

# THE HOOPLA

January 27, 2012

Horse project meeting was held at Hillcrest School in Kewaunee on Saturday, January 14. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Paige B. Secretary report read by Courtney D. Treasurer's report led by Danae S., check book balance 1/1/12 \$7286.74.

Final draft of our project calendar was sent out January 22. Throw away all other drafts and use this calendar.

Youth voted and approved the Kewaunee County 4-H Horse Project Rules and Guidelines (Handbook) which includes our Constitution and Bylaws on December 10 2011. Every member was provided a copy via email or regular mail on January 22, 2012 with a reminder that acknowledgement page is due to Margaret Halverson by February 15<sup>th</sup>. Reminders will be sent on February 6<sup>th</sup>. The project rules and guidelines should be printed and placed in your project binder for quick reference.

Laura gave us an update on our spring clinic scheduled for April 14 & 15 at Stoneridge POA's, located at N2685 Hrabik Road, Kewaunee. Shann Schwartz from Little Brook Performance Horses in Manitowoc will be our clinician. A questionnaire will be sent to all youth to see what you want to work on. More information will be provided at future meetings.

Kyle gave us an update on our second clinic scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> at VandenBosch Farm, E5215 County O, Kewaunee. Our clinician will be Lalo Govea and he will work on Horsemanship from the Ground Up. A flyer will be sent to each youth, sign up fast as there is limited space available. We received \$250.00 from the Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association as a clinic grant.

There will be **NO CHARGE** for our youth to attend these clinics this year as we have substantial funds in our check book from fundraising. We will ask that each family bring a dish to pass for meals.

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. at Hillcrest School. We will have a brief business meeting then we will have mock meetings with Jill from the Extension office which will be a lot of fun and very educational. The group will tie 3 blankets for the Time and Talent Auction.

Many thanks to everyone who brought non-perishable food and personal hygiene items for our annual food drive. We donated our items and cash to the Kewaunee Charter School who were taking donations for the Aging Resource Center. Amy and Margaret took the cash to the school in December and the students and teachers were so nice to us and stated how grateful they were to receive our help.

The Kewaunee County 4-H Leaders Association will sponsor the 4-H Time and Talent Raffle on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Luxemburg Sportsman's Club. The youth agreed to tie 3 blankets to be raffled off separately. We agreed to spend up to \$100.00 in materials. Jennifer

and Marissa will shop for the group and bring material to the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Our Holiday Party will be on January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Dana Farm. We will have a meal and awards for the first hour and then everyone can go sledding. The group agreed to spend \$50.00 for door prizes. The cost to rent the building is \$175.00 and \$3.00 per person to sled. The horse project agreed that all project members and leaders could attend at no charge. Invitations to party were sent out in early January.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 3 - Meeting, Hillcrest School, 9:30 a.m.
- March 31 - NE Wisc. 4-H Horse Assoc. Mtg. UWEX, Green Bay/10:00 a.m.
- April 7 - Open Model Horse Show Hillcrest School, 9:00 a.m.

Darlene Boeder has model horses for sale. Models include Stone and Breyer with some discontinued models. Pictures are on Craigslist under Farm & Garden. Call Darlene at 676-4580 if you are interested.

Amy & Margaret Halverson attended the WI 4-H Horse Association meeting on January 6 & 7 and report the following:

Area Animal Science Days – NE District – Oconto County, June 29, 2012  
Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association meeting – Rothschild, August 20, 2012  
Wisconsin 4-H Horse Leaders Conference – UW River Falls, November 9-11, 2012

Deadline to apply for All Around Award – June 1  
Deadline to apply for Scholarships – February 24 (see state website for forms)

Gymkhana – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration! Silver and black ribbons will be given this year and cake will be served. Reminder: holes or tears in pants will not be allowed. Must wear long sleeve shirt with collar. If weather is cool, show committee will allow sweat shirt, vest, sweater or jacket over show clothes. You are riding at a state show and must dress appropriately.

Expo – Judges: Kurt Summers – Trail, W. Riding, Driving; Mike Elliot – Western classes; Kevin Cline – English classes

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Demonstrations & Speeches will be held on Friday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. at UW Marathon, Wausau. Pre-enter deadline April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Horse bowl and Hippology will be held Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at UW Marathon, Wausau.

See state website for details: [www.uwex.edu/ces/4h](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h)

**Please review all show and class information thoroughly when posted on the state website.**