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Garrett Hoof Prints 4-H Club News ***Cole Kepple, Reporter***

On February 12th, the Garrett Hoof Prints 4-H Club held their monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order and Reagan Friend led the American Pledge and the 4H Pledge was led by Arya Teets. After roll call, the Secretary and Treasurer's Reports were approved. The club's two clovers were excused to complete a horse marking activity and review the 4-H pledge with Christine Welch.

Our club leader, Lisa Thayer Welch dispersed the officer booklets and reminded the club that the March 1st volunteer enrollment deadline is fast approaching. After gaining updated information, the club voted to reschedule its ice-skating activity to Morgantown Ice Arena, an indoor ice-skating rink on March 10th.

The club discussed various items of new business, such as, the Birdseed Feeder STEM activity at the Extension Office, upcoming public speaking contest and market animal enrollment. The club agreed to provide food and bake goods as a fundraiser at Meadow Lake Stable's Spring Tack Sale on April 28, 2024. The club discussed its upcoming Spring Clinic on May 5, 2024 at Meadow Lake Stables. Lisa Thayer Welch suggested that the club design and order t-shirts/hoodies to wear to show support of the club and 4-H in the community. The club was excited by the idea and will bring design ideas to next month's meeting.

Arya Teets provided a great demonstration on the Heart of Phoenix Horse Rescue program. She shared the rescue's brand, their various locations, and reminded the club that many of the members volunteered at their local rescue, Black Star Stables and Arena in Independence, West Virginia a few years ago.

The clovers returned to the meeting and shared the pictures that they colored indicating the various facial markings that a horse may have.

Upcoming events and announcements were reviewed. The meeting was adjourned with a motion from Cole Kepple and a second from Arya Teets. Following the end of the formal portion of the meeting the club members designed Valentine's cards that would be shared with Gracie for her Be the Change Project. Gracie dispersed the club's cards along with other cards she made and collected with residents at Peace Healthcare at Dennett Road Manor. The next meeting will be on March 11th. If you are interested in learning more about Garrett County's 4-H program, contact our local Extension Office at 301-334-6960.