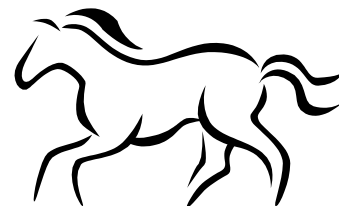




St. Joseph County, MI
4-H HORSE COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2026

Attendance: Joy Bond, Rebecca & Kennedi Houk, Racheal & Aubree Hartman, Shirel Hart, Bay'Lee Yeomans, Danielle Sackrider, Teresa Howk, Katie & Marlee Staples, Mindy Stuart, Kayla Mitchell

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm by President Rebecca Houk

Pledges led by Bay'Lee & Kennedi

Shirel moves to approve current agenda with addition of December 2025 meeting minutes being added for approval. Second by Joy. Motion passes.

Shirel moves to approve December and January meeting minutes with updates/corrections. Second by Racheal. Motion passes.

Correspondence received: letters regarding awards were forwarded to awards committee.

Treasurer's report given by Joy. Agreed to place report on file. Racheal moves to approve treasure report. Second by Danielle. Motion passes.

Unfinished business:

Bylaws, Rules and 2026 Fairbook/Showbills were presented by Joy.

Danielle moves to approve rules with changes. Second by Racheal. Motion passes.

Danielle moves to approve Bylaws (formerly known as constitution) as presented with noted changes. Second by Racheal. Motion passes.

Danielle moves to approve all fair book changes with exception of awards section. Second by Joy. Motion passes.

Shirel moves to approve Fair 2026 Showbills with changes. Second by Danielle. Motion passes.

Costume class themes discussed. Danielle moves to approve "Celebration" as costume class theme. Second by Joy. Motion passes.

Cindy was not present to talk about fundraising for the silent auction. Was mentioned by Kayla we need a big push from all to get as many donations as possible.

Julie was not present to talk about awards. Kayla said awards committee needs to meet in February to bring back clarified awards for voting at March meeting.

Discussion of budget moved to March meeting as there were a lot of other items on February agenda to discuss.

Katlyn was not present to discuss Cloverbuds.

Fair judges have been hired for all days except driving and costume. Sunday Judge A. Jessica Bronicki, Judge B. Jill Phillips. Monday English Taylor Jordan. If Taylor is experienced in-hand jumping, she will also be Monday In-hand judge. If she is not experienced, Danielle wants to hire Taylor Fabus for In-hand. Danielle moves to hire Taylor Fabus for driving on Tuesday. Second by Rachel. Motion passes. Taylor Fabus will be Tuesday Driving judge. Wednesday Gymkhana judge Cherri Colter.

Patterns were sent in the 4-H leaders chat. Danielle moves to approve patterns with the exception of all trail classes, In-Hand (In-hand looking to add some “fun” classes) and Reinsmanship. Second by Racheal. Motion passes.

New Business:

Shirel talked about Gymkhana program needing two new tripods for timers. Danielle moves to approve buying two new tripods with a maximum budget of \$100. Second by Racheal. Motion passes.

Pony measuring dates and barn security for fair were tabled.

Kayla said, with the exception of dressage, all other clubs and specialties have submitted their workout dates.

4-H online enrollment: 213 volunteers, 483 club members, 87 Cloverbuds. Kayla said numbers are down from last year and she encouraged everyone to continue to encourage kids to sign up. May 1 is the deadline for new members.

Fairboard is not doing the second Sunday fun stuff at the end of fair week this year. We will still be allowed to do early loadout Saturday night. We no longer have to have everything out by 11 AM on Sunday, but it was asked that we please don't make Sunday cleanup and load out drag on.

Youth council will host club officer training on February 24 (tentative) at 6 PM with pizza provided.

Camp counselor apps are coming out. Interviews will be in March with training in May and camp dates are June 8-10th. There will also be Cloverbud camp.

Kayla is looking at bypassing the leader meeting this year, but will resume the training next year. Kayla is looking for training meeting ideas from everyone. First aid, AED and CPR training were given at the meeting.

Rachel moves to adjourned the meeting at 9:14 PM. Second by Bay'Lee. Motion passes.

Next meeting is March 3, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the MSUE office.

Respectfully submitted by Mindy Stuart.