

Jefferson County Horse and Pony Project

Board Meeting Minutes

April 4th, 2023, 7:00pm

Present:

Terri Besch, Vice Chair

Erica Neis, Secretary

Lori Hogan, Treasurer

Nancy Leisgang, Reporter

Julie Lohman, At-Large

Gracie Lohman, Youth At-Large

Ava Armstrong, Ambassador

Jerry Wilcenski (for the first portion of the meeting)

1. July meeting moved to June 27th (instead of July 4th).
2. Terry B. called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.
3. Pledges were led by Gracie L.
4. Secretary's Report – no minutes yet from the March meeting (they were taken by Angela M., who is not in attendance). February minutes need to be approved yet.
 - a. Terri B. made a motion to approve the February board meeting minutes, seconded by Lori H. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Beginning Balance: \$28, 865.32
Ending Balance: \$29, 199.37
 - b. Motion to approve by Erica, seconded by Gracie.
6. Budget Review and Approval
 - a. Hard copies of the 2022-23 budget and the 2023-24 proposed budget were made available and were discussed.
 - b. Terry made a motion to approve the proposed budget for 2023-24, seconded by Gracie.
 - c. This will need to be approved by the membership at the next countywide meeting.
7. Lori H. suggested that the by-laws may need to be revisited now that so many changes with fair park have been put in place. We may need a separate meeting for that.
8. 2021-22 JCHP scholarship review
 - a. Both Hailey and Jayden's scholarships were incomplete and had never been approved. We requested completed applications which were submitted, but we are still waiting for Hailey's transcripts (they need to be sent to the Extension). The check is cut to the school that the member is enrolled in. Jayden's payment has been sent to her school.
 - b. Lori H. suggested that there be a penalty for incomplete scholarship on time. The board discussed a money penalty versus giving 2 more weeks with a hard deadline and then disregarding the application entirely if it is not completed within those 2 weeks. Erica made a motion to approve an initial scholarship application deadline of the Friday after fair, with a

hard deadline two weeks after that. The chair would need to contact the applicant if any items were missing. This year, the first deadline would be July 21st and the hard deadline would be August 4th (for incomplete applications ONLY).

- c. Julie suggested an attached reminder when they receive their certificate at August banquet that they MUST submit transcripts by March 1st of the following year.
9. 2023 JCHP Ambassador Update – Sydney assisted at the HH event. She also presented a speech on Choke in horses. She'll need to do her written test and oral interview in June (two non 4-H horse interviewers, with a written test directly after).
10. The old calendar should be updated at a future meeting. Lori H. can scan them to a google doc so we can all make comments and work on edits.
11. Ava reported on the vaccination clinic – about 40 horses and really cold, but successful.
12. April 18th Countywide Meeting
 - a. Cheese sale update and sale winners – Ava can create two \$30 prize baskets for the highest sellers. She can also get two \$20 gift card for Pony Points.
 - b. TWO Pony Points drawings for meeting and for cheese sale participants.
 - c. Call out for HH Big Buddies (can a past Big Buddy share their experience?)
 - d. Fair registration deadline and horse paperwork.
 - e. Members only tack swap will be held at the May meeting. Bring your free/for sale tack! HH kids first dibs on free items.
 - f. Education Activity – Terri B. suggested bringing tack and teaching various levels about tack (parts, cleaning, etc.). Julie L. will bring pony saddle and use barrel from the shed for youth to sit on. Ava can bring a frame for the barrel. Erica will ask MK to lead a group on saddle cleaning (English and Western). Gracie will lead bit cleaning.
13. MNL Committee
 - a. The first lesson will be May 1st at 6:30pm – NO HORSES– we'll go over rules and guidelines.
 - b. We need to figure out exactly how we are “paying” the clinicians. Cash/check/gift cards? What happens if we cancel? Do we still pay or pay in part? We should discuss this with each clinician.
 - c. May MNLs are booked. Sarah Seefeldt (desensitization) on May 8th, Sherry Davis and Cheyenne Johnson (jumping) on May 15th, Cailyn Schave Taschek on May 22nd (open to anything – geared towards equitation).
 - d. Trying for a speed lesson in June – Terry suggested reaching out to Shanna Larson.
 - e. We'll need to decide if members will still pay \$3 for each lesson. Will they receive Pony Points?
14. Horseless Horse committee
 - a. Next activity – learning day at Acclaim (waiting on date)
 - b. Could older youth sit with HH kids at MNL to explain what is going on? The group suggested Bella and Kiana for this.
 - c. We need more Big Buddies – some kids still need to be assigned.
15. May Clinic/ May Show
 - a. It seems like everything is ready to go. Angela is not in attendance for further updates. Erica will request that she emails an update to board members.
16. Fair Updates – tabled until next meeting
17. Other Business

- a. Terry brought workbooks of varying levels for ideas on what we should be teaching at meetings. The board discussed. How many workbooks are needed? Can pages be photocopied? Lori H. will ask Kim if we could order a set of these workbooks.
- b. Ava suggested teaching about forage/feeds at a meeting.
- c. MNL Facebook blasts/events were suggested to try to improve turnout. Julie asked if Instagram might be a good idea for youth engagement. We might need a youth member to set that up. Erica suggested that in the future it might be a good responsibility for the youth reporter. The board discussed running this past Kim.

Ava A. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 pm, seconded by Gracie L.

The next board meeting will be May 2nd at 7:00pm.

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