

Waukesha County Horse Project

MEETING MINUTES

Name: Waukesha County 4-H Horse Association Board of Directors

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Date/Time: August 1, 2023/ 6:30 p.m.

Recorder: Megan Peterson

Participants: Brenda Wolfe, Megan Peterson, Barb Shudy, Delaney Vander Berg, Patty Sumner, Amie Lalor, Sage Kaiser, Kristi Kaiser, Sandra Rindt, Sue Holmes, Maureen Martin

Item	Discussion
1. Call to order	Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by President Brenda Wolfe..
2. June minutes	The minutes from the June meeting were approved as presented Motion to approve: Kristi Kaiser Second: Sandra Rindt
3. Treasurer's report	Expenses: \$ [REDACTED] awards, \$ [REDACTED] fair, \$ [REDACTED] judge, \$ [REDACTED] expo fees, \$ [REDACTED] trophies, \$ [REDACTED] state, \$ [REDACTED] gift cards Checking: \$ [REDACTED] Savings: \$ [REDACTED] Total: \$ [REDACTED]
4. Old business	<p>County Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clinician <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feedback from members - nice to be able to watch without their horse. Great to hear/see the little things the judge sees. ○ We did pay him for his time. ● Hippology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ran smoothly, although not many participants ● Judging class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ran two classes - one halter, one pleasure. ○ Ran smoothly, no complaints ● Friday Judge - Gary Gibson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All positive feedback ○ Seemed to really care about 4-H and the kids ○ Worked smoothly with office helpers ● Open Classes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Only three riders, but some alumni said they didn't know about it and plan to ride next year. ○ It's a fair-wide rule that parents can't show a youth's animal, and that rule is unlikely to change. ● Saturday Judge - Wendy Curelo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Positive feedback ○ Really kept show moving ○ Not as touchy-feely but still friendly ○ OK with not giving blues ● Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Later start due to Spectacular Showman contest. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Noon - Parade of Champions ■ 1pm - Costume ■ 2pm - Extreme Trail ■ After - couple fun classes for the couple kids interested

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Best spectator turnout due to later start ● Gate flier did not always match our schedule ● Next year's livestock auction will be Saturday instead of Friday. Our show schedule will have to adjust. ● Gate between barn and trailer parking was locked. Need to make sure gate is open next year ● Several vehicles were driving between the barn and arena, even while kids were riding. Needs to be discussed with the fair board. ● Dinner was provided for members/families after the mandatory meeting and was very well received. Great bonding time. ● 2024 Fair Classes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fair will most likely ask for our input for next year's show bill ○ Can change to whatever we want now since it's no longer a state qualifying show. ○ Brainstorm ideas before the October meeting (halter/ranch/other?) ● Encourage fair to try to market to other organizations <p>4-H State Expo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plaques ordered - Barb to pay, Gina will pick up ● Decorations will be minimal. Did not sign up for stall awards ● Documents have been sent in ● Four members will be going - Isabella, Sophia, Sydney, Gwendolyn ● There will not be a prep meeting
5. New Business	<p>Trailer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Request for new tires for the trail trailer. Tires are 19 years old. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to approve - Barb Shudy ○ Second - Patty Sumner ● Ray will do all labor <p>Awards Banquet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 22 members to get awards if all have gotten clinic/volunteer requirements met ● Expect around 40 people at event ● Propose to move event to a restaurant - Delafield Brewhaus or possibly Thunder Bay ● Move from weekend date - November 12 at 4pm, backup date of November 5 ● Kids to vote on fun awards for members. Survey to be sent ● Propose to increase allotment for each award and increase award budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to approve - Kristi Kaiser ○ Second - Sandra Rindt ● Kristi and Amie to send Patty list of eligible members <p>2024 Horse Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Current members leaving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Barb Shudy as Treasurer ○ Delaney and Sage as Youth Board officers ○ Charlee and Amie as Clinics Committee chair ○ Kristi as Volunteer/Sportsmanship Committee chair ● Current officers staying: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brenda as President ○ Amie as VP ○ Megan as Secretary ● New positions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Amie will take over as Volunteer Committee chair ○ Brenda/Maureen will take over Clinic Committee ● Need new treasurer ● Elections will be held next month ● Meetings will be held on first Wednesday of the month from September through December

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	<p>2024 Tack Sale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Our tack sale is largest in area besides Midwest Horse Fair ● Discussion regarding feasibility of continuing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A lot of work for not a lot of money - facility costs are half of our revenue ○ Concern about staffing next year's tack sale due to low enrollment ○ Kitchen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Kitchen requires a lot of volunteers. ■ Would the tack sale be profitable without the kitchen? Brought in \$800 in 2023 ■ Facility charges significant amount for use of kitchen for the day ■ Would people be upset if we got rid of it? ■ Possibly bring in food truck ■ Possibly just have table selling easy to prep foods ○ Tables cost \$12 each to rent from facility ○ Possibly increase fee per table to cover expenses - \$40/personal, \$50/commercial ● Decided to proceed with 2024 tack sale on second Sunday of February with some modifications to be set at a later date <p>2024 Circuit Shows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facility costs are making shows unprofitable ● Possible options for 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Combine with Fox River Saddle Club shows or Menomonee Falls Saddle Club shows ○ Host one show instead of two ○ Have fair show count as a circuit show since there is no facility fee at fair ● Saving money on show costs can allow us to hire more clinicians
<p>6. Committee updates:</p>	<p>Youth Board: Events/Clinics: Charlee Vanderberg, Amie Lator, Gina Ehler Barn: Maureen Martin Judges: Barb Shudy, Patty Sumner, Brenda Wolfe Public Recruitment/Social Media: Megan Peterson Trophies/Show Ribbons: Amie Lator and Year-End Awards: Patty Sumner Equine Ambassador: Maureen Martin, Sue Holmes Livestock Committee: Tiffany LaChance Sportsmanship: Kristi Kaiser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Winners to be sent to state leadership conference Education (Horse Bowl): Riley Turinske and possibly Rose Rogers (needs training) Education (Hippology): Barb Jones, Ike Scepanski, Maureen Martin Website/technology: Megan Peterson Show Office: Sandra Rindt, Patty Sumner (announcer), Jen Turinske & Barb Shudy(computer) Volunteer Coordinator: Kristi Kaiser Forms, Packets for Mandatory Meeting, Fair and State: Megan Peterson Show Computer: Jen Turinske, Megan Peterson Tack Sale: Brenda Wolfe (Chair), Amie Lator, Patty Buddenhagen and Sandra Rindt (kitchen) and Greg Buddenhagen (security) Fair: open</p>
<p>7. Next meeting</p>	<p>The next board meeting is WEDNESDAY, September 6, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion to adjourn - Patty Sumner ● Second - Kristi Kaiser