



St. Joseph County, MI

4-H HORSE COUNCIL

Horse Council Meeting Minutes
July 1, 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, Shirel, Tereasa, Racheal
Awards ~ Mindy (Chair), Sidney, Jolene, Katie, Payton, Katlyn, Julie, Jo
Fundraising Committee: Cindy, Katie, Jolene, Jane and Katlyn
Judge Hiring ~ Joy (Pleasure), Bobbi (Driving day), Tereasa (Comp Trail & dressage)
Point Counting ~ Gymkhana, Shirel, Dawne and Karen Fleetwood. Pleasure ~ Danielle, Cindy, Teresa and Connie
Pattern Committee ~ Joy, Tereasa, Andrea and Racheal
Budget ~ Executive Board
Attendance: Jo Torrey, Joy Bond, Kayla Mitchell, Tereasa Hufstedler, Racheal Hartman, Julie Bruce, Jagger Bruce, Mindy Stuart, Katlyn McCullough, Pam Cook, Lindy Grand, Lila Staples, Lexi Hartman, Katie Staples, Jolene Jennings, Kacey Jennings
Zoom: Sara Franklin, Jane Goodman, Shajnett Huffman

Meeting called to order at 6:38pm.

Pledge of Allegiance and 4H pledges

Current agenda. Motion to approve by Racheal. Seconded by Mindy. Motion passes

Treasurer's Report was read by Joy Motioned by Tereasa and seconded by Racheal to approve the report.

Thank you to the youth for coming in and writing thank you notes to our donors!! Jagger, Jolene, Lila, Lexi, Kacey and Lindy!!

New donors must have an email address to get a fair pass from the fair office. Previous donors can contact the office with their email.

Lindy Grand was in attendance. She won the Prairie Ponies award and will be using the award money for grooming supplies for her horse.

Joy ~ Donation/donors

- ~ We need to be more interactive with our donors via thank you notes with in ten days.
- ~ It was also suggested to hire a photographer to take pictures to include in the thank you letters.
- ~ Announce class sponsor during each class.
- ~ Invite big sponsors to give out their award at the ceremony

There was discussion on how to use extra money and what to do if a trophy is not awarded.
Motion by Racheal to create a donation committee starting in 2026. Seconded by Katlyn. Motion passes

Awards Committee~

Neck Ribbons \$25 donation for Jr & Sr Showmanship. Need 10

Large Rosettes for pleasure high point Jr and Sr. Need 10

10, 11 and 12 year member plaques

Members aging out. Certificate with frame.

Sportsmanship ~ Certificates with milk tickets

English High Point ~ Mindy would like suggestions. Shajnett will make a FB post.

Western High Point. Have cooler for champion. Need reserve award. Sara will donate the reserve

Joy asked to split reining and ranchmanship will be split between the judges. Motion by Tereasa. Second by Racheal. Motion passes

Jim McKeith will be the driving judge.

Racheal and Lexi will be putting together fun activities for fair. Shajnett will post on FB for suggestions. Saturday during vet checks from 5-7pm

Pony measuring ~ Bobbi and Danielle are willing to help as well as Joy. Contact them for info.

Fair awards ceremony. 4pm on Saturday. Have any youth that want to help present contact Jo.

State Entries ~ May choose 4 riding/in hand classes per exhibitor not counting mini classes. We have 10 mini and 12 horses going

Kayla

Electronic tickets for fair entry. .

Online entry for fair. Use 4H online

Coggins needs. Will need a hard copy

Milk barn will need help again this year.

County wide workout with Patti Adams July 8th. \$100

Motion to adjourn by Tereasa. Seconded by Katlyn. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Bruce