

Horse Committee Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2022

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:05 pm in person and through Zoom. Kellie Mattox made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

2. **Pledges**

- a. The Pledge of Allegiance
- b. The 4H Pledge

3. **Attendance/Sign-in.**

Present:

Laura West – Dansville Wranglers
Kathy Golden – Echoing Hoofbeats
Brenda Griffin-Bradley, Kellie Mattox – Fit to Show
Debbie Bingham – Golden Stride Riders
Melissa Caulk, Troy Caulk, Dana Martin, Grace Edick – Growing Together/Chum
Esther Hitchcock – Inspire U
Steve Sommer – Reins and Riders
Jenny Baker, Gwyn Shelle, Evelyn Palmer – Saddlemates

Additional attendees:

Marci Charest – Judging Team
Steve Taylor – 2022 Ingham County Fair Show

Clubs/Board members not present: Boots and Saddles

4. **Secretary's Report.**

The secretary's report for the February 2022 meeting was emailed by Gwyn Shelle and copies were available for review. Brenda Griffin-Bradley made a motion to accept the Secretary's report. Motion carried.

5. **Treasurer's Report.**

February 2022

Started with 1,019.45. Paid the fee for the Ingham County 4-H Horse Judging Team to compete at the State 4-H contest. No activity in savings, scholarship, or Foundation account. Ending balances:

- \$899.45 Checking
- \$5,733.77 Savings
- \$5.00 Scholarship Fund
- \$9,215.27 Foundation

The total cash as of February 28, 2022 was \$15,853.49.

March 2022

- \$899.45 Checking
- \$5,733.91 Savings
- \$5.00 Scholarship Fund
- \$9,259.13 Foundation

The total cash as of March 31, 2022 was \$15,897.49.

Marci made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

A recommendation was made that the officers meet to put together a budget for the remainder of 2022.

Note: Steve Sommer will not be Treasurer following this year and would like to mentor his replacement. If you are interested in being the Horse Committee Treasurer for fall 2022-24 please reach out to Steve.

6. **4-H Office Update**

The Earl Threadgould scholarship applications are due on April 15.

Exploration Days registration opens April 14, 2022. Participation is limited to the first 1,000 youth across the state – it recommended that youth interested in attending should register soon. In 4-H Online there is a tip sheet with instructions on how to register.

If any youth are interested in being an Ambassador for 2022 please contact Glenda Weiss at weissgle@msu.edu.

At the May 2022 Ingham County 4-H Horse Committee meeting Glenda will offer a volunteer training during the first 15 minutes of the meeting.

7. **4-H Council**

The 4-H Council is looking for adults who are interested in helping to run the Food Booth at Fair. Please contact Glenda if you are interested.

8. **Leaders Show**

Plans are being made for the Leader's Show. The show bill is available, ribbons are being ordered, and a judge has been hired. Back numbers will be ordered by Steve Sommers for approximately \$100. Job assignments will be shared with 4-H leaders at the May horse committee meeting. The walkie/talkies will eventually need to be replaced - Steven Sommers is exploring options.

Jenny Baker made a motion to order radios up to \$350. Motion carried. The radios will be stored in the 4-H office.

9. **Horse Camp**

The plans for the 2022 horse camp are underway. A committee of nine volunteers and parents are planning the camp for July 11-13, 2022 with two days of clinics and a horse show for horse camp participants. Campers will be required to bring their own lunch. Registration information will be available by the May 2022 Horse Committee Meeting.

10. **Judging Team Report**

The Ingham County Horse Judging team competed at the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest in March. The Ingham County Senior Regular Team won their division for both Reasons and Overall Team. The Senior team will be competing at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Judging Contest in November.

The Junior Regular contestant from Ingham County was first place in Reasons and Second Overall. The Junior Novice contestant, was 8th place in Reasons.

Members of the judging team spoke at the April County Commissioner meeting.

The team will be fundraising in order to travel to the national contest and is trying to raise \$4,400 for transportation, lodging, gas, food and the contest registration fee. They are asking local shows to include a fun class where the funds raised would go to the judging team. It was also suggested that the team submit a request to the Ingham County Fair Foundation for financial support.

Congratulations to all team members!

11. **Michigan Horse Council**

The Michigan Horse Expo was successful based on attendance and vendor feedback. New board members were elected at the April meeting. They will be offering Horse Expo as a volunteer committee in the future. Suggestions for next year: allow a lower rate just for shopping or family discounts. The Michigan Horse Expo is one of the most expensive Expos to attend in the Midwest.

12. **Banquet**

The Saddlemates club is scheduled to host the banquet however, without fair awards we would only have a couple of awards to give out and they could be awarded at the 4-H Council banquet. The horse judging team can be recognized at the 4-H Council Banquet as well.

13. **Old Business**

State Show Qualification Process: If youth want to be considered as a delegate at the State 4-H Horse Show, the form must be completed by May 1st and submitted with fair horse forms. The form can be found at:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h/animal-projects/horses>. Ingham County has 18 delegates allotted to compete at the State 4-H Horse Show. More delegates can be requested if needed.

14. **Fair 2022**

The 2022 Ingham County Fair Youth and Horse/Pony Registration forms are available. The forms must be turned into Marci Charest by May 1st. The youth must submit paperwork to their 4-H leader – the leaders will submit club forms to Marci. For more information, and to download the registration form, join the Ingham County Fair Youth Horse Show Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/693944501983567>.

Senior Ceremony and Little I committees are needed. Jenny Baker is leading Little I and Steve Sommers is leading the Senior Ceremony. Jenny is hoping to have more of an organized horse practice for Little I – in the South End.

15. **New Business**

Handbook: All leaders are encouraged to give every family in their club a copy of the handbook.

Riding Meetings: Lindsey needs to know when clubs would like to use the fairgrounds for riding meetings. The main arena will be unusable until the dirt is replaced. Clubs will need to use the practice arena. Please contact Jenny Baker if your club has a request.

Jenny Baker will email all clubs when we have a start date from the fairgrounds.

Brenda Griffin-Bradley made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Next Meeting May 11, 2022 at 7 pm in-person and Zoom.

Submitted by Gwyn Shelle

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