



We Can Ride 4-H Club Executive Board Meeting September 7, 2023 @ 6:00 pm

Patti Dynes Club House Buchanan Westerners

Call Meeting to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:08
- Present: Charity H, Kelly S, Sarah H, Margie H, ROSE, Jenny, Karey, Bobbi, Barb, Lori, Todd, Carly, Heather
- Guest Members: William Laporte, Ginger Laporte

Secretary Report – Sarah

- Last meeting minutes Emailed out September 5th
- Motion to accept by karey seconded by margie

Treasurer Report – Rose

- Motion to accept: moved by carly seconded by lori

Parent & Volunteer Committee – Heather

- rider packet going out soon
 - Push riders to get a sponsor
 - Motion to keep club rider fee at \$73 moved by margie seconded by jenny.
 - Parent meeting 17th of april, volunteer 24th april
 - Shots and testing TBT 13th or 20th of april. First ride night may 1st
 - Volunteer hours being calculated from fair week
 - March 1st rider packets due physical in by may 1st

Instructor Committee – Margie, Charity & Karey

- PEP Conference coming up October 7 -8 in Augusta MI, east forks hotel
- 24 riders for 2023. Motion to cap the number of riders at 24 riders the year of 2024 moved by margie seconded by carly.
- Aleena S, patty H, Ann B as future instructors
- Regional PATH conference may 4th and 5th at renew in south haven

Horse Committee – Sarah & Carly

- Fair cards for entry day for horses
- Mandatory meeting for horse care volunteers at fair was a plus

Equipment Committee – Carly

- NOne at the moment
- Each rider will have its own saddle not more sharing

Fair Committee – Jenny & Karey

- Make sure we are recording placing after each class
- Continue with the no clapping during shows
- No extra decorations besides those made in stable management or we can ride. ●

Make sure all riders are pictured in commercial barns

- Won clean barn award this year

Stable Management Committee – Zeb

- Looking for 2024 lesson plan to be presented to board by March
 - Plans by christmas for next year
 - Backup if zeb will not be returning next year monica or amy
 - Mini barrel for learning how to tack
 - Not having enough activities for the whole class.
 - Make sure volunteers are not doing the work for the rider but still engaging

Showmanship Committee – Lori

- looking for old rectangle cookie trays
 - Old showmanship patterns for next year
 - Lori possibly attending PEP conference october 7-8
 - More showmanship volunteers 3-4 for judging and 2-3 that are experience in showmanship ● Riders and volunteers get there early for practice night to practice for showmanship before other classes are over
 - Need more volunteers for practice night

Tack swap committee – Lori

- Allegen tack sale.
- Attending Kalamazoo tack swap
- Possibly attending cass county tack swap
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Fundraising – Bobbi

- Crispy Cream idea for parent meeting next year
- Candy bars second order starts october to be turned in december 1st
- Haunted house Dates come out early summer. Barb will bring all Haunted house info by the June board meeting.

Youth Program Update – Kelly

- Award packets going out, we need to check the list and nominate our teens. Due Sept 22. ● Sept 18 at buchanan westerners and 20 at extension office is leader update training this year ● October 14th is deadline for forms
- New 4-H enrollment system, required to fill out insurance. Enrollment opens up september 15th deadline is june 1st
- Thanks for giving scheduled for September 18th for baskets this year. The middle of October is the deadline for interest and number of baskets.
- Leaders council are having elections september 18th and 20th
- Nominations and awards deadline is september 22nd

Old Business

Addressing rider behaviors. Some defiance or non compliance, not all volunteers are familiar with behaviors and what overstimulated looks like. Is there anything we can be doing to educate our volunteers and parents? We can send videos to our parents and volunteers. Margie has a lead on some videos.

New Business

- July meeting on june 27th

- **Motion to approve budget for 2024 moved by lori seconded by bobbi**
- **Work on updating the interior of the tack trailer. Get a quote on cost to fix and work on grants.**
- **Lighting in both trailers**
- **Storage for tack while fixing trailer**

Nomination of chair committees

- Parent and volunteer committee- heather
- instructors - margie, charity, karey
- Horse and equipment- carly and todd
- Fair- karey and jenny
- Showmanship- lori and a teen volunteer
- Tack swap- lori
- Fundraiser- bobbi and ginger
- Haunted house- barb

Nomination and voting on positions

- None are up this year
- Sarah as secretary has asked to step down
- Lori nominated for secretary to finish out continued term

Board member at large position

- 4 open positions to be filled at later date
- Monica, Danielle, Sarah

Board member position

Adjournment was made at: 8:24 moved by lori seconded by rose
Next board meeting October 5 at 6:00 p.m. at Buchanan Westerners