Committee Members Attending: Linda Bentz, Bonnie Beach, Amanda Ward, Susan Studebaker, Laurie Swain, Patricia Combest, Carolyn Jones, Bob Brown, and Linda Easton-Warner.

Extension Staff Attending: Melanie Mintken

Club Representatives: Abigail Hurley (no club given); Gracie Lorimor – Saddle Slappers; Courtney Mead – Misty Mountain Riders; Daisy Neilson – Hoof Beats; Adele Nix – Steady Pacers-n-Can Chasers; Mary Terhaar – Horsin’ Around; Allison Wheeler – Equine Essence

Leaders Eligible to Vote: Kathy Mead – Misty Mountain Riders; Cori Goughnour – Saddle Slappers; Amy Terhaar – Horsin’ Around; Jessica Wheeler – Equine Essence; Jim Warner – Lucky Steps; Tracy Wagenaar – Hoof Beats.

Others Attending: Jennifer Terhaar – Horsin’ Around; Catherine Terhaar – Horsin’ Around; Alyssa Lorimor – Saddle Slappers; Paige Hurley (no club given); Ally Mead – Misty Mountain Riders; Wendy Lorimor – Saddle Slappers.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:04 pm.

Adjournment: 8 pm.

Pledges: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Adele Nix and Katherine (?) led the 4-H Pledge.

March Minutes: Bonnie Beach made a motion to accept the minutes as issued, Laurie Swain seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Bonnie reported that a $500 donation was received from Pam Burback who is a past horse leader. Pam sent no explanation but she was aware of the lack of funds for this year. A thank you needs to be sent to Pam. Bonnie issued a $100 check as a deposit for the leader show. There is a balance of $758.22 in the account. Bonnie also reported that she spoke to the person who is providing the cows for the Ranch Horse cattle working class and informed him that we had overpaid him for the clinic and that the $100 overpayment will be applied to the fair cost. He hadn’t even noticed the overpayment and understood what was going to happen.

Spring Horse Classic: The Spring Horse Classic was held in McMinnville this past weekend. Adele Nix competed in the competition and reported that there were a lot of people there and that she had a very good time. She also reported that Arielle Brown placed 2nd with her Senior Individual Presentation and Alyssa Goertzen placed 5th with her Intermediate Public Speaking speech. Catherine Terhaar had an individual placing of 5th in the top ten scores in Senior Hippology. There was a facility problem and Arielle Brown and her parents Bob and Melissa became part of the 19 people who could claim to be “elevator survivors” after being stuck in an
elevator for an hour and a half! The Senior team did well considering it ended up in Horse Bowl and Hippology being a team of two members, three members is considered the minimum but they were allowed to compete as a team of two.

**2016 Spring Horse Classic:** Marion County will be the location of next year’s Spring Horse Classic and is responsible for finding locations and arranging for the banquet, the design and printing of t-shirts and sweat shirts for purchase. The dates of the 2016 Spring Horse Classic are April 29th through May 1st. There was some discussion as to where to hold the SHC as break out rooms are needed as well as a large enough horse arena. The Linn County Expo Center was suggested as well as the Polk County Fairgrounds at Rickreall which has the advantage of RV hook ups and also being close to Salem. Everything is in the discussion phase only and a committee has been formed to work on all of the details. The members of the committee, at this time, are Linda Easton-Warner, Bonnie Beach, Linda Bentz, and Laurie Swain.

**Clinics:** The April clinic was the Trail Clinic which was hosted by Horsin’ Around with the help of Bob Brown. The clinic had 30 members signed up with 3 just observing without a horse, the 30 also included a double signup by a member who brought a horse and a mini. The consensus was that it went smoothly, the final two groups were quite large but each one was given their individual attention/instruction.

The May 9th clinics are the Gymkhana and Hunt Seat over Fences with the addition of Ranch Horse Trail. The members who need to attend this clinic are ones who are first year 4-H members OR this will be their first year entering the Gymkhana classes. The certificate is **REQUIRED** to ride in the Gymkhana classes.

- The Gymkhana clinic will be hosted by Silver Tails and Willamette River Riders with Pat Combest as the clinician. This clinic is different than the regular clinics in that:
  1. **EVERYONE** comes at 8am.
  2. Horses are not necessary but may be brought. There is no running of the obstacles, it will be walk/trot only.
  3. To receive a certificate you MUST remain until the end of the clinic as that is when the certificates will be given.
  4. The certificates are to be put into the Horse Record book.

A certificate indicating the rider **AND** horse are certified to enter the Hunt Seat over Fences classes at county fair is **required** to enter the jumping classes. Anyone who changed horses is required to re-certify with the new horse. If there is a change from the Trot an X course to Full course a certificate is required. This is the only clinic where the horse is also certified.

