



St. Joseph County, MI

4-H HORSE COUNCIL

Horse Council Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2025

President: Jo Torrey
Vice President: Racheal Hartman
Secretary: Julie Bruce
Treasurer: Joy Bond
Deputy Treasurer: Katie Staples
At Large: Tereasa Hufstedler (Dressage), Driving

Constitution and Rules Committee ~ Joy (Chair) Julie, Connie, Shirel, Bobbi, Racheal, Rebecca, Lexi, Kennedi, Jo
Awards ~ Julie, Mindy, Shirel, Katlyn, Katie, Joy, Jagger, Sophie, Sidney

Fundraising Committee: Cindy, Connie, Joy, Katie

Judge Hiring ~ Joy, Teresa, Julie, Bobbi

Point Counting ~ Gymkhana, Shirel, Dawne and Karen Fleetwood. Pleasure ~ Danielle, Cindy, Teresa and Connie

Pattern Committee ~ Pam, Bobbi, Katlyn, Tereasa, Rebecca, Racheal, Lexi, Kennedi1234567890-/

Budget ~ Executive Board

Attendance: Jo Torrey, Joy Bond, Kayla Mitchell, Julie Bruce, Katlyn McCullough, Pam Cook, Sidney Torrey, Pam Cook, Connie Miracle, Scott Miracle, Racheal Hartman, Shirel Hart, Teresa Howk, Cindy Mingus, Jana Bellows, Diana Zinsmaster, Danielle Sackrider, Sara Franklin, Cadense Franklin, Katie Staples, Lila Staples, Payton Staples. Corey Hartman, Lexi Hartman, Aubrey Hartman
Zoom: Bobbi Joe, Shajnett Huffman, Lori Bowdish, Rebecca Houk, Nora, Brynn and Gillian Cupp, Jane Goodman,

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance and 4H pledges led by Lexi

Introduction of visitors: Diane Zinsmaster is a long time 4-H leader, the fair liaison and the open class horse superintendent. She would like to strengthen the communication between our groups. She would like to add cowboy challenge and additional classes. She would also like to work with us on using the arenas for fundraising shows. Please come to her with suggestions on the programs.

Motion by Shirel to approve the current agenda. Seconded by Sidney. Motion passes

Motion to approve the October 7 minutes made by Danielle with corrections. Seconded by Racheal. Motion passes.

Corrections: Add Kennedi, Houk, Lexi Hartman and Mindy Stuart (Zoom) to attendance

Thank you note read from Lucas Yeomans

Treasurer Report read by Joy. Numbers available upon request. Bills to be paid: Kubota \$2985. Miracles for the tent and weights \$146.25. Lexi Hartman (Prairie Ponies Award) \$50

Motion to approve treasurers report by Connie and seconded by Sidney. Passed.

New Drag: Kayla is creating and agreement with the fairgrounds for the new drag. It will be stored in barn 29 Joy will contact Tyler Clark to get an engraved plate for it.

Elections:

President: Joy nominated Jo. Seconded by Sara.

Scott moved to close nominations, seconded by Sara. Passed

Jo is the new president

Vice President:

- ~Sidney nominated Julie
- ~Lexi nominated Racheal
- ~Pam made a motion to override the constitution to allow Racheal to run a 3rd year. Seconded by Shajnett. Ballet vote did not pass.
- ~Racheal nominated Katlyn. Lexi seconds.
- ~Ballet vote. Julie is the new VP

Secretary

- ~ Racheal nominated Katlyn. Seconded by Lexi
- ~ Bobbi nominates Racheal
- ~ Sidney nominates Mindy. Seconded by Julie
- ~ Julie moves to close nominations. Seconded by Scott. Passes
- ~ballet vote. Mindy is the new secretary

Treasurer

- ~ Sara nominates Joy, seconded by Racheal. Passes
- Joy is the treasurer

Deputy Treasurer

- ~Rebecca nominates herself. Seconded by Shajnett.
- ~ Sidney nominates Cindy. Seconded by Connie
- ~ Lexi nominates Racheal. Seconded by Jana
- ~ Lori nominates Jane. She declines
- ~ Julie moves to close nominations. Seconded by Racheal. Passes
- ~ Ballet vote. Cindy is the new deputy treasurer

Social Media

- ~Teresa nominates Shajnett. Seconded by Sidney.
- ~ Teresa motions to bypass constitution. Ballet vote passes
- ~ Sidney nominates Sara seconds
- ~ Racheal nominates Rebecca. Seconded by Lexi
- ~ Racheal moves to close nominations
- ~ Ballet vote. Sara is the new social media person

Kayla: We need to add zoom rules for voting to the constitution. She is consulting with MSU on our constitution changes.

Post fair suggestions:

Leaders should not get paid for work done. Teresa volunteered that she was being paid to train a horse and a parent was angry about it.

Move gymkhana to the first Saturday

Move dressage to fair

Awards should only be allowed to be won 1x

We are dumbing down our program

We need better communication at horse shows. Text groups, etc

New speakers

Post class list at each end of the arena so kids can check and see where they are.

Have parents check with post entry email

Add horse letter to fair entry

Move species skillathons to Saturday

Cloverbuds be able to leave their animals at fair

Group chat for horses

Expectations for volunteers at fair

Qualifications for WT and WTC for safety reasons.

Radios for all board members

Hippology Team: Lead by Katie. Will start training in January. Competition in March. See Katie for more info.

New organizational leaders for Tumbleweed will be Pam Cook, Andrea Littlefield and Bobbi Newland. First meeting is November 19th.

Chris Smith of the Mounted Division brought up that they are upset that the buckle that they donated was not at the fair. It was given to the youth after fair. They have also not received a receipt. A receipt that they donated a buckle will be set. REMINDER: No donations will go through any leaders. All awards MUST be purchased by the awards committee.

Motion to adjourn by Scott. Seconded by Racheal. Meeting adjourned at 9:01

Respectfully submitted by Julie Bruce