

# THE HOOPLA

November 29, 2011

Meeting was held at Hillcrest School, Kewaunee on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was called to order by President Cassie D. at 9:36 a.m. Secretary report was read and approved. Treasurer's report was read by Danae S., check book balance was \$4989.13.

Thank you to those who sold flower bulbs, candy, coffee, calendars etc. as part of our fundraising efforts. Nancy LaCrosse will report our profits at our January meeting. Thank you to Nancy for organizing our fundraisers.

Youth voted that our annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, January 21st at The Dana Farm. We will have dinner, awards and sledding. Cassie will give us more information at the next meeting. We hope that you can attend. Invitations will be mailed to each family.

Clinic committee report: Kyle is putting together a clinic on "Horsemanship from the Ground to the Saddle" with Lalo Govea. Information on clinics for April 14 & 15<sup>th</sup> will be discussed at December meeting. We applied for grants from the Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association for 2 clinics', one of which was approved at the Leaders Conference. Funds will be applied to Horsemanship clinic on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Project calendar is attached, please bring to the December meeting as the youth need to approve. Final draft will be given out in January.

Marissa & Autumn spoke about their trip to Ohio and did their team demonstration on colic and the horse's digestive track. Great job girls!

Youth voted once again, to keep the service requirements at 4 hours. They also discussed the following: to fulfill meeting requirements you must attend 1 hour of a meeting.

**Reminder: Please bring can goods or non-perishable food items to donate to local food pantry as part of our community service. We will also take personal hygiene items and cash for donations. We will decide as a group where the donations will go.**

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. at Hillcrest School. We will discuss the changes to our handbook and hopefully approve the changes.

Snacks and beverages will be provided at the meeting. After the meeting Barb and Amy will have games and hippology stations available for those youth who are interested.

Attention youth who are interested in learning more about Horse Bowl, Hippology, Judging or are enrolled in the Horseless Horse Project, please meet with Amy & Barb after the next meeting. They are scheduling dates and want ideas for the educational meetings.

The New Parent meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm at Hillcrest School. This meeting is for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year parents who are new to the horse project or any parent who has questions. Nancy and Margaret will explain project & club requirements, project calendar, and fair paper. We also want to know how we can meet your child's expectations for the horse project.

**Leaders Conference News:** Melissa M., Nancy LaCrosse and Margaret Halverson were presenters this year for two sessions during the conference. Our topic was "Friday Night Fun Show". We had a power point presentation about our county fun show with emphases on safety. We had wonderful discussions with our participants and stick horse races with prizes. We had a lot of positive feedback! (Everyone loved our stick horses)

Courtney D. received her much deserved Sportsmanship award.

**N.E. District News:** Margaret was re-elected as Vice President for a two year term and Amy Halverson remains adult Secretary for one more year. Stacey S. is the new district alternate on the youth board.

Margaret was re-elected to serve a three year position on the board of directors for the Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association.

The district meeting discussed the following: Charter Renewal, District Show dates will be July 14 & 15 and shows will be held at the Manitowoc County Fair Grounds. We will need volunteers. Show bills were updated.

We had a nice turn out from our county for the Wisconsin 4-H Horse Leaders Conference in Oshkosh. Those who attended: Melissa M., Cassie D., Stacey S., Kayla M., Nancy LaCrosse, Joe & Linda Pribek, Amy & Margaret Halverson, Melissa Merow & Barb Vandenbosch. We would like a report from each attendee about the conference.

**Wishing you safe and happy holidays...**