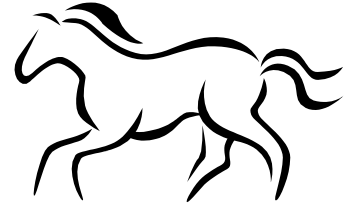




St. Joseph County, MI
4-H HORSE COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes



May 5th, 2026

Attendance: Rebecca, Steve, Madison, & Kennedi Houk, Racheal, Aubree, & Lexi Hartman, Joy Bond, Kayla Mitchell, Teresa Howk, Connie Miracle, Katelin Forbush

Zoom: Julie Bruce, Tereasa Hufstedler

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Rebecca

Pledges led by Kennedi and Lexi

Motion to approve agenda by Racheal and 2nd by Kennedi. Motion passed.

Motion to approve minutes by Joy and 2nd by Racheal . Motion passed.

Correspondence – Joy received funds from silent auction and donations to the horse program.

Treasurers report given by Joy and agreed to be put on file. Motion to approve treasurer's by Kennedi and 2nd by Lexi. Motion passed.

Committee Updates:

Judge Hiring - Joy - Every day covered except costume. All other judge contracts have come back.

Awards – Joy – Mini In-hand has opted for medals this year; Danielle is picking those out. Pleasure classes will be a tumbler mug. Trophies for showmanship since youth council pays for those. Refurbish some trophies, possibly for dressage and jumping, for \$5 per trophy to try for this year. Senior High Point awards will receive a \$100 credit to either design a buckle or jacket. Juniors will still receive a pre-made buckle like years before. Western High Point embroidered Director Chairs and English High Point fitted embroidered cooler.

Fundraising - Cindy - Silent Auction Results

Pattern - Joy & Racheal – Mini In-Hand will be creating their own trail pattern. Joy presented ridden trail pattern. Motion to approve pattern by Racheal and 2nd Kennedi. Motion passed.

Cloverbuds - workout dates have been added to combined workout schedule on the website. Fair stalling request form for Cloverbuds has been added to website as well.

Horse Sign-Ups - Jotforms were due May 1st - Rebecca will print them by the end of the month for the binder. Forms were sent to club leaders for all their members. Kayla made executive decision that even though coggins are due to be turned in until August, ALL horses must have a coggins before showing up to workouts this summer.

New Business:

Horse/Rider First Aid Kit Refresh - Rebecca is cleaning out booth Wednesday 5/5 and will go through the inventory of current first aid kit.

Securing barrels in the arena at the Fairgrounds. Barrels continue to be blown around the fairgrounds. Use either chain or ratchet straps. Motion made by Racheal to spend up to \$50 for a ratchet strap to secure barrels and 2nd by Teresa Howk. Motion passed.

Kayla's Corner – Regina Schinker is willing to work with us to help figure out storage issues. Will hopefully be at June meeting to introduce herself. May 1st was closing for new member sign ups. If you have any new members that missed, get ahold of Kayla asap to get them signed up. Fairbook is posted and will be emailed out and have also been sent to print. Will be right around \$4 price again. List of hippology attendees has been sent and checks for reimbursement will be cut and probably brought to MSU extension. Kayla will reach out when she has them. Camp is open for registration. This week only it is open to St. Joseph County. After this week it will be opened up to neighboring counties. Cloverbud camp is May 9th. Concert this year for fair and tickets will be going on sale soon. Regina would like to do 4-H tribute for 175th anniversary of fair.

Motion to adjourn by Racheal and 2nd by Lexi . Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

Next meeting June 2nd @ 6:30pm at MSU extension office

Respectfully submitted: Mindy Stuart