**Jefferson County Horse and Pony Project**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**October 4th, 2022, 7:00pm**

Present:

Jenn Olson, Chair

Terri Besch, Vice-Chair

Erica Neis, Secretary

Nancy Leisgang, Reporter

Julie Lohman, At-Large

Lori H., Treasurer

Ava Armstrong, Ambassador

Mary Grace Lohman, Youth At-Large

Rylie Neis, Youth Treasurer

Celia Olson, Youth Reporter

1. Jenn O. called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.
2. Pledges were led by Ava A.
3. Secretary’s Report was read by Erica N. – Hard copies of the September minutes were made available. Celia O. made a motion to approve the minutes from September, seconded by Rylie N. Motion passed.
4. Lori H. gave the Treasurer’s Report
	* + - Beginning Balance August: $29,467.75
			- Ending Balance August: $26,266.54
			- Beginning Balance September: $26,266.54
			- Ending Balance September: $26,186.65
			- Terri B. made a motion to approve the Aug. and Sept. Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Celia. Motion passed.
5. Jenn O. told the board that Angela M. volunteered to lead the Tack Sale again this year. The board discussed date options. Julie L. asked if the March date in 2022 improved the turnout (versus the usual January date). Lori H. mentioned that in January, we were always the first tack sale of the year. She suggested talking to the bigger vendors to see how their sales compared. Nancy L. said they were unable to help last year because of the spring break, and this likely effected other potential volunteers. Jenn O. will talk with Angela M. about it. Discussion will be tabled for now and we’ll return to the topic next meeting.
6. Horse Leadership Conference in November – Angela M.’s kids would like to attend and are wondering if JCHP will sponsor them. Lori suggested that they send an email to request monies.
7. Terri B. brought a JCHP windbreaker that a previous member donated back to the club to be used as a prize. The board discussed having more windbreakers like this made in the future for MNL, etc. Jenn will reach out to the company that does our t-shirts to see if he can make something similar.
8. The board worked on the JCHP Charter Document. Jenn provided a hard copy for example and filled out a working copy as the board discussed. The working copy will be available in the binder attached to the meeting minutes. Erica will type and submit the final document online.
9. The Charter Document inspired conversations about the HH Project and supporting other new members:
	1. Julie mentioned that new membership is likely to come from HH project. 2-3 HH potential families signed up at SPARK Day. The board discussed how to better support this project. Julie will type up an invitation for new members to attend the countywide meeting to be sent out by Friday. Jenn will get addresses. We need a HH subcommittee with active leadership this next year. Julie will talk with Jessica Pfeifer on Sunday about possibly leading a subcommittee and follow up with an email. Terri suggested that Pam Seidl might have lots of ideas/info to support this. Jenn will reach out to Pam Seidl and Donna Ciciva.
	2. New members with horses could also be paired with a youth member mentor that they can reach out to ask questions, etc. Mentors can remind new members about meetings, activities, and events.
10. Five Year Plan for Excessive Funds – Jenn asked Lori for ballpark numbers. The board discussed the Points money owed to youth. It was suggested that we ask youth to request their money by a certain date. All funds not requested will be donated to a horse rescue organization.
11. Vaccine clinic in spring -- Terri suggested scheduling ASAP if we’d still like to offer this.

Motion to adjourn by Celia O., seconded by Mary Grace L. Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

The next board meeting will be November 1st at 7:00pm.

The next countywide meeting will be October 18th at 7:00pm