Committee Members attending: Linda Bentz, Susan Studebaker, Bonnie Beach, and Carolyn Jones

Extension Staff attending: Melanie Mintken

Club Representatives: Courtney Mead – Misty Mountain Riders; Gracie Lorimor – Saddle Slappers

Leaders Eligible to Vote: Kathy Mead – Misty Mountain Riders; Cori Goughnour – Saddle Slappers; Cathy Field – Blue Star Buckaroos

Others attending: Eleni Boston; Wendy Lorimor – Saddle Slappers; Pam Miller – Blue Star Buckaroos; Rebecca Kuenzi – Horsin’ Around; Pam Bruback

Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Susan Studebaker at 7:10pm.

Adjournment Time: Adjournment time was set for 8:10pm.

Pledges: The Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge were led by Gracie Lorimor.

January Minutes: The minutes were accepted as issued.

Treasurer Report: Bonnie Beach reported that there was no activity and so the balance is the same as last month: $683.22.

Clinics: Susan Studebaker reported that the Hunt Seat clinic had 13 riders and another 5 observers. The clinic was done early because the judge said that the horses looked like they wanted to stop and lean up against the wall. Susan also commented that the people bringing the members for the clinics do not really know what is going on – just that this is something that should be attended. She had one parent ask if they needed to pay. The schedule for the clinic was not in the minutes and so people didn’t understand that either. Susan did comment that the next clinic is the Ranch Horse clinic on March 14th and it required everyone to come at the same time instead of coming during their specific ability level. The Ranch Horse clinic has stations that the ones attending rotate through. Jim Warner will be working with the roping section. Pam Miller reported that there will be 5 cows available on the 14th at the clinic for a cost of $200 and 10 cows will be available at the county fair for a cost of $300. At this time there is NO host club volunteered for the Ranch Horse clinic. Tabatha Bielemeier is the clinician as well as the judge for fair.

The April 11th clinic is the Trail Clinic with Julie Singer as the clinician and Horsin’ Around as the host club. The May 9th clinic is the Gymkhana clinic in the morning at the Salem Saddle Club and the ones attending MUST remain for the entire time the clinic lasts. The Gymkhana clinic needs a host club and there is no clinician as of this time. Carolyn is waiting to hear back concerning the clinician. The Hunt Seat over Fences clinic is in the afternoon at Linda Easton-Warner’s facility in West Salem. Weather permitting it is expected that there will be
some Ranch Horse Trail obstacles for riders to practice on. Attending the jumping clinic is not a requirement for riders who want to practice the trail obstacles. The clinic is a requirement for anyone who wants to jump at fair. Linda Easton-Warner is the clinician and Lucky Steps 4-H club is the host club. The June 12th clinic is the Ground Training and Showmanship clinic. Equine Essence is the host club and Emily Carter is the clinician. The clinic is: 8am – 1st and 2nd year under saddle followed by Ground Training at approximately 9am, then from 10am – noon will be for the Showmanship portion.

Melanie is going to create a fact sheet for the clinics which gives information as to how each specific clinic is run and attended along with other basic information. When the fact sheet is completed it will be on the web site and also available in printed form.

**Horse Show:** There is nothing to report; the fairgrounds will not be available.

**County Fair Schedule:**

**Option 1:**
- Wednesday – Dressage (warm up arena), Driving and Ground Training.
- Thursday – Main Arena: Showmanship, followed by Working Ranch Horse (ridden pattern class), Dad Potter, 6pm – Working 4-H’rs, 7pm – Showmanship medallion class. Warm up arena: Divided into 3 sections – Junior Trail, Ranch Horse Showmanship and warm up.
- Friday – Main Arena: Western Equitation, Dad Potter, Working 4-H’rs, and Medallion class. Warm up Arena: Divided into 3 sections – Intermediate Trail, Ranch Horse Trail, and warm up.
- Saturday – Warm up arena: Divided into 3 sections – Senior Trail and 2 classes of English Equitation – warm up will be done before each class in the ring. Hunt Seat over Fences follows equitation and is followed by Working 4-H’rs at 6pm and then the Medallion class at 7pm.
- Sunday - Warm up arena – Trail Medallion classes. Indoor arena - Ranch Horse Roping followed by Working Cows. Cows will arrive at 8am and Roping starts at 8:30 with Working Cows at 10am.

**Option 2:**
- Wednesday – the same as Option 1
- Friday – Inside arena: Western Equitation, Dad Potter, Working 4-H’rs and Medallion. Warm up arena – Intermediate Trail and regular warm up.
- Saturday – Warm up arena: Divided into 3 sections – Senior Trail, 2 show rings, warm up in the ring before the start of the class.
- Sunday – the same with both options.

**Gymkhana:** The question was asked if anyone had investigated the Salem Saddle Club to see if it was available on the date we want which is Sunday June 28th. Rebecca Kuenzi said that this had been discussed at a Saddle Club meeting, nothing was determined other than discussion. It was determined that a pre-event survey was needed to find out how many riders will compete in the gymkhana classes, this needs to be done as soon as possible. The
event must be held before fair so that the medallion winners in those events can be recognized during the awards ceremony at the fair.

A vote was taken of the ones attending the meeting to determine which of the two options outlined was the one preferred. The preferred option was Option 1. This will be the schedule for the 2015 Marion County Fair.

**All Leader Meeting:** The all leader meeting will be held on April 9th at 6:30 at the new location for the Extension Office. The address is 1320 Capitol St NE (corner of Capitol and Gaines). At this meeting the fair information packets and forms will be available. **PLEASE NOTE:** Every club must have a representative attending, any club who does not pick up the fair information and forms at this meeting will not be able to access this information before May 1st. The only exceptions/accommodations will be made for clubs who contact Melanie before the meeting and who have a valid reason for their club not being represented at the meeting. If there was an emergency situation Melanie may also make an exception. A member of the audience requested that they not forget to put out stall cards as they have in the past.

**Due Date:** The following are all due on May 29th: Records Books, Financial Reports (has been changed to fiscal year from calendar year) and fair packets.

**Awards:** Wendy Lorimor has volunteered to take the lead in acquiring the awards. Eleni Boston has volunteered to work with Wendy as she learns the position.

- Funding needed to provide the awards:
  - Option 1 – Leader show to pay for fair, this includes paying the judges.
  - Option 2 – If it is necessary, request that clubs donate $100 with an adjustment if the club has hosted a clinic and paid the clinician.

Suggestion – do a “Go Fund Me’ on the internet.

Collect more ads for the County Fair Leader Handbook.
Solicit sponsorship of classes
Sell signs to be put up in the arena during the fair, this will be researched.

**HELMETS:** Susan said that she heard that OHSET disqualified 5 riders at a meet because the helmets didn’t fit correctly.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bentz
Committee Secretary
2/14/15