

MYQHA Meeting Lakeville, MN, January 28, 2012

President Megan Eckstein called the meeting to order at 10:18. The Secretary's minutes were read by Caitlin Johnson. A motion was made by Paige Wacker to approve the Secretary minutes. Mallorie Dietz seconded. Motion passed. Our treasurer, Paige Wacker, gave the financial report. The youth have \$13,981.00 currently, but there are still year-end expenses to be paid out. Emily Couture made a motion to approve the Treasurer report. Sara Ruevers seconded. Motion passed.

Roll was taken playing a get-know-you game. Members present were: Megan Eckstein, Paige Wacker, Mallorie Dietz, Caitin Johnson, Danielle Paulson Carah Pearson, Jacqueline Lucas, McKayla Lucas, Lydia Lucas, Lexxi Perez, Mercedes Perez, Sami Kaiser, Emily Couture, Sara Reuvers, Jackie Thayer, Parker Knudson, Connor Crook, Peyton Sterermer, Ethan Kinney, Lauren Kinney, Jordan Hendrickson and Ellie Schommer. It was great to see all the new faces.

Old Business:

Our Year-End Top Six awards were handed out. Winners could choose from a set of towels, leg wraps, or buckets. Anyone who didn't get their year end 3rd thru 6th award at the meeting can get it at the Winona shows or the State Show.

There was discussion about upcoming events for 2012. A motion was made by Emily Couture to have our Sunup Ranch visit on June 29, 30 and July 1. It was seconded by Sara Ruevers. Motion passed.

We discussed sending members to the YES conference. Many youth were interested in attending. Ideas were discussed about how to fund this trip. There will be further discussion and sign up at our next meeting.

Our 2012 By-Law changes were discussed. Vickie had printed By-Law packets with the revisions in bold for us to review the changes. The new changes were discussed. A motion was made to amend the Youth World qualifying to read "any class that is not offered" instead of listing individual events by Emily Couture. Connor Crook seconded. Motion passed. Vickie will look into making this amendment for 2012. Volunteers were asked for to be on a 2013 By-Law committee. Those volunteering were: Mallorie Dietz, Paige Wacker, Sami Kaiser, Connor Crook and Peyton Stevermer.

New Business:

We brainstormed fundraisers for 2012. Some ideas were; Valentine treat bags, St. Patrick's theme food, Easter Baskets, Corp. Challenge theme baskets, Clinics, and a horse show. Many options were discussed and possible locations of the bigger events. We had Lainie DeBoer volunteer to give a clinic for the youth. We were really excited to hear she was willing to do that for us. It was suggested that every fundraiser have a Committee and a Chairperson to organize it. Fundraisers through the second Winona

show were set up. Sara Ruevers volunteered to Chair the February Winona Show fundraiser and it will be themed for Valentine's Day. The March Winona Show will have a St. Patrick's Day theme and will be Chaired by Mercedes Perez and Caitlin Johnson. Youth will be asked to help out at these fundraisers and all help will count towards our required work.

Our Outreach efforts were discussed. It was decided we will take our flyers to open shows to welcome new members to MYQHA. Connor volunteered to represent us and take flyers to Fergus Falls at the March open show and Lexxi Perez will take flyers and represent us at barrel events.

Boot Camp was discussed. We will need many youth to help with this event. We will again be willing to model and help. Our youth will also supply a "puppy chow" snack. Jordan Hendrickson and Mercedes Perez will make some. A motion was made by Emily Couture to keep working on this and talking about it. It was seconded by Connor Crook. Motion passed.

It was discussed having an award for a "Youth Volunteer of the Year". A motion was made by Emily Couture to have a Youth Volunteer of the Year starting in 2013. Sara Ruevers seconded. Motion passed.

Vickie mentioned that we need to keep in mind there are many events at the Youth World that youth could get involved in. There are contests for judging, speech, and art type projects. There is also a talent contest.

Ordering more clothing for MYQHA to sell was discussed. It was decided to form a committee for helping choose styles of clothing to order. Members volunteering for this committee were Caitlin, Mercedes, Carah and Mallorie. There was discussion about having clothing available to sell at the February tack swap. Carah Pearson made a motion that we should have clothing for sale at the tack swap. Connor Crook seconded. Motion passed.

Our next meeting will be at the State Show in Fergus Falls.

Mercedes Perez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:28 PM. Lexxi Perez seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlin Johnson
Secretary MYQHA