

Horse Leader's Monthly Meeting – February 6, 2014

Attendance: Key: X = Attended Blank = Absent

Please remember to sign in on the attendance sheet!

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Cantering Commotion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Step Ahead <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bit by Bit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blue Ribbon Riders <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country Cowboys <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denim & Dust <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dream Riders <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elements of Grace <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Friends & Neighbors	<input type="checkbox"/> Galloping Riders <input type="checkbox"/> Horsin' Around <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leather N Lace <input type="checkbox"/> Nickers N Neighs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Perfect Partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rainbow Riders <input type="checkbox"/> Ridge Riders <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rockin' Horse <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saddle Up Country	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Showcase Riders <input type="checkbox"/> Slow Lopin Riders <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stablemates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steel Horses <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Team Meadowview <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Train N Rein <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wind Riders <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Horse Superintendent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MSU Educator
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Call to Order w/ Pledges: by President, Carolyn Johnson @ 7:31 p.m.

Secretary's Report: by Secretary, Shelley Lilly

Motion to Accept Amended Minutes: Kristi Rozeboom MSC by Cathy Nitschke

Treasurer's Report: by Secretary, Shelley Lilly

Motion to Accept: Kristi Rozeboom MSC by Helen Tichelaar

Savings Account Balance	1/31/14				\$20,027.87
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Checking account	Date	Name	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
starting balance	1/1/14				\$21,052.53
	1/2/14	MI Message center	\$10.95		
	1/27/14	MI Message center	\$10.95		
	1/10/14	Top Grade Site Management - beginning arena work 2013	\$2,178.71		
					\$18,851.92

Extension Office: Report by Glenda Kilpatrick

- Norma Agnew Memorial MSU Hairy Horse Show Sunday, March 23, 2014 @ MSU Pavilion
- 4-H Pattern-O-Rama March 29, 2014 @ MSU Pavilion
- Horse Camp – June 30 and July 1, 2014 Flier coming soon. Remains \$60 for both days.

Fair Board: Report by Horse Superintendent, Dave Pachulski

- Same Fair dismissal time as last year. Saturday options are being discussed. FB prefers Saturday event to be a paid event.
- Next meeting February 12, 2014 @ 7:30pm – King Building

Old Business:

- Several updates have been made to the web-site. Working on adding a calendar of events.
- By-Law Rules and Regulations
 - The changes that were made were not inclusive of submitted requests by Candice Russell. Motion to Accept Amended Rules for KEEP by Dave Pachulski MSC Kristi Rozeboom
 - **Approved KEEP Rules are attached.**
- Contact Carolyn Johnson or Dave Pachulski for Arena Repairs information. Dave and Matt moving on scheduling.

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New Business:

- Presentation by Nelly Cooper, Alpha Equestrian Challenge
- New Leader Learning Meeting February 20, 2014 @ 7:30 p.m. - Extension Office
- Program Committee: Meeting was held January 23 – Carolyn Johnson presented preliminary block schedule. Discussion commenced.
- Horseless Project changes presented
- KFNO Dates:
 - Pleasure shows: 6/4/14, 6/18/14 (with Western patterns), 7/2/14, 7/16/14 (with English patterns), 7/23/14
 - Speed shows: 6/10/14, 6/25/14, 7/9/14
 - Jumping: 6/11/14
- Youth Committee Report by Marty Barkow. Safety posters will be due with Project Books and subject matter will be given at the March HL meeting. Next Meeting March 22, 2014 @ 10:00 am, Panera @ Knapp.

Motion to Adjourn @ 8:37 p.m. by Shelley Lilly MSC by Kathy Covert

Upcoming Events: (4-H Year is September 1-August 31)

- Leader Meetings – 7:30 @ MSUE Office except 10/3 (@ King Bldg.) 11/7, 12/5, 1/2, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1, 6/5, 7/3, 7/31 (@ King Bldg.)
- 5/1/14 Declarations/Intents to Declare
- 6/1/14 Declaration Fees
- 2014 Fair (August 3-9) – Theme TBA

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GENERAL RULES FOR THE KENT EQUINE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM (KEEP)

A. Prior to Fair:

1. All members shall complete a project book according to their 4-H age.
2. It will be at the leader's discretion which KEEP Skill Requirement division/level the member should complete.
3. A first (1st) year member will begin at the KEEP division/level their club leader believes is appropriate for the member's age and skills.
4. Once a division/level has been obtained and shown in at the Fair, the member cannot compete at a lower division/level.
5. Second (2nd) through eleventh (11th) year members may move up multiple KEEP divisions/levels in one year. The member must complete all dismounted requirements for all divisions/levels in between.
6. A score of 80% must be achieved on both the dismounted and mounted sections of the KEEP Skill Requirements.
7. For all levels, the member must use his/her project horse to demonstrate the mounted abilities. If the project horse is lame at the time of evaluation, the member may complete the requirements using a different horse. If the member's project horse is a miniature horse or unbroken, the member may complete the requirement using a different horse.
8. A qualified Kent County 4-H Leader may evaluate his/her own club for all divisions/levels.
9. Leaders also have the option of asking another 4-H Leader or an approved evaluator for assistance.
10. Evaluations may be done at any location.
11. Horsemaster division requires the member to be evaluated by two (2) leaders. One (1) may be the member's club leader; the other leader must not be affiliated with the member's club and must be from the approved evaluator's list. The member's score will be an average of the two (2) scores given by the leaders.
12. It shall be the responsibility of each leader to see that all evaluation score sheets are turned in by the posted deadline date.

B. Scoring of Horsemaster division books

1. All Horsemaster division requirements will be turned in by the posted deadline each year.
2. All Horsemaster division requirements will be scored by a minimum of 3 committee members to eliminate bias, with no committee member scoring a member of their own club.
3. The member's score will be an average of the three (3) scores given by the leaders.

C. At Fair:

1. Members shall show only in the division/level that he/she has attained (according to the official record.)
2. All members will receive a completion ribbon for each division/level completed in any given year. These ribbons will be awarded upon completion of the Fitting & Showing class at fair.
3. Fair classes with "level" designations shall be set up, regulated, and judged in accordance with the standards of that level.
4. All division/level completion ribbons should be displayed on the member's stall at fair. Lost ribbons will not be replaced.
5. A member may show in any class within his/her division/level.
 - a. See Horse Project Requirements and Recommendations B3b for jumping guidelines.

D. The KEEP Divisions and levels are in the following order from lowest to highest achievement:

- 1) Novice Division
 - a) Walk Trot Level-mounted and dismounted skills.
 - b) Intermediate Level- mounted and dismounted skills.
 - c) Advanced Level- mounted and dismounted skills.
- 2) Junior Division
 - a) Intermediate Level-mounted and dismounted skills.
 - b) Advanced Level-mounted and dismounted skills.
- 3) Senior Division
 - a) Intermediate Level-mounted and dismounted skills.
 - b) Advanced Level-mounted and dismounted skills.
- 4) Horsemaster Division-book, mounted and dismounted skills.