



*Michigan
Sheriff's Mounted
Association*

Otsego County
June 12, 2011

Meeting called to order at 9:20 a.m. by President Daryl Luedeking, 12 counties present.

Sheriff s or Under Sheriff s present: Liaison Officer Amy Moon, Otsego County, welcomed everyone to the 50th Pony Express. Amy said it was an honor for Otsego County to be able to host this year's event, she thanked everyone for coming..

Minutes: Were accepted as read

Treasure's Report: \$6,014.39

Board Meeting:

Correspondence: None

Updates: None

Old Business: None.

New Business: change for Article VI, Section 1, motion was made for change, motion carried. Motion to go ahead with target backers and stands, cost allowed at \$1,500.00. Daryl and Gary have offered to make the stands. Motion made by Montcalm seconded by Van Buren, motion carried.

Horse show results, with a correction to the Flag Race.

Team

Speed & Action-Allegan
Flag-Otsego
Cloverleaf-Allegan
Relay-Allegan
High Point Individual-Dollie, Allegan
Team Traveling-Allegan

MSMA Riders

Speed & Action, Flag, Cloverleaf, High Point-Craig, Montcalm
MSMA Seniors
Speed & Action, Cloverleaf, High Point-Short, Osceola
Open Riders
Speed & Action-Kevin, Hillsdale
Flag-Sierra, Allegan
Cloverleaf-Chelsea, Allegan
High Point-Sierra, Allegan
I Tried Trophy-Hanna, Otsego

There were 7 Maverick riders all receiving a trophy, ribbon, lead rope and comb for a job well done.

Life time achievement awards were given out by Daryl to:

Craig Buchholz, Montcalm 20 years
Noel (Short) Couture, Osceola 46 years
Grant Solomon, Kalamazoo 50 years
Aaron (Jim) Commissaris, Allegan 25 years
John Townsend, Barry 36 years
Jack Francis, Shiawassee 32 years
Harry Thomas, Hillsdale 36 years
Gary Gregory, Osceola 29 years-
John Streeter, Van Buren 26 years

Grant Solomon rode in the first Pony Express in 1962 and rode in the 50th in 2011, that's quite an achievement.

Also given out were perfect attendance awards to Osceola for 20 years 1991-2010 and Otsego with 10 years 2001-2010.

Death Plaque was presented to Barry County for Lloyd Shepard.

Results from Pony Express was, a total of \$7,293.50 was raised. Most money raised was Otsego County with \$3,136.00 which included \$150.00 from the sale of shirts and etc., or \$285.09 per member. Second was Van Buren with \$690.50 or \$62.77 per member and third was Gratiot with \$375.00 or \$62.50 per member. Individual high earner was Terie, Otsego with \$1,029.50, second was Kathy, Otsego with \$942.00 and third Nadia, Otsego with \$597.50. Terie was presented a plaque along with a Pony Express sun catcher provided by Otsego County. Terie then present the sun catcher to Kathy, Otsego for second highest. Good job to all that helped raise money. Van Buren organized a strawberry shortcake night, with help from Patty, Osceola making some of the biscuits, this raised \$128.00. The commemorative quilt raised \$240.00 and the meal raised \$476.00 which all went to Allison.-There were 355 letters carried, 53 horses in the parade with 13 left in the barn. Best looking unit in parade was Allegan with 53 points out of 60 second was Gratiot with 51 and Hillsdale with 50. Otsego would like to give a special thanks to the following people that donated items for the

Raffles or door prizes.
Patty and Gary, Osceola
Chelsea and Jesse, Osceola
Terry and Heather, Osceola
Tina and John, Van Buren
Jay, Van Buren
Craig and Lori, Montcalm
Katrina, Benzie

Allegan County for pharmacy products that went in welcomes bags.

Upcoming meetings or events:

August 13, 2011	Meeting Eaton County
September 23-25, 2011	Fall Camp Out Benzie County
September 24, 2011	Meeting Benzie County
November 5, 2011	Meeting Gratiot countyElections

Next meeting will be held August 13, 2011 Eaton County Board meeting 12:00 (noon), regular meeting 1:00 p.m.

Thank you Otsego county for the 50th Pony Express Ride..

Motion made to adjourn meeting, meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nadia Kidder