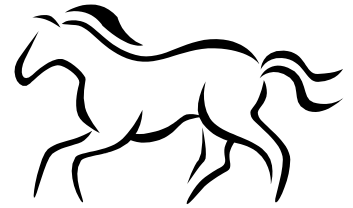




St. Joseph County, MI
4-H HORSE COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes



August 25th, 2026

Attendance: Kayla Mitchell, Rebecca & Kennedy Houk, Shirel Hart, Pam Cook, Danielle Sackrider, Scott & Connie Miracle, Cindy Mingus, Katlyn McCollough, Racheal & Aubree Hartman, Mindy Stuart

Zoom: Sara Franklin, Melissa Huff, Joy Bond, Jane Goodman, Tereasa Huffstedler

Meeting called to order at by Rebecca @ 6:34pm

Pledges led by Kennedy

Motion to approve agenda with addition of discussing Awards Ceremony at Fair by Shirel and 2nd by Danielle. Motion passed.

Motion to approve minutes with correction to attendance by moving Shirel from zoom to in person attendance and adding Connie to zoom by Kaityln and 2nd by Danielle . Motion passed.

No Treasurer's report presented due to no end of the month statement since this meeting is technically our September meeting. Report will be updated at October meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Committee Updates:

Awards –

Discussion around Sportsmanship Awards (bridle bags) and how we vote on Sportsmanship winners. It was noted format will stay the same this year for nomination winners with cards handed out at mandatory meeting. Top 5 recipients will receive customized halter/bridle bags. Some leaders noted concerns that not everyone knew about nomination process and feel it is a popularity contest that way. Joy asked for different ideas but noted we are close to fair and don't have a lot of time to make changes. No other ideas were presented, so format will be the same. Cards will be announced and handed out at mandatory meeting Saturday September 19th.

All awards have been ordered. Driving and In-Hand trophies and medals are being given to Danielle. They were paid for on 8/20 – total paid \$533.79. All other trophies are on order at Crown Trophy. Molly's is shipping out award buckles – this included CTR Champion, Grand & Reserve Walk/Trot and Jr. Pleasure High Point. Senior Pleasure High Point will have the option to create their own buckle or jacket. Cups are being provided and labeled at cost - \$333 for 37 award cups and we are adding Floating River Printing as a donor. Invoices are outstanding for Western and English High Point Directors chairs.

Joy needs a count of Cloverbuds in horse project so rosettes can be provided at the awards ceremony.

Awards ceremony agenda is being drafted. Joy would like to provide a flyer which can be a keepsake and will save time by including info - State show participants/placings, hippology/horse judging, and list of donors for recognition).

Horse Change/Hauling Forms/Special Equine Requests

Skyler Westlake requesting to add Peaches and delete Boogie due to safety issues. Skyler came off Boogie and no longer feels safe as Boogie needs more time to get desensitized before heading to fair. Passed

Jolene Jennings is asking to add Maddie to replace Shilah who they lost. Jolene would like to use Maddie as a backup to Jay. Passed but needs to attend gymkhana workout if she has not been seen at one on Maddie yet.

Mea Wagner is asking to add Roxie for gymkhana to replace Flicka who was in an accident, and she is no longer able ride Noah at this time. Passed

Nora Terry is asking to change to mom's horse Livi due to original horse Cookie having a foot injury.

Trailer Request Forms

Nora Cupp is requesting to haul in due to leaving mid-week to head to Congress. Denied.

Blake Stuart would like to trailer in Piper to due college and work. Passed

Liam Boland would like to trailer in Titan due to walk/trot classes only but is already stalling a pony at fair. Passed

Jackson Bruce is asking to haul in both horses due to working full time. Jagger is stalling at fair. Denied.

Bay'Lee Yeomans would like request Sparky to wear boots during showing due to soundness issues. Passed

Lukas Yeomans would like to haul in Lexi and will already have another horse stalled at fair. Passed

Tyler & Cassidy Robbins need to stall draft horses in draft horse barn with other family horses since stalls in Tumbleweed barn are for minis and will have ponies in 4-h barn. Passed

Cloverbud Stalling Forms –

Aubree Hartman asking to stall horse and pony at fair. Passed

Ryder & Paisley Pool asking to stall mini and horse in Tumbleweed barn. Danielle and Pam are ok with the mini being stalled but horse does not like minis, and they would like Cloverbuds to stay with their own clubs as they need lots of mentoring. Mini is passed stalling with Tumbleweed and horse is passed stalling with Town and Country

Sophia Brahas is asking to stall mini Teddy at fair. Passed

Motion made by Connie and 2nd by Racheal for Horse Council to reimburse each state exhibitor \$37.50 for the 2026 State Horse Show to 4-H delegates that attended the 2026 State Horse Show. Discussion based on whether HC should cover cost if YC is already covering half the cost to those kids that fill out forms for

YC. Questioning whether HC should cover or if families should have some cost into it and not get it for free. Others mentioned it is quite costly for some families to go and not reimbursing may keep families from not going. Club leaders should have kids write Thank You letters to YC for covering half the cost. If HC reimburses for cost, Thank You cards should also be sent to HC. Motion passes.

Horse/Rider First Aid Kit:

Rebecca submitted an excel sheet with all possible supplies to put into kit. Total cost for all items if they were to be purchased is \$285. Was discussed that list could be put out to families to see what we could get in donations first. Danielle motions to accept the excel document of items needed for horse/rider first aid kit and HC pays for remaining items that are not donated by families by September 7th and 2nd by Racheal. Motion passes.

New Business:

Push English Day Show start time back since there was such a large time gap between English day ending and Mini-In Hand starting. Vote passed to move start time back to 9am.

Makeup arena for Showmanship Day (North arena) for younger age groups – add cones to split Megan arena in half to give holding area for younger kids to keep them safe.

Shirel motion to move Awards Ceremony back to Saturday at 5pm but limited to 1 hour due to concert on Saturday evening, 2nd by Danielle. Motion passes.

Dates to Add to Calendar

September 9th – T&C Barn Setup/Decoration

September 12th – Setup of Margie Tien Arena

September 13th – Desperados Barn Setup/Decoration

Tumbleweed Barn Setup TBD

Points Committee:

Gymkhana – Shirel, Dawne, and Karin

Mini In-Hand – Danielle and Bobbi Jo

Pleasure Committee – Connie, Cindy, Sara

Fair volunteer list will be sent out by Rebecca. Please look at and volunteer where there is need. Takes a lot of help to make fair week happen smoothly.

Kayla's Corner

Katlyn and Rebecca are working on all binders for fair. Need to add incident reports to those as well. New forms are on QR codes and need to be filled out that way.

Suggesting someone to count ribbons at fair to do inventory and have it done. Ribbons can go to 4-H office at the fair to store for winter and then bulk order can be placed for a discount.

Parade lineup at 11am and parade starts at noon. Lineup will be on the south side of the Grandstand track.

Leader donor banquet is tentatively scheduled for November 12th.

Passes and project passes in little red barn from 8-12 and 1-4 on the 12th. Drivers for families can get driver pass but it must be requested.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:14pm.

Next meeting October 6th @ 6:30pm at MSU extension office

Respectfully submitted: Mindy Stuart