Chairwoman Janice Gonzales called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.; flag salutes followed.

**Treasurer’s report:** Janice stated that she and Kate Olson will prepare a report soon. Minutes of the January 9, 2010 meeting were approved with the following clarification: the “budget committee” mentioned on page 2 of the minutes is a budget committee for the entire horse leaders committee, not for the food concession at the fairgrounds.

**Committee Reports:**
- **Fair Superintendent:** No report
- **Judges:** Robert Aycock will judge Horse Classic. Nancy Collins agreed to judge an extra half day (Saturday) at Youth Fair.
- **Performance:** No report
- **Trail:** Laura Kalhar reported that the bridge and gate obstacles remain at the fairgrounds; Woody Davis noted that the mailbox will be returned.
- **Gaming:** No report
- **Presentations:** Currently, no one is in charge of presentations.
- **Jumping:** Rhonda McDaniel stated that it may be possible to include a dressage clinic with a jumping clinic if the local dressage club is willing to help. It would be best to have two clinics, one in May and one in June. Woody reported that the dressage letters and arena chain are in the 4-H office.
- **Safety:** Discussion took place about how to handle tack safety issues at fair. It was clarified that if a child has a safety issue, the child should be sent to his or her leader or back to the barn to correct the safety problem. Laura brings lots of equipment to fair, and no child should miss a class because of a tack problem.
- **Barn:** No report
- **Horse Informational Posters:** No report
- **Horse Classic:** June Brady reported that Woody repaired the buzzers. Horses are secured for judging; they are Arabian geldings and miniature geldings. Hay and grain samples also have been secured. Woody noted that the written test is done, is multiple choice or true/false, and is the same test for all age groups. There are 40 questions and an identification piece. The member must answer 65% correctly to qualify for the state classic team, but there is no minimum score for state fair. Questions are from the project manual and the contest guide. The junior track will do their test as a group. The junior track will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Members should arrive by 8:30 a.m.
- **Poker Ride:** Kate Olson said she would be available at horse classic for questions about the ride.
- **Youth Fair:** Laura is revising the schedule now that the judge will attend an extra half day.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Woody reported that the Fair Board will purchase one load of shavings. Last year we got 3 loads and ½ load is left, enough for Youth Fair. If a second load is donated, there will be enough shavings, but if not, 4-H will be charged $1,000 for a load. Woody is investigating options but sources have disappeared and costs have risen dramatically. 4-Hers may get charged for shavings. The open show will not include overnight stabling so those participants will not be a source of shavings fees. Laura reported that enrollment is down, from 140 last year to a little over 100 this year. About 25% do not show at fair, so perhaps 75-80 will show horses at fair this year.

**Announcements:** Next meeting is April 20, 2010. Adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.