

Kent 4-H Horse Leader's Monthly Meeting Minutes – April 2, 2015

Attendance: Key: X = Attended Blank = Absent

Please remember to sign in on the attendance sheet!

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Canterin' Commotion | <input type="checkbox"/> Galloping Riders | <input type="checkbox"/> Stablemates |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Step Ahead | <input type="checkbox"/> Horsin' Around | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steel Horses |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bit by Bit | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Perfect Partners | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Team Meadowview |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Ribbon Riders | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rainbow Riders | <input type="checkbox"/> Train N Rein |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country Cowboys | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ridge Riders | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wind Riders |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denim & Dust | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rockin' Horse | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dream Riders | <input type="checkbox"/> Saddle Up Country | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Superintendent |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Friends & Neighbors | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Showcase Riders | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MSU Educator |

Call to Order w/ Pledges by Carolyn @7:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report by Carolyn

Motion to Accept: by Michelle MSC by Marty

Treasurer's Report by Adela

Motion to Accept: by Matt MSC by Marty

Extension Office Report:

- The volunteer coordinator at Kent County Parks has contacted Glenda looking for volunteers to clean up the equestrian trails at Cooper Creek / Spencer Forest Park. Please let Glenda know if you are interested. This looks like a great club service opportunity!
- Robin Kline also contacted Glenda to encourage 4-H members to attend EWHA shows. 4-H members can show at EWHA hosted shows for EWHA Member pricing. Other opportunities with EWHA include running a concession stand at a show and paid assistant positions to work shows. Contact Glenda or Robin for more information.
- Glenda showed us Extension (extension.org) where we can sign up for newsletters regarding horse information. This site has great articles about judging, herd management, disease, current events and other horse topics. There are many educational videos. Glenda also shared that we can sign up to receive MSU Extension digests for many different topics.

Fair Board Report:

(Given by Matt for Dave) Fair departure time will be earlier but exact time is not yet confirmed.

Old Business:

- Speed Clinic: Michelle passed out a flyer for the upcoming clinic. Glenda will also email the flyer to the leaders. Sign-ups for the clinic are on Survey Monkey. Please sign up by mid-May.
- June 26-Deadline for State Delegates

New Business:

Due dates-Declarations due-May 7; Fees due June 4; Project books-July 10 (day after Horse Leaders' Meeting). Books can be dropped off at the July 9 4-H Horse Leader meeting to save a trip the next day.

- Sponsorship and Banners-New Banners will cost \$200.00, with \$135.00 applicable toward fees. Renewal banners cost \$150.00, with \$150.00 applicable toward fees. Sponsorship form online.
- KFNO
 - Schedule: Schedule is complete and will be sent out with these minutes.
 - Workers meet with Marty after the meeting, see additional notes.
- Fair Work Schedule
 - We reviewed the work schedule for the 2015 Fair. Some things to remember:
 - 2 hour time slots
 - Be there for your whole work time
 - Be there on time

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- Be flexible on your work assignment.
- No matter what your work slot is, you may be called upon to set up or tear down the arena during your work time.
- Please send age appropriate workers.
- The slots listed for explorer assistants count as slots; trucks for dressage do not count as slots.
- At the May meeting, we will draw club names. The order in which the clubs are drawn is the order in which they will be allowed to sign up for their slots.
- After the declarations are submitted in June, we will find out how many members are planning to go to Fair from each club. The slots will be divided equally based on number of declarations per club. The number of slots per club will be emailed to all leaders.
- At the June meeting, the clubs will be able to sign up for their slots in order drawn (the order drawn at the May meeting). I plan to print the schedule out, each page on a poster size paper and put them up on the wall at the extension office room.
- If you are on a committee, please review the schedule and make sure the slots your committee needs are listed, and if need be, filled by your club.
- Horse Camp – flyer posted online, application should be posted soon
- Capital Improvements Update
 - Previously we had talked about rebuilding the announcer's booth as a mobile/modular building. Matt spoke with the city and in order to build anything at the fairgrounds, we must obtain a DEQ permit because the fairgrounds sits on the floodplain. Perhaps a retrofit is the best option.
 - Holli has acquired the paperwork and information for the Look Memorial Foundation Grant. The committee is going to work together to complete the application for some fairgrounds improvements. They will speak with the fairboard as well.
 - Some new gates for the arena will be purchased.
 - The committee plans to purchase an arena groomer that can be pulled with a tractor or four-wheeler.
- Dressage Committee: the new patterns are posted online, the remaining Horsemaster pattern will be posted soon.
- Education Committee
 - Rachael is planning a clinic for a Saturday in early May. The clinic topic will be Advanced Showmanship. It will likely be held at the Mounted Division Barn in Rockford. Attendance is free. Attendees may bring their horse or audit and are encouraged to take notes. More information to follow soon.
 - Rachael is also planning a clinic for Knowing Leads for the Horse and Rider. Stay tuned for date and location.
- Enrollment/Declarations: please make sure the exhibitor's name, horse's name, and horse's registration number are consistent between the declaration and the class list.
- Explorers
 - NEW patterns! Same patterns for KFNOs and Fair.
 - NEW classes! Equitation and Pleasure classes have been added for Fair in addition to the pattern class.
 - Horseless exhibitors will use the 8 year old explorer pattern for Showmanship at Fair.
- Trail patterns are being drawn and should be posted soon.
- Teen Horse Leaders Group (no report this month)

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM by Kathy. Seconded by Kristi.

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

- Leader Meetings – 7:30 p.m. @ MSUE Office 5/7/15, 6/4/15, **July 9, 2015** (please note that this date is the second Thursday of the month.)

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KFNO Meeting Notes

- Marty handed out a list of KFNO Show Workers' Duties
- The clubs assigned to a show must contact each other ahead of time and coordinate jobs and shifts.
- A leader or adult in charge must accompany each club as representative.
- Please train your club workers ahead of time. They should understand:
 - How to open and close gates
 - How to read a Coggin's test
 - What a ringmaster does
 - What booth workers do
 - How to fill out entry cards
- Please arrive early
- Work your full shift
- At the close of the show, help count the money and close the booth
- The KFNO committee member at the show will help you too