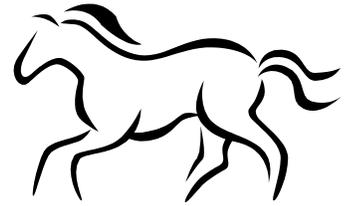




St. Joseph County, MI
4-H HORSE COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes



March 3, 2026

Attendance: Rebecca & Kennedi Houk, Racheal, Lexi & Aubree Hartman, Shirel Hart, Bobbi Newland, Danielle Sackrider, Teresa Howk, Katlyn McCollough, Gina Leister, Dakota Yeomans & Bay'Lee Yeomans, Lilly & Dawn Irwin, Jolene Jennings, Joy Bond, Mindy Stuart, Kayla Mitchell

Zoom: Tereasa Hufstedler, Sara Franklin, Julie Bruce

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm by Rebecca

Pledges led by Kennedi, Lex, Bay'Lee and Dakota

Motion made by Shirel to approve agenda with correction under unfinished business the driving judge was already approved at February meeting and hired. Motion 2nd by Racheal. Motion passed.

Motion to approve February minutes with correction of spelling of Cherie Colter's (in minutes as Cherri) name as gymkhana judge made by Shirel and 2nd by Kennedi. Motion passed.

Treasurers report given by Joy and agreed to be put on file. Motion to approve treasurers report by Danielle and 2nd by Racheal. Motion passed.

Budget presented by Joy and there was discussion around how to decide how many fair passes donors receive. Joy motioned to give (1) day pass for a \$25 donation, (2) passes for \$100 donation, (1) pass for every \$100 afterwards, and name on a banner for \$500 donation. Motion 2nd by Lilly. After discussion of motion, Danielle motioned to amend the name on banner from \$500 to \$250 donation. Motion 2nd by Racheal. Amendment motion passes. After discussion of passed amendment, Sara motioned to amend again and add donor levels of Gold, Silver and Bronze. Bronze Level is donations of \$250-\$499, Silver Level is \$500-\$999, and Gold Level is \$1,000+. Motion 2nd by Jolene. Amendment passes. After no further discussion, motion of donor passes and donation levels passed.

Bylaws, Rules & Showbill: Joy had correct Sunday showbill on her computer and is going to email it to Kayla so it can be added to website.

Judges: All judges hired except for dressage and costume. Waiting for contracts to come back.

Awards: Lilly motions to change English and Western High Point Grand Champion to being able to win every other year per horse/rider combination. Motion 2nd by Gina. Motion passed. Mindy motions to remove the jumping/dressage requirement to be eligible for English High Point Award. Motion 2nd by Danielle. Motion passed. County High Point Award will be called Pleasure High Point. Motion to approve by Gina and 2nd by Aubree. Motion passed.

Fundraising: Joy said silent auction prep is underway. We need donations for that. Along with the silent auction, we need everyone to be working on donations for the horse council program. Diane Zinsmaster will be hosting a tack auction on March 28th, Coggins Clinic on April 11th, and a tack sale on May 2nd (day of silent auction) – 10x10 \$30 and 10x20 \$55. Check facebook or reach out to Diane for more information on those. Diane is also looking for suggestions for light horse open classes at fair. There will be a driving meeting on March 12th @ 6pm at fairgrounds.

Trail Pattern: No pattern yet. Should have by April

Cloverbuds: Katlyn was waiting for all clubs to have workout dates submitted so she can coordinate accordingly. She will be making workout dates for Cloverbuds soon.

Gymkhana Walk/Trot DQ rule was discussed. Teresa Howk motions to drop stride rule for gymkhana walk/trot riders. Katlyn 2nds. Motion passed.

Countywide Pleasure workout dates will be updated on combined workout schedule on website.

Pony measuring will have 2 dates this year. June 1st at the fairgrounds with Tumbleweed workout and July 16th at Teresa Howk's with gymkhana workout.

Rebecca brought yellow plastic chain with clips on it as a sample of what we could use at fair to tie around stall doors instead of lead ropes since we had issues with lead ropes being cut last year. Will continue discussion on that.

Motion was made by Bobbi to table 1st aid kit refresh. Motion 2nd by Danielle. Motion passed.

Kayla's Corner: 491 total club members and 91 cloverbuds enrolled currently. Enrollment down by about 100. May 1st deadline to enroll new members. Youth Council trophy night is Monday May 4th @ 5:30pm at the MSU Extension office. First Monday in April the scholarship committee will be meeting about post-secondary scholarships. Shortly after meeting, scholarship applications will be available. Camp counselor applications were still being accepted until March 4th. Camp ages: 8-12 Campers, 13-15 Counselors in training, 16+ camp counselors. Counselor mandatory training May 8th-9th and Cloverbud camp is May 9th. June 7th camp setup and Camp June 8th-10th. Fair manager is stepping down when her contract ends on May 12th. Angie Mingus on director's board is also stepping down.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

Next meeting April 7th @ 6:30pm at MSU extension office

Respectfully submitted: Mindy Stuart