**Jefferson County Horse and Pony Project**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**September 6th, 2022, 7:00pm**

Present:

Jenn Olson

Erica Neis

Terri Besch

Julie Lohman

Lauren Hanson

Ava Armstrong

Mary Grace Lohman

Rylie Neis

Celia Olson

1. Jenn O. called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.
2. Pledges were led by Ava A.
3. Secretary’s Report was read by Erica N. – Hard copies of the August minutes were made available. Rylie N. made a motion to approve the Secretary’s Report, seconded by Julie L. Motion passed.
4. Lori H. was not in attendance to give the Treasurer’s Report.
5. Banquet Feedback – The board discussed and agreed that the same venue would be good for next year. Additional comments:
6. Erica – Liked the venue. Music next time?
7. Rylie – Dancing? Start earlier? Or appetizers? She was hungry.
8. Julie – Food was good.
9. Lauren – Big cookies were amazing.
10. Terry – Program length was good.
11. Mary Grace – Sequin photo booth was good.
12. Jenn - A lot of help to set up – amazing!
13. Ava – Would like a slideshow again, as inn past years.
14. Jenn – Great that the youth ran it.
15. State Gymkhana and Expo are coming up in the next two weekends.
    1. Ava A. is participating in State Expo.
    2. Cassidy Larson’s mom is taking care of stall decorations for Gymkhana. Expo is all set for stall decorations.
    3. Ava made sticker boards for both gymkhana and expo and sent them to Angela.
16. Board Positions
    1. Youth Board consists of Gemma, Bella, Kiana, Ava (ambassador), Mary Grace, Lauren, Rylie and Celia
    2. Positions: Jenn spoke with Angela and Nancy prior to the meeting regarding their possible board positions.
       1. Jenn nominated Erica for Secretary, seconded by Lauren. Erica Accepted. Motion passed.
       2. Jenn nominated Julie for the At-Large position, seconded by Rylie. Julie accepted. Motion passed.
       3. Erica nominated Terry as Vice Chair. Terry accepted. Jenn made a motion for Terry to be appointed as Vice Chair, seconded by Lauren. Motion passed.
       4. Erica nominated Jenn as Chair. Jenn accepted. Erica made a motion for Jenn to be appointed as Chair, seconded by Mary Grace. Motion passed.
       5. Jenn nominated Angela for the At-Large position and Nancy as Reporter (they had accepted these positions prior to the meeting. Celia made motion to appoint Angela to the At-Large position and Nancy as Reporter, seconded by Rylie. Motion passed.
       6. Ava nominated Mary Grace for the youth At-Large position. Mary Grace accepted. Erica made a motion to appoint Mary Grace as the At-Large member, seconded by Rylie. Motion passed.
       7. Jenn nominated Lauren as youth Chair. Lauren accepted. Rylie made a motion to appoint Lauren as youth Chair, seconded by Celia. Motion passed.
       8. Julie nominated Rylie for youth Treasurer. Rylie accepted. Julie made a motion to appoint Rylie as youth Treasurer, seconded by Ava. Motion passed.
       9. Rylie nominated Celia as youth Reporter. Celia accepted. Erica made a motion to appoint Celia as youth Reporter, seconded by Mary Grace. Motion passed.
       10. Julie nominated Kiana for the youth At-Large position. Kiana accepted via text. Julie made a motion to appoint Kiana as the youth At-Large member, seconded by Ava. Motion passed.
       11. Ry made a motion to appoint Bella as youth Vice Chair and Gemma as youth Secretary, seconded by Celia. Motion passed.
17. Open House on Sept 15, 4-7pm – Mary Grace went last year and said that there was representation of all of the projects and youth could sign up for projects that they are interested in. She said there was a live pony and a few club members.
    1. Julie suggested saddles on barrels for kids to sit on, if we can’t take a live pony.
    2. Lauren, Mary Grace, Celia, and Rylie will attend. Rylie will come after volleyball practice.
    3. Julie suggested printing horse coloring pages for kids. Julie will print.
    4. Jenn will check with extension about a brochure or flyer to hand out.
    5. Mary Grace will bring brushes and toy horses. MK has anatomy horse that Rylie will try to send with Celia. Can we get the posters from Poster and Speech contest?
    6. Celia suggested grain, hay, straw.
    7. Ava did a slideshow last year and it played at the open house. Erica suggested using barn videos from the past or Nina’s photos in a slideshow (Jenn will check with Nina).
    8. Julie suggested a sign about HH project, Ava will make and email a poster.
18. 4-H Horse Leadership Conference at UW River Falls, November 12-13 – more info to come and Lauren will add to countywide agenda.
19. Monday Night Lessons – should we just cancel the last one? The past several MNLs have been poorly attended or cancelled because of low sign-ups. We have not been able to find someone to lead a speed lesson. The board decided to cancel the last MNL on Sept 12.
    1. Terri suggested that Shanna Larson might know people willing to lead speed in the future.
    2. Julie suggested more compensation for trainers that come out to lead MNLs.
20. Ava suggested starting Drill Team earlier in the spring for more time to prepare.
21. Jenn would like to discuss sub-committees at the next board meeting and suggested that board members think about this topic before the next board meeting.
22. Ava asked about hippology – did we end up giving Pam Seidl a gift? She would like to discuss this at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Lauren, seconded by Celia. Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

The next board meeting will be October 4th at 7:00pm.

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