

Summit County 4-H Saddle Horse Association, Inc.  
Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by President Judi Adams. The 4-H pledge was said. Roll call of clubs showed no representation for All-Star Equestrians and Elite Equestrians. Two corrections were made to the January 20, 2011, meeting minutes. **MOTION:** J.W. McVicker made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 20, 2011, meeting as amended. Mike Hawsman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The treasurer's report was given. The association's treasury has a balance of \$20,176.52 as of February 16, 2011. Bills were presented by Chris Wokojance for \$64.95 for the PAS show and Laura Meade for \$34.44 for copies of the rules/by-laws. Treasurer Teresa Sondles also said \$200 was needed to pay the judge, Sherri Napier, for the Valentine's Horse Show and \$15 was needed for rule books. **MOTION:** Dale Freeland made a motion to pay the bills. Helen Bonfiglio seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There was no report from the Extension Office. Mrs. Sondles reminded advisors to make sure their clubs' book orders are placed by the deadline. She also said she had some order blanks with her.

Preliminary budgets were presented to the association: Fair: \$10,105; Ad Book: \$2,000; office supplies: \$599.43; PAS Show: \$2,884.50; Project Award: \$35; website: \$128.50; Horse Bowl: \$598.50; Open Show: \$490; Rules: \$128; Maintenance: \$5,134. The executive committee will go over the budgets and recommend to the association whether or not to approve them.

Committee reports: Website: Scholarship information is posted on the association's website. The advisor's page is more complete and the password is "barrels." Judging Team/Hippology: There is not a lot of interest in judging team. Some lessons were done online last year. Horse Bowl: Sara Justice reported there are two senior teams and one junior team to compete on April 2 in Columbus. Project Award: Mrs. Wokojance said the committee would meet with Mr. Freeland to get the paperwork. There were only two applicants in 2010. The application process involves an essay, an interview and a team of judges observes the applicants' conduct during fair. Applicants must be 16-years-old. Scholarship: No report. Ribbons and Trophies: The first order has been placed to get a discount. Fair Board: Discount Stables tack shop wants to have a booth at the Valentine's Horse Show. They would pay \$50 for a table. They want to partner with the association and split the profits. The association needs to look into allowing vendors to come to horse shows but they must carry the proper insurance. Association officials have discussed paying utility bills for our events. Mary Ellen Low said the association and the Summit County Agricultural Society (fair board) need to have a meeting of the minds. Mr. McVicker said we want to help the fair board in their economic distress by paying our way. Fair board has said campers from the two-day show may be left at the fairgrounds outside the fence to the right of Gate B. Camper owners would have to sign paperwork to cover the liability for damages that could be caused. Judges: Contracts are ready to be sent out. All that is needed are class lists for each judge. Sunshine: A thank you card was received from Elaine Chapman, a former Macedonia Pioneers advisor for 31 years. Mrs. Low said the Sunshine fund was very low. **MOTION:** Jackie Sampsel made a motion to put \$50 into the Sunshine fund to purchase supplies such as cards and postage. David Meade seconded the motion. Motion passed. Maintenance: Denny Bittaker said he could not take anyone into Barn 10 to check on the public address system until the barn is empty. Dirt is in the arena for the Valentine's Horse Show and the barriers are close to being in-place but volunteers are still needed to help set them in the proper location. Leppo's Equipment donated the use of a rock hound to help get the arena in condition for the show. Buckets and rags will be needed for clean-up. A thank you should be sent to Leppo's and they will be recognized at the show. There will be open riding in the arena at 9 a.m. on the day of the

Valentine's Horse Show. Open Show: The committee is still working on the class schedule. Reining and road hack will be at the August show. There will be extra classes at the Saturday show in July. Bob Stopar has agreed to be the point secretary for the open show series. Sign-up sheets for duties at the shows are available at the meeting and will be available at the March meeting. The next committee meeting is the second Tuesday of March. Competitive Trail: 4-Hers must carry the project for the current year in order to ride in the county or state competitive trail rides. There are a few dates for the county ride between May 21 and August 20, 2011. The ride may be at the Brecksville Reservation. PAS: State officials are working on a miniature horse project. There is a state contest for equine photography. March 5, 2011, will be the youth clinic at the OSU horse barns in Columbus. Sponsors are being sought for the state trail ride to help pay the costs since all sources of funding are being cut. In order for 4-H judges to be certified to judge PAS shows, they will be required to attend a special clinic. The PAS packet is being updated and will be available soon. Horse Camp: Everything is on the website. Rotating Trophies: No report. Ad Book: All covers have been sold. Please watch the ads that are submitted. There will be a collection of ads on February 23, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds. It would be helpful if larger clubs turned their ads in at the early turn-in. The final deadline for all ads and paperwork is March 17, 2011. Fair: The committee is recommending showmanship, English trail, western horsemanship and speed and control for versatility class. Some concern was voiced about the safety of contest riders in English saddles trying to do trail. A vote was taken as to whether to use these classes. The final count was 13-13. The committee will revisit the idea at the next meeting on March 10, 2011. Rules: The proposed rule changes and by-laws changes were read for the first time.

Old business: >Volunteers are still needed to help with the Valentine's Horse Show for set up, operations and clean-up. >Club rosters still need to be turned in to Brian Petroff. He is tracking the 4-Hers' volunteer hours.

New business: >Mr. Freeland asked that tempers be checked at all meetings.

**MOTION:** Mike Conwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hawsman.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Jean Meade, Secretary  
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