

**Jefferson County Horse and Pony Project  
Countywide Meeting Minutes**

**April 18, 2023, 7:00pm**

Present:

Jenn Olson (chair)  
Terri Besch (co-chair)  
Erica Neis (secretary)  
Julie Lohman (at-large)  
Angela Mitchell (at-large)  
Lauren Hanson (youth chair)  
Bella Mitchell (youth vice-chair)  
Ava Armstrong (ambassador)  
Gracie Lohman (youth at-large)  
Kiana Mitchell (youth at-large)

Zoey Mitchell  
Sydney Streich  
McKynzie Neis  
Blakely Sinkula  
Sophie LaVictor  
Grace LaVictor  
Analisa Boshart

Roald Ager-Hart  
Maisy Osborn  
Bea Osborn  
Kinsley Kutz  
Nina Barnes  
Norah Harnack

Business:

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:13pm by Ava A.
2. Pledges were led by Ava A.
3. The Secretary's report was read by Erica N. Hard copies of the March meeting minutes were made available. Zoey M. made a motion to approve the Secretary's Report. Norah H. seconded it.
4. The Treasurer's Report was read by Lauren H.
  - a. Beginning Balance: \$28,865.32
  - b. Ending Balance: \$29,119.37
  - c. Angela M. made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Gracie L. seconded it.
5. Ambassador's Report: Ava had nothing new to report this month.
6. Tracy Johnson from Distance Riding Association of Wisconsin (DRAW) presented on Endurance Riding and gave members a chance to ask questions. Pamphlets were available for members to take.
7. Ambassador Application Updates – Sydney S. volunteered at the HH event and presented a speech on choke in horses. She will have a written and oral test in June. She'll do a showmanship pattern at the May show and a Horsemanship pattern at fair.
8. Cheese Sale prizes tabled until next meeting.
9. Monday Night Lessons
  - a. May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm at the Fair Park indoor arena – no horses. We'll go over safety rules and guidelines. Bring Coggins!
  - b. There will be online signups for all additional MNLs.
  - c. Coggins will be required at your first MNL and will be kept on file.
  - d. HH kids are welcome, as well as any other youth without their horse present.
  - e. May 8<sup>th</sup> – desensitizing with Sarah Seefeldt
  - f. May 15<sup>th</sup> – jumping with Sherry Davis and Cheyenne Johnson
  - g. May 22<sup>nd</sup> -- Cailyn Schave Taschek (likely a focus on equitation)
  - h. Planning for June – working on a MNL for speed.

10. Drill team starts May 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm with Pam Drewek (no horses). Next lesson with horses. Please arrive 30 minutes early. Pam is wondering if every other practice could start ½ hour early.
11. Horseless Horse
  - a. Event at Acclaim Performance Horses is in the works. Stay tuned for details.
  - b. Big Buddies are needed! Please reach out if you are interested.
12. May Clinic and Show – May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at Fair Park. Email will be out this week with lots of information!
13. Fair registration deadline and paperwork need to be in by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Forms are on the Fair Park website. Coggins will need to be uploaded. Matt Hanson will be Horse Superintendent this year.
14. Next countywide meeting will include a tack swap (plus books, show clothes, etc). Bring free or for sale items (prices marked if selling). HH youth will have first dibs on any free items.
15. 2023-24 budget approval
  - a. The 2022-23 budget and 2023-24 proposed budget were passed during the meeting.
  - b. Angela made a motion to approve the 2023-24 budget, seconded by Sydney S.
16. Pony Points – a \$20 gift card for the meeting was drawn.
17. Educational Activity: Gracie L. with bits, barrels for sitting on saddles, McKynzie N. with saddle cleaning.

Zoey M. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm, seconded by Gracie L.

**The next Countywide Meeting is May 16th, 2023, 7:00pm, at the Fair Park Activity Center.**