

# Sheboygan County Horse and Pony

May 21<sup>st</sup> 2018 / 6:30 PM / UWEX

## ATTENDEES

Adult: Wendy Krueger, Becky Schipper, Dawn Méndez, Bill Rehm, Gary Pritzlaff, Cheryl Beltran, Megan Hansen, Debbi Ninnemann, Marina Holly – Pritzlaff, Angela Albrecht, Tracy Harmeyer

Youth: Jamie Hansen, Kimmy Schipper, Lauren Schmitt, Kinsey Ninnemann, Tessa Wolfington, Mitchell Krueger

Guests: Sarah Tarjeson, Nancy Kissel

## AGENDA

### Call to order

1. Wendy Krueger 6:39p.m.
2. Pledges: Dawn Mendez - 6:39 p.m.
3. Review of April minutes. No revisions. Motion to approve Debbie Ninnemann and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Pritzlaff

### Special Committee Reports:

1. **Treasurer Report:** Balance \$6994.68. This did not include expenses/income from Mock Show
2. **Youth Committee:** Lauren Schmitt gave report on Overnight. All clinicians lined up. They have a good variety of activities for those bringing an animal and those that are not. Details worked out related to duties and expectations as well as food and other logistics.
3. **State Report / Educational:** Nancy Kissel gave report on State Quizbowl and Speeches and Demos event held in Wausau on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Sheboygan County had an excellent showing. A big thank you for those that helped and volunteered at the event. Special thank you to Debbie Ninnemann for manning registration. 83 kids were signed up for speeches and demonstrations. Largest showing to date. There were 8 different types of classes, such as team and individual demos, informative speeches, interpretive readings etc. Chelsea Braun in 1<sup>st</sup> time showing received Grand for Public Speaking and Ariana Mendez received Grand for her Demonstration. Both qualifying for nationals. Other kids received top 10s which was great considering classes were bigger than usual. To name a few – Shane Hanson for his demo on parts of a trailer and Makenna Mendez for How to properly pick out a hoof. Quizbowl teams did well as well. Several kids received top 10s for individual questions. Great turn out from out county with several 1<sup>st</sup> time members. Awesome job kids!
4. **Additional Reports:** Attendance – is good and complete and updated online. A few individuals owe project dues. Deadline approaching. Some discussion on what to do proactively to remind folks. Educational Arenas going good. Sarah Tarjeson reported that Educational Arenas is the top importance for the project members with 89% (at time survey open till 6/1) reporting that they strongly believed there is ample educational opportunities. Other top areas of importance to project members are Fair and Educational Team. Bottom priorities (as of time of meeting but survey still open) were Trail Clinic, Speed Show, Speed Clinic were bottom 3.

## Unfinished Business

1. **Project Dues:** Debbie reported that a few members still need to pay dues. Short discussion with no resolution as to how to proactively remind members to meet the coming deadline for project due payment of 5/31.
2. **Attendance:** Website should be up to date and reflecting those that came to meet in front of committee in good standing.
3. **Food Booths:** June show still open for food booth. Waldo Fireflies doing Speed Show.
4. **Premier Testing:** Still being offered. Going well. Last opportunity to take will be at Mock Show.
5. **Educational Arenas:** See above in additional reports.
6. **Orange Cones:** Still need to be purchased. Recommended Home Depot or Fleet. Home Depot preferred and slightly better quality. \$16.50 each. Becky Schipper to check her resources on getting them as well as contacting a project member supporter that works at Home Depot regarding donation or getting them at cost through them.
7. **Poles/Rails:** Still in need. They have been painted and some may need a few touch ups. Still need to purchase 10. Wendy Krueger to take that responsibility.
8. **Betsy Rhode Show Feedback:** As shared by Sarah Tarjesson. Rough beginning. Show began 30 minutes late. Youth recommended that next year they come the Friday before to make sure they know where everything is, they have show bills and entry forms printed and ready to go etc. After 1<sup>st</sup> hectic rush in morning consensus was that they had plenty of help and youth committee did great with coverage. Splitting the disciplines worked well. Discussion brought to up by Wendy regarding how to get more entries and if youth committee wanted to show if that would be acceptable. Youth determined that they will continue to discuss coverage for show as first priority however if there are committee members that want to show and there is coverage that they didn't see why that couldn't be accommodated. The youth felt strongly however this is their show to run and that is the main priority.
9. **Tractor:** Still on grounds. Need contract and need to submit copy of insurance. Payment as been made. Dan Boenich to take leader course to be an additional driver. Currently only have Wendy and Gary who can operate tractor.

