**Jefferson County Horse and Pony Project**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 3rd, 2023, 7:00pm**

Present:

Jenn Olson, Chair

Erica Neis, Secretary

Julie Lohman, At-Large

Angela Mitchell, At-Large

Lauren Hanson, Youth Chair

Ava Armstrong, Ambassador

Bella Mitchell, Youth Vice Chair

Rylie Neis, Youth Treasurer

Celia Olson, Youth Reporter

Kiana Mitchell, Youth At-Large

Mary Grace Lohman, Youth At-Large

1. Jenn called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.
2. Pledges were led by Celia O.
3. Secretary’s Report was read by Erica N. – Hard copies of the December minutes were made available. Ava A. made a motion to approve the minutes from December, seconded by Mary Grace L. Motion passed.
4. Treasurer’s Report tabled until February, since the treasurer is not in attendance.
5. Thank you card from Drewek family was passed around.
6. Horseless Horse Program
	1. Program goals/responsibilities and members will be announced at the January Countywide meeting.
	2. Committee Responsibilities:
		1. Planning Activities for HH members
		2. Matching kids with buddies
		3. Oversight
	3. Committee Members: Erica Neis, Grace LaVictor, Bobbie La Victor, Lyra Harvey
	4. Possible Committee Leaders: Jenn O. is waiting to hear back from Donna and Lydia C. about interest in leading the committee.
	5. Tack and show clothes could be sold or donated at the May Countywide meeting to HH members first, and then to other members.
7. Tack Sale
	1. Sunday, January 15th, 9am – 1:30pm
	2. Volunteers
		1. Set-up is on Saturday from 3-7pm. Measuring booths and setting up tables from 3-4pm. If there are enough volunteers, it won’t go until 7pm. Pizza will be provided for volunteers.
		2. Angela will have signup genius re-sent via email to members.
		3. Donuts/juice/water will be provided for volunteers on Sunday.
	3. Food Booth
		1. Lauren mentioned that she spoke with Janelle about Boy Scouts doing the food booth. They are interested but need more info. Angela will call Janelle.
		2. Fair park has to order soda from vendors ahead of time, but they have none right now. They might allow us to bring something in, but it has to be Pepsi products.
		3. Fair Park will not be charging us for the space as long as it is left clean.
	4. Silent Auction
		1. Adult board members are responsible for one basket each. Bring to Fair Park by 8:30am on January 15th.
		2. Julie has three baskets so far.
	5. Angela will send an email to members with tack sale volunteer info and also info about bringing items for the 4-H tack booth.
	6. Angela will order wristbands or raffle tickets for entry.
	7. Jenn mentioned that people last year said that there wasn’t enough signage for the east building vendors.
8. Youth Mentors
	1. Bella, Ava, Lauren, Katie, Kynzie, Stella, Cassidy, Gracie, Kiana
	2. Ava held a youth mentor zoom meeting recently (three mentors attended). Ava shared a document with the board that they had worked on, which included the mission statement, role of the program, and countywide meeting activities. She read this aloud for the board.
	3. Bella and Kiana will set up a jeopardy game for the January countywide meeting.
9. Vaccination Clinic
	1. March 11 and April 29 are NOT available at fair park. Easter is April 9, so the 8th is probably not a good day, either.
	2. Ava will contact Dr. Breisch
10. JCHP Pony Points
	1. Replaces Points Cards. Members get points for participation in meetings, events, fundraisers, MNLs, education, and for volunteering. There will be a $20 drawing at the end of each meeting. Bigger drawings will be done at the end of the year (banquet).
	2. Julie printed Pony Point slips for youth to fill out at each meeting/event. Youth can get a slip at the beginning of the meeting/event and can turn it in at the end just before the drawing.
	3. Rylie and Erica will work on small and large buckets with lids for the slips to go in.
	4. Julie can announce and explain at the countywide meeting.
	5. Two Pony Points for each volunteer time slot at Tack Sale. Drawing will be at the countywide meeting.
	6. Angela expressed concern about spending $20 at each meeting is too much. The board discussed keeping it at $20 or changing it to $10 or $15. Bella made a motion to keep the drawing at $20, seconded by Mary Grace. Motion passed.
	7. Julie will get a $20 GC for Theisen’s, another $20 GC (Tractor Supply, Farm and Fleet, JH tack), and an extra $5 GC at Theisen’s to add to the three remaining from last year. At the meeting, we’ll give one $20 GC and two $10 GC for tack sale volunteers and one $20 for meeting attendance.
11. Kim to post minutes on website
	1. Erica emails meeting minutes to Kim within two weeks of the meeting.
	2. Board minutes will be listed by the 25th of each month.
	3. Countywide minutes will be posted by the 10th of each month.
12. Upcoming Social Events
	1. February 5th, 1pm at Jefferson Bowling Alley
		1. Youth and adult board members and spouses
		2. Bring $10 gift for white elephant gift exchange
		3. Bowling
		4. Not a 4-H sponsored event
	2. February 26th
		1. Entire JCHP membership, including family members
		2. Jenn found that tubing at Cascade would be $40/person for 2 hours, but has a limit of 25 people. A private room would be available for $150. No group rates.
		3. Angela suggested The Rock Snow Park, $29/person for 2 hours. They also have glow tubing starting at $35 (Saturdays 9:15pm). The board decided that this would be too late. Angela will check on Sunday afternoon tubing.
13. Other business:
	1. Jenn shared info from Brian that there is a possibility of a revised schedule for Fair. Wednesday would be the same as in years past. Everything that was usually on Saturday would be on Thursday, instead. Speed would be after dairy on Friday afternoon. Saturday could be a fun show day. Fair park is thinking about doing a big event in the arena on Sunday. Draft could go home Saturday evening, but JCHP horses would still have to stay.
	2. Angela announced that there is no longer a blue ribbon qualification for State Horse Expo. This could lead to more risk with less skilled riders and horses possible. Any of our youth could go to State Horse Expo, which could mean more money needed for tack stalls.
	3. Angela suggested asking Pam Seidl to do a one-day horse education event where youth would be split up into groups for games, etc. Pizza could be provided. Julie suggested calling it the “Pony Bowl”. Angela will ask Pam Seidl about this, and about being involved in the HH program.
	4. Angela suggested doing a survey about clinics and seminars that youth members would like us to provide. The board needs to brainstorm a list of possible ideas. Steve Lundeen could be helpful with this. Jenn suggested setting up a coffee date to meet with him if he cannot attend the board meetings.
	5. Jenn gave board members homework for the next board meeting: Look at the two jacket order websites on the agenda and pick a couple of choices to help narrow down what we’d like to offer members. Julie can also bring catalog of a company that sends samples. Jenn also suggested an option of ordering jackets first and then talking to John Roth for embroidery.

Motion to adjourn by Angela M., seconded by Bella M. Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.

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

The next countywide meeting will be January 17th at 7:00pm.