well (i.e. braiding, etc.)
 - f. Fair – Week of July 10th – Angela really liked the idea of providing gift bags for the youth like last year. She'd like to help with that committee (Jenn and Matt are co-chairs). Kim said that the flags are either in the shed or in the corner of her office.
 - g. Lake Mills Town and Country Days Parade (June 25)– Jenn asked who sponsored us last year. Kim mentioned that Pam has done parades in the past.
5. Horseless Horse – Angela mentioned that a youth member did not think she could attend the HH day because she already had a big buddy (this should be better communicated in the future). We need to plan activities for people that don't bring a horse (at MNL, too). Terry mentioned that she has two horses that could be used for in-hand learning for kids without a horse to bring.
 6. Ambassador Report – Lori stated that we have one applicant (Ava Armstrong). The first event will be the Poster and Speech Contest on March 15th. Other events include the May Show, April Vaccination Clinic, June test and oral interview (after school is done).
 7. Countywide Meeting (March 15th) – 6:30 start, Poster and Speech Contest starting at 7pm. We'll need to give out ribbons for Hippology. Terry provided the placings and gave to Matt.
 - a. Poster and Speech – we'll need AV (Angela did submit a request for this). There are 3 judges. We usually provide gift cards to cover the cost of fuel, which was discussed. Angela M. made a motion to accept providing \$25 gift cards, a couple of small items and/or a candybar. Bella M. seconded.
 - b. We still have 8 Theisen's Gift Cards that can be handed out (Julie L. will have these).
 - c. Lauren H. will make a shortened agenda.
 8. T-Shirt Design – This will be announced at the March countywide meeting. Ideas should be submitted before the April countywide meeting. Members will vote at the April meeting. Ideas can be hand-drawn or computer generated.
 9. Other Business
 - a. Cheese Sale – Terry reported that 13 families participated with \$1773 in total sales. Terry needs help sorting and setting up before March meeting. Hannah Kulow and mom (Jennifer) were signed up to help. Angela, Kiana, and Bella will come early to help, too. The board discussed rewards for top selling families. Mason suggested horse shampoo/conditioner kits. Ava offered to get this at her place of work. Erica made a motion to spend \$40 total for the two kits, seconded by Matt H.

- b. Fair changes in youth age limits – Youth can be age 8 by January 1 (this needs to be clarified). Kim said that youth under 3rd grade can show as cloverbuds, but not in large animal due to 4-H rules. They'd have to be in another youth organization to show large animals at a younger age.
 - c. We need May Show numbers– Angela will check the shed before ordering more.
 - d. Jenn found \$15 cash from MNLs last year – submitted to Lori.
10. The Adult Board discussed the ambassador application submitted by Ava A. and read her application. Angela M. voiced that she will abstain from making decisions on this matter due to conflict of interest. Matt made motion to accept Ava as an applicant, seconded by Julie.

Rylie N. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26pm, seconded by Bella M.

The next board meeting will be April 7th at 7:00pm.

The next countywide meeting will be March 15th at 6:30pm. The Poster and Speech Contest will follow the meeting at 7:00pm.