Minutes of the Ottawa County Horse Spring 2008 Leader’s Meeting – April 28, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

The treasurer’s report indicating a balance of $9,242.86 was distributed and approved.

There were no minutes from the fall 2007 leader’s meeting, so Ruth summarized the agenda and it was approved as presented.

Old Business:

Rule and class changes - the walk/trot and walk/trot/canter classes to replace the 1st year and 2nd year and above western classes were discussed and explained. New reining patterns, trail patterns, and the dressage pattern were discussed and will be mailed to each administrative leader. Thanks to Kris Hansen, Mary Finkler, Erin McCarthy, and Jan Fuller for your work on designing a new reining pattern.

Tack sale – parking was somewhat confusing. No parking should be allowed on the sidewalk by the cafeteria entrance. We need a replacement for Carole Rietman to run the food booth. A new location will be needed within the next couple of years. There was some discussion as to whether we should allow the sale to get bigger (i.e. sell more table spaces). No decision was made.

Berlin permanent arena – there was some discussion as to club donations, fencing bids, expanding the fair dates, etc. No action was taken.

The horse committee was successful in obtaining some of the membership usage fee grant money to purchase Nancy Cahill DVDs and funding part of the spring clinic on trail class riding. There is still some money available from the Ottawa County 4-H Council to clubs wishing to purchase educational materials for their club.

New Business:

Volunteer signup sheets for fair show workers were passed around.

2008 Clinic on May 5, 2008 – The clinic will be held in Lynn Croel’s indoor arena and will feature Tim Christensen. He will talk about riding trail classes and preparing your horse to conquer trail obstacles correctly. Thanks to Gary for helping to drag and prepare the arena for this clinic.

Pony measuring dates will be on June 7, 2008 at the leader’s show and June 10, 2008 at the Southwest Riding Club show at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds. Negative Coggins test will have to be shown.

Leader’s Show – June 7, 2008 at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds. Ron Chandler will be the judge. The photographer, clothing and food booths will all be back. B & D Pole Barn will be there with last minute tack and show necessities available.
State 4-H Trail ride – information was distributed. The trail ride will be at Goose Creek on June 27-29, 2008.

Fair information – take copies of member premium sheets to the show so the committee can determine if changes are to be allowed. There will be no class changes without the premium sheets! Judges for each fair are as follows:

Berlin – July 11, 2008 Kathy Hughes Schroeder and Jarra Hilliker

Holland – July 23, 2008 Jenny Pierucki and Sue Moll. We will be moving the Holland arena closer to the road to get away from the carnival rides and fair activities.

Hudsonville – August 20, 2008 Donkeys will begin at 8 with the horse show to follow immediately. Trail class will be from 9 A.M. until 1 P.M. Judges are: Kathy Bogetta and Mark De Lisle.

**Qualifying state show points classes** will be held at the **Leader’s Show on June 7, 2008** at Hudsonville Fairgrounds, the **Southwest Riding Club Show on June 24, 2008 at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds**, and at the **Berlin Fair Show on July 11, 2008 at the Berlin Fairgrounds**. The state show is on August 22 – 24 at MSU. (please note it is at the end of the Hudsonville Fais)

Horse ID cards were handed in to Liz. She requested that the leaders check the ID stickers ASAP after receiving them as Joan will be out of the office for a time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.