**Jefferson County Horse and Pony Project**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**November 1st, 2022, 7:00pm**

Present:

Terri Besch, Vice-Chair

Erica Neis, Secretary

Nancy Leisgang, Reporter

Julie Lohman, At-Large

Angela Mitchell, At-Large

Ava Armstrong, Ambassador, 7:17pm

Bella Mitchell

Kiana Mitchell

Gemma Leisgang

Mary Grace Lohman, Youth At-Large

Rylie Neis, Youth Treasurer

Celia Olson, Youth Reporter

1. Terri B. called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.
2. Pledges were led by Terri B.
3. The Secretary’s Report was read by Erica N. – Hard copies of the October meeting minutes were made available. Bella M. made a motion to approve the minutes from October, seconded by Gracie. Motion passed. Mitchell family members abstained since they were not at the last meeting.
4. Rylie N. gave the Treasurer’s Report
   * + - Beginning Balance October: $26,186.65
       - Ending Balance October: $25,830.40
       - Bella M. made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Julie L. Motion passed.
5. Tack Sale: January 15th, 9am-1:30pm—Angela M. provided flyers. Kim has us booked for Saturday and Sunday. Snow removal needs to be added to the contract. We should not need all of Saturday to be blocked off for us. Angela needs another adult board member to help run. Erica N. will help. We’ll need to run a food booth so that fair park does not take $ off the top. Terri suggested a signup genius to get more volunteers. We have the funds to be able to provide food. A 4-H club or other organization could run the food booth. Julie suggested that perhaps the 4-H Dog Project would be interested in running the food booth. Vendor contracts are going out to previous vendors tonight. Julie L. can head up the raffle again. She’s hoping for 5-6 silent auction baskets. Angela M. will ask Jessie to take over the JCHP tack booth.
6. Horse Leadership Conference: November 11-12, UW River Falls
   1. Ava A., Bella M., and Kiana M. will be attending. Angela said that all three will be submitting a request for JCHP to cover fees and hotel. All total would be $475 (lodging and fees).
   2. Nancy L. made a motion to approve Ava, Bella, and Kiana’s fees and lodging for $475 total, seconded by Celia. Motion passed unanimously.
7. JCHP Windbreakers
   1. John from EZShirts will do embroidery/printing, similar logo to the retro one we saw at the last meeting.
   2. He recommended ordering the windbreakers from sanmar.com or ssactivewear.com.
   3. Julie L. suggested incorporating this order into the fair shirt orders.
   4. Erica N. suggested that we might just need to choose a windbreaker(s) from the site and see if John will order them.
8. Horseless Horse Subcommittee –
   1. Volunteers include Grace LaVictor, Bobbie LaVictor, Lyra Harvey, and Erica Neis. A leader is needed for this subcommittee.
   2. Julie L. stated that Jessie would call families once all of the enrollment is wrapped up and do a hands-on skills day like last year.
   3. The board discussed possible non-riding activities and learning opportunities for HH youth that have little to no experience. Angela M. mentioned teaching saddle cleaning (possibly at JH Tack), and model horse. Terri B. suggested 4-H horse project online curriculums as a starting point. Steve Lundean (trainer/clinician/farrier from Slinger) will hopefully be at the next board meeting to further discuss opportunities for youth members and Horseless Horse.
   4. Cheyenne McCabe is 8 and needs a buddy – really wanting to ride.
   5. Jenn O. will be contacting Pam Seidl and Donna Ciciva
9. Youth Mentors:
   1. As of October: Mary Grace L., Bella M., Ava A., Lauren H., Katie T., Stella R., McKynzie N.
   2. Ava A. will try to set up a Group youth chat to come up with a paragraph (mission statement) before the next countywide meeting. She suggested that the youth mentors could also lead a fun activity at the next countywide meeting.
10. Excess Funds
    1. According to Jerry, there is no need to deal with excess funds at this time. We are allowed approximately 2 years of average annual spending in our account, so our current balance is fine.
    2. Angela M. stated that when we do our budget, we need to make sure that we allot for spending on what is important to us and making allowances for extra things. Drill team? Pleasure? Speed? Ground poles? State Expo/Gymkhana shirts?
11. Spring Vaccination Clinic
    * 1. Dr. Margaret Breisch (Courter) is starting her own business (Margaret’s Mixed Mobile Vet Practice) and would like to continue to offer the clinic.
      2. Ava will reach out to her and set a date (late March/early April).
      3. Julie L. suggested that perhaps HH kids could attend and watch as a learning opportunity.
      4. Erica N. asked if this vet might be willing to do a separate learning experience.
12. May Show: May 19
    1. Angela M. suggested another clinic day on Sunday, the day before.
    2. Angela M. suggested a flat fee for 4-H members (from any county) to participate in the show
    3. Angela M.would like to order belt buckles early (Black Friday special?)
    4. The group discussed possibly having fun classes on Sunday before the show, as well.
    5. Angela would like any feedback on how speed ran so she can make changes if necessary.
13. Points Cards – moving forward, what incentives can we offer? The board brainstormed incentives – tiered gift cards for more meetings/activities? For every meeting/activity above and beyond the minimum, your name is entered into a drawing for a big gift card? Put your name in a drawing basket at each meeting?
14. Reporter can submit a picture/blurb of what is coming up in the project to Katelyn before the 15th of each month.

Motion to adjourn by Angela M., seconded by Rylie N. Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

The next board meeting will be December 6th at 7:00pm.

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