

**Sheboygan County 4-H Horse & Pony Project
Committee Meeting
Monday, September 28, 2015**

Adults Present: Robin Bruggink, Shelia Wolfington, Brenda Knutson, Heather Leinen, Megan Hansen, Wendy Krueger, Delda Thiel, Sherry Zittel, Lynn Boenisch, Mark Havens, Angel Noll, Julie Kummer, Sally Sikora

Youth Present: Waycee Thiel, Caitlyn Knutson, Grace Wolfington, Juliann Tetschlag, Megan Krueger, Hannah Binder, Lauren Bruggink

Guests: Sharon Feldmann, Nancy Kissel

Topics	Discussion
Call Meeting to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm
Secretary's Report	Motion to approve: Caitlyn Knutson Seconded: Waycee Thiel Motion accepted
Treasurer's Report	No Report this month.
Youth Committee Report	Discussed the Betsy Rohde show, and stated that the show is all ready to go. Gift cards will be given away as prizes.
State 4-H Report	The Leadership Conference will be held in Oshkosh this year, October 30 – November 1 st . All youth and adults were encouraged to attend. Sally reported that the state has been offered a mini clinic for next year to be held at Sundance farms. This event will not be during the State/Hunt show. She was asking the committee for information, as it relates to getting insurance put on for this event, since the state would not cover this. She stated that the state will give our county a grant for the event. Delda Thiel had stated that she thought we could use our insurance for this event, if it was placed on the insurance paperwork. Delda Thiel made a motion to have a small mini event, to be held at Sundance farms/Fairgrounds and that the event will be offered up to all state wide 4H participants. Our insurance will be used for this event. Caitlyn Knutson seconded the motion; motion was passed by the committee. Sally stated that she will bring this information back to the state.
Correspondence	
Old Business:	
1. Fair	The committee discussed the various items that were placed in the suggestion box at the county fair. It was brought up that any complaints a member of the committee received during the fair, or any event should always be put in writing date it and put individuals involved in the document. This will protect all who are involved and we will also have a written paper trail. Some great ideas were suggested to the committee: needing 2 exhaust fans in the upper barns, (this could possibly be a fund raiser that would not come out of the current 4h budget.) Having letters that 4h participants could hand in to school stating that they were not at school due to this educational event. Cleaning off stalls parts on the day of the mandatory fair

	<p>meeting, prior to putting them up. This would make cleaning much easier before assembly. All trailers should be locked at night during the week of fair; this is a huge safety concern. Getting better lighting by the trailers, again safety concerns for those individuals staying overnight to watch horses. Getting walkie talkies to be used for overnight help that would be connected to the main fair ground, again safety issues. Next year we need to change the schedule of the classes around for the walk trot participants to make their transition easier. A lot of compliments were placed regarding the judge. He provided a lot of wonderful on the spot feedback to all our 4H kids. It was also noted that everyone loved how trail was run this year. Finally, Delda informed the committee that the plaques had the incorrect year placed on them; please make sure that any participant that received a plaque turns them into Delda so that she can give them the corrected one. The vendor had made a mistake and is replacing them for us free of charge.</p>
<p>2. State Shows</p>	<p>Nancy Kissel informed the committee that our county received the Grand Champion large county barn award for the 4h Horse Expo this year. Congrats to all for this honor!! It was stated that all state events went very well, and that Sheboygan County as a whole had many top placings. Our sportsmanship was commendable and many individuals volunteered to help at these events.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>It was noted that some complaints were received that the same individuals won many of the awards at fair. We actually didn't have a lot of nominations these last few years. We can only pick individuals if a nomination letter comes into the committee. The nomination committee stated that the word needs to get out to the clubs early in the show season. You can fill out those nomination letters at any time. Sherry Zittel stated that we should have time to discuss this topic at an educational arena. Explain the process, inform the participants and families to carefully read the description of the award, and to have nomination letters available at the fairgrounds. Many times people forget to nominate and in the last weeks of August it gets busy and they forget to do this important item. It was also noted that if the nomination committee had a hard time deciding on who to choose for an award that we brought it to the entire committee for their vote, which we actually</p>

	did several times this year.
1. New Committee	Delda announced the new committee. The new committee will be present at the next month's meeting and voting on various positions will take place at that time. She also informed the youth that there is officer training taking place on Oct 15 th . She highly recommended any youth committee member that hasn't had this training to attend this great in-service. It was also noted that Sara will be asked to inform all new adult/youth committee members of the leadership training that must take place, as well as information regarding the Leadership Conference in Oshkosh.
2. Betsy Rohde Show	All is a go for this show. Only item that needs to be addressed is that a food booth is needed for this show. Possibly Sherry Zittel may be able to help out with this request.
3. Camp Out	Informed group that even though this event is no longer a 4h event that it will still occur and all are encouraged to attend on their own. Please bring along chili or a dessert for the supper.
4. Handbook Cover	Please inform all clubs that we are still in need of drawings to be used for 5 covers for this year's project booklets. They need to be in by next month's meeting.
Meeting to adjourn: 7:30. Motion to adjourn: Angel Noll Seconded by: Caitlyn Knutson	
Next meeting: October 26, 2015	