

La Crosse County 4-H Horse Project
Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2017

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The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Pam Hobson and Jenny Holm.

The meeting took place at Hamilton Town Hall in West Salem.

Review of the Bylaws:

Pam lead the conversation about the by-laws, although, our project cannot follow the timeline due to the 1st year being out of sync. There were copies at the meeting as well as the bylaws are on the website. The bylaws were passed at the last meeting. There were no questions or comments about the bylaws.

Election of Youth Officers:

Past President: Everyone was asked for it to be okay to have a past president. Jennifer Lorenz presented about her experience in horse project and why she would like to have the position. Jennifer Lorenz was voted in as the past president.

President: Morgan Heilman introduced herself and asked for votes for the president position. Morgan Heilman was voted in as the president.

Vice President: Macy Carty introduced herself and talked about her interest in the vice-president position. Macy Carty was voted in as vice-president.

Secretary: Carley Morgan and Emily Kupka introduced themselves and talked about their interest in being secretary. All youth members voted and Emily Kupka was voted into the secretary position.

Treasurer: Sammy Helgerson introduced herself and her interest in being the treasurer. Sammy Helgerson was voted in as the new treasurer.

Speed Representative: Karyn Wehrs talked about her experience and interest in being the speed representative. Karyn Wehrs was voted in as the speed representative.

Drill Team Representative: Claire Morgan talked about herself and talked about her interest in being the drill team representative. Claire Morgan was voted in as the drill team representative.

Pleasure Representative: Carley Morgan talked about herself and her interest in the position as the pleasure representative. Carley Morgan was voted in as the pleasure representative.

Educational Representative: Ashlee Nicolai introduced herself and her interest in the educational representative position. Ashlee Nicolai was voted in as the educational representative.

Morgan Heilman read the bylaws for the advisory committee.

Pam Hobson explained that the youth board will interview adults who are interested in the advisory board positions, however, due to being a transform year, they will be looking for nominations from the floor. The youth board are looking for three adult representatives and a treasurer, who will serve a two year term. The youth board asked if anyone would be interested.

Nancy Wakefield, Jennifer Helgerson, and Stephanie Lubinsky introduced themselves and expressed their interest in being adult mentors. Sally McCann's interest letter was read by Jennifer Lorenz about her interest in being on the advisory board. The youth board decided to discuss the candidates tonight.

Jenny Holm discussed the money form that was available for handout. These were the 4-H Money Basics and 4-H Fundraising information both are documents from the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development program originally introduced in June 2015.

Jill Lorenz recommend an addition to the bylaws about parents not being a mentor with their kids who are also on the board.

Jenny Holm explained that the Activity and Event Planning forms need to be completed even if no money is associated with the event. Fundraisers do need to complete this form as well.

The youth board decided that Sally and Jennifer would be adult advisors committee, and that Stephanie Lubinsky would be the advisor for the treasurer and Nancy would be the advisor for the president.

Budget Update

Lise Graham reported on the budget committee and reported that the committee is working on a report, but it isn't ready yet. The project spends about \$10,000 a year, but currently, they have no fundraising committee. The budget committee will meet again and the youth board will be made aware of that meeting. The agenda item of a budget will be added for the next meeting along with needing to discuss educational events, drill team, horse camp, fair awards, and champ show. Brian Reitzel also talked about training on the budget process for the new board.

Rules & Guidelines Handbook

Sarah Rossman told everyone about the guidelines report. She explained how guidelines have been "cleaned up." She asked for recommendations. Carolyn Christopherson explained that it needs to be safety first. Children can be helped when safety is of concern. Pam Hobson said a small youth should be helped onto horse if need be. Nancy Wakefield added that the youth needs to be present when tasks are being done. Stephanie Lubinsky explained her helping youth and Brian Reitzel said that we should strike out the part about helping youth. Tina Kupka also added a need for being able to know your horse and to be able to predict if something may happen. There was more discussion about the rule and suggested to only leave that only the exhibitor can ride the horse.

Jennifer Lorenz added a recommendation about the rule for horses 5 and under to be ridden two handed.

There was a vote to pass the rules and guidelines. It was passed.

Horse Camp Update

Horse camp was discussed. Gretchen Heilman updated the basic schedule, and Morgan Heilman thanked Macy Carty for going to the leader's board and asking for a donation. Jenny advised that we do not use the facebook page right now, rather have all the information on the website. Pam Hobson also commented that facebook was misused previously, so at this time is not to be used.

The next meeting will be held on April 19th at 6:30 p.m. The date is to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

"I motion to adjourn the meeting." -Maclaine Heilman

"I second."- Brooklynn Tate

Submitted by
Emily Kupka- Secretary