## New Business

1. **Sound System:** Wendy reported that upgrades may be needed. Other members chimed in that there were discussions / that Darren Shultz is working with Nematik to help and make a sizeable donation for a better sound system and flat screen TV to project ring. More to come.
2. **Electrical Panel:** May need a new panel. Circuits keep breaking. Panel bought but need someone licensed to come in to install. Gary Pritzlaff to handle.
3. **Arborist/Shade Trees:** Concern that shade trees are dying. Nancy Kissel will have Andy come and stop by to take a look at them.
4. **Sand Main Arena:** Main arena and drainage continues to be a concern. Several (3) larger (8 inches deep or so) holes occurring again in main arena. Causing issues with setting up barrels which occurred in Mock

Show. Cheryl B will ask person doing her arena to get some ideas on what to do. Other discussion on what is needed. Discussion needed to be had with fair board on how to fix long term. May need to get sand again this year to fix short term.

5. **Dressage Show:** 3 entries to date. Wendy is concerned about possibility of needing to cancel however judges are already booked so if we can get more entries, better to have it to as much of the expense to put on the show as possible. Entry deadline extended. Contact Wendy to get a ride time. Some youth reported that there is concern about the deep sand in the back arena and that being a deterrent as to participation.
6. **Clothing:** Clothing sale process going well. Moved a lot of old inventory. A few last minute orders going to be made yet.
7. **Lower Barn Hill:** Slippery again. Looking for ideas on how to manage. Fair usually puts mulch down before fair. May ask them to do it earlier? Alternatively can go through the front.
8. **Fair board discussions / Ongoing equipment maintenance:** Fair board charges for everything however concern that when they rent out the facility, those groups are also using Horse and Pony equipment ie: buckets, rakes, water tank, drag, jumps, dressage rings, sound system etc. Other than Small donation received by one organization (Plymouth Trailriders??) we are not compensated for use and wear and tear is occurring on these items. Discussion was had regarding how to alleviate some of this. Motion made by Marina to discuss with fair board charging a \$100 equipment fee in addition to the usage fee the fair board charges. Motioned 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed and Wendy to bring up to fair board. Marina also discussed potentially looking into the ability to bring in more than one horse as many of the other counties allow for surrounding us. With dwindling numbers, may be an option to keep barns filled. Discussion that maybe a survey to project to gauge interest would be a step after talking with fair board if they would even allow it to determine interest and how many members might be interested to get an idea if feasible from a space concern. There was discussion that the upper barn with the wider aisles and open area was nice and provided spectators a safer experience. Fair Board meetings are every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday.
9. **Ribbons:** Wendy reported she ordered new ribbons and we are saving money on each. Going forward they are straight not the rosette kind. They have already been ordered. Dawn Mendez made recommendation that this type of decision should be brought to the youth committee to research and make recommendations for. It would have been a great opportunity to involve the youth in doing this.
10. **First Year Meeting:** Megan Hansen reported she needed an easy horse still. Her original plans have changed. There was discussion on who could be brought out. Tracy H was looking into things as well as Marina P.
11. **Additional New Business:** Dawn Mendez – reported from the Betsy Rhode show that tracking the volunteer hours was extremely difficult and time consuming. She recommended that a simple sign up form be used vs using the Sign Up Genius print off. Bill R chimed in that there should / could be better reporting from that tool but no one knows how. Dawn in meantime to create a easy to use form that includes members name, time in time out and total number of hours. Will also research using the Sign Up Genius tool. More discussion as well on ability to better cross train people to help with different events. Dawn recommended having a new committee member training manual. Would like the youth committee to document and pass down lessons learned and process information. Dawn to work with Ariana to make a recommendation and report back to committee.

## Meeting Adjournment

1. Becky S made motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill R 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Meeting adjourned 8:37pm