- The Hunt Seat over Fences is hosted by Lucky Steps and will be held starting at 1:30 with no specific end time.
- The location is at Linda Easton-Warner’s facility on Wallace Rd NW. This location is 7 miles from the Marion Street Bridge and just north of the Lincoln store, there is a sign at the driveway.
- Linda reminds you to eat first or bring food as there will be nothing available at her place.
- The riders will be taken as they come with riders grouped according to their abilities if necessary.
• The Ranch Horse Trail Clinic will also be hosted by Lucky Steps and will be located in an outdoor arena at Linda’s facility. This clinic will have Jim Warner and Joanne Nibbler as the clinicians. This will only be available if the weather permits.

The June clinic is Ground Training and Showmanship and will be hosted by Equine Essence. The order of the clinic is:
• 8:00am – 1st and 2nd year under saddle as well as member trained green horse. All ridden horses.
• 9:00am – 10:00 am – Ground Training
• 10:00am – 12:00 pm – Showmanship

Leader Show May 30th: Amanda Ward reported that the Electricians Union has donated $1,500 towards the expenses of the Leader Show. This money can only be used to pay for the expenses of the show. This means that all of the entry money from the show can be used for the county fair awards. Amanda said that she has ordered some awesome silver buckles and will be getting really nice ribbons for high point and reserve. Other than these ribbons it will be a “crazy ribbon” show and she is requesting donations for the additional ribbons. These ribbons can be delivered to the Extension office. She would really appreciate the ribbons being ironed before they are given to her as she said that the last time she spent 8 hours ironing the ribbons. The question of chaps was brought up and since it is being run under 4-H rules, and the fact that there will be no trail course, chaps will not be allowed. There will be food available on site. The fact that we will have to be out of there by 4 – 4:30 was brought up and Amanda said that she is trying to work with the group following us to see if that time can be adjusted.

County Fair: Melanie said that there have been some rumors that County Fair will not be using the Stadium. This is not true! We will be using the Stadium with the exception of Saturday when the rodeo will have use of it. Showmanship will be held Saturday in the covered outdoor arena as it was last year. The office will still be in the Stadium on Saturday.

Volunteer signup: Melanie said that she will be handling the volunteer sign up this year, she is going to use a software that is made for this type of thing.

Records: The record book ID page (required in record book when submitting) was passed around. It is also available on the website. Melanie also passed around the Award Donation form to be used by clubs/individuals who have donated in the past and have not yet indicated if they wish to donate for this year. It is also available on the website. All items relating to County Fair are due on May 29th. This means: Records’, camping, stalls, fair entry forms and any necessary funds to pay for the camping, stalls and shavings. This year the Extension office is going to use electronic ticketing which will accept credit and debit cards for payment. Fair tickets, carnival tickets, and the new wristband for fair entry can all be paid using this method.

My 4-H Resume: This is a replacement to what we have known as the Permanent Records. It is very similar to the Permanent Records and it makes the instructions easier to understand. Enter your activity from this year in the “Resume” you do not have to copy everything over to the “Resume” just file the old records behind the Resume in your record book. When a graduating 4-H’er applies for a scholarship at the end of their senior year this is the part of the records that is used to determine eligibility to receive the scholarship. At that time everything must be in the Resume, in the past all of the Permanent Record information had to be transferred over to the Resume. Going forward
this will eliminate the necessity of that copy work. (Anyone with 2 sets of records will still have to copy over the previous entries if they are going to apply for a scholarship.)

**Hardship requests:** These forms are due as soon as possible, remember that hardships submitted at the county fair can be approved but with NO privileges. Hardships submitted before the fair are taken on a case by case situation to determine what privileges will be allowed. The forms are available on the website.

**Gymkhana event:**
- This will be held on Sunday June 28th at the Salem Saddle Club.
- The back numbers assigned to the riders are for that day only and a new number will be issued for the fair.
- ALL of the riders will run at the same time, there will not be any separation between the “Regular” and “Gaming for Fun” riders. They will ride the course at whatever speed suits their ability, anything from walking the course to running the course.
- At past events the rider in the Gaming for Fun has been given instructions and coaching as they ride the course, this will NOT happen this time.
- Remember – the ribbon given in this event is determined by the speed of the horse and rider and NOTHING ELSE.
- Everyone is to remember that receiving a white ribbon is not to be scorned. It just means, as it does in equitation classes, that you need more work to improve.

**Record Judging:** The records must be judged before the Gymkhana event on June 28th. It was determined that records will be judged on Wednesday, June 10th at 6pm. If there is a large enough turnout of experienced judges from past years it is expected to get them all done that night. Any issues that cannot be resolved that night will be handled on a case by case basis following that evening. Contact Melanie to volunteer.

**Adjournment:** Amanda made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

**NEXT HORSE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING IS MAY 18TH**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Bentz
Committee Secretary
4/30/15