Chairwoman Janice Gonzales called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. There was no treasurer’s report. The minutes of the February 16, 2010 meeting were approved as read.

Intermediate State Horse Classic Presentation Team Kaylene Songer and Patricia Brady gave their program on “Internal Parasites.” They described in detail the life cycle of large and small strongyles, pinworms, ascarids, bots and tapeworms, and shared tips on controlling these parasites. A startling statistic they gave is that 50% of horse deaths are related to internal parasites; most of those deaths occur in horses under two years old.

Committee Reports:
Fair Superintendent: Kurt Tarkalson reported that everything is on track for Youth Fair. Safety and security at 4-H Fair in July could be challenging because it now coincides with County Fair. Clubs may be assigned security rounds to prevent harassment of horses by the public. For arena and gate duty during horse classes, there could be a suggestion in the newsletter that leaders e-mail Laura Kalhar with requests for assignments.
Judges: No report
Performance: No report
Trail Class: No report.
Gaming: No gaming at Youth Fair. Qualifying times are posted in the newsletter.
Jumping: Rhonda McDaniel noted a timing conflict in Youth Fair between the jumping clinic and showmanship classes and suggested moving the jumping clinic to 3-4 p.m. Rhonda will contact Laura to coordinate the schedule. Next year, we should identify on the Youth Fair entry form which classes require horses and which classes are without horses. We also should try to accommodate the 4-H members who need to weigh in livestock.
Safety: Kurt reminded everyone that proper fitting of tack and helmets is important. Bridle issues last year included missing throatlatches. Laurie Mapes will get from Woody the safety checklist so that leaders can review it at the May 18 Horse Leaders Committee meeting and edit the list. Janice will ask Woody to e-mail it to leaders before Youth Fair.
Horse Informational Posters: No report.
County Horse Classic: June Brady reported that there is no senior horse bowl team, but Columbia County has a good state team this year. We have entries in Intermediate Horse Bowl, Intermediate Hippology and Judging, Intermediate Presentations, and Intermediate and Senior Individual Presentations.
Poker Ride: No report
Youth Fair: No additional report.

Old Business: None

New Business:
Janice reminded leaders that Youth Fair entry forms are due May 10 with an entry fee of $10; the cost is $15 after May 10.

Announcements:
The next meeting is May 18, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.