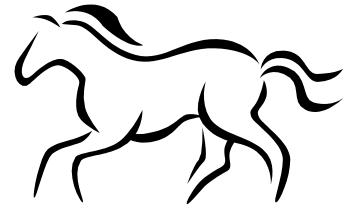




St. Joseph County, MI
4-H HORSE COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes



July 14, 2026

Attendance: Kayla Mitchell, Shirel Hart, Pam Cook, Bobbi Newland, Teresa Howk, Steve Houk, Rebecca Houk, Kennedy Houk, Katlyn McCollough, Katelin Forbush

Zoom: Sara Franklin, Tereasa Huffstedler

Meeting called to order at by Rebecca at 6:31pm

Pledges led by Kennedy Houk

Two horse change request forms requested to be added to agenda. Motion to approve agenda with additions by Bobbi and 2nd by Teresa. Motion passed.

Motion to approve minutes with corrections by Kennedy and 2nd by Teresa . Motion passed.

Only correspondence received are the State Horse Show

Treasurers report given by Kayla and agreed to be put on file. It is being asked that Specialty groups funding be added to the Treasurers reports as well. Shirel also wants to look into donations for Horse with the Most Heart buckle for clarification. Motion to approve treasurers report by Shirel and 2nd by Steve . Motion passed.

Committee Updates:

Judge Hiring - Joy - Every day covered except costume.

Awards – Gymkhana Horse with the Most Heart buckles are ordered. Pam questions Milk Barn tickets as awards and how they get distributed. Motion to purchase 200 Milk Barn tickets to be distributed evenly to club leaders and to also have some on hand at entry booth and 2nd by Kennedy. Motion passes. Julie has drafted list of classes and what awards they receive. Medal designs are picked for jumping, in-hand and gymkhana and will be ordered soon from Crown Trophy. Kennedy and Lexi have picked buckle artwork for buckle awards and Molly's Custom Silver will be making those and they will be ordered soon. Joy is working with Jana, Lori, Gina for CTR buckle.

Horse/Rider First Aid Kit Refresher – List was made, and kit only has sunscreen and Band-Aids. Rebecca will make a list and do a cost for all supplies needed and provide that for the next meeting.

Need new totes for keeping ribbons stored. Kayla shared livestock bundles ribbons together day before class and rubber bands them together. Once they are done for the day, ribbons are put back into totes where they belong so there isn't sorting left to do after fair. Bobbi suggests we buy clear storage totes for

each ribbon to store over the year and then bag ribbons for each class prior to fair as we have done in past years. Motion to spend up to \$150 to buy hanging bags from Amazon for ribbons for show days made by Bobbi and 2nd by Shirel. Motion passed. Teresa will work on bagging ribbons for classes and give a follow up at next meeting.

State Horse Show: Registration due July 15th for classes and reminder email was sent out July 13th. Clarification on price is \$75 and YC will be asked to cover ½ of that and Kayla said don't worry about scholarship forms as it's easier for her to make a blanket request to YC.

Securing Barrels: Ratchet straps have been dropped off at entry booth for securing barrels. Teresa will be there for a workout Thursday and will strap them down and remove broken barrel.

New Business:

Dates to add to the calendar:

Fair Sign Ups open July 15th

August 1st – Coggins due. If families have not already entered it into JotForm and can't get into to add it, you will have to turn in a hard copy to leaders. Cloverbud sign ups and list of qualified members are needed from specialty and club leaders August 1st. Cloverbud stalling request form also on Cloverbud corner website.

September 12th – set up Margie Tien arena – many hands make light work

Reminders:

Fair volunteer list to be sent out – Rebecca

Scheduling barn cleanup and decoration (Desperados is scheduled September 13th)

Awards Ceremony – Joy/Rebecca

Horse Change/Addition Requests:

Mason and Mia VanHewkelum are requesting to add their pony Beauty that they purchased after sign ups as a backup to their horse sign ups. Were in the market for horse but couldn't find what they wanted/needed before sign ups. Motion to approve the addition made by Teresa and 2nd by Pam. Motion passes.

Lexi Hartman is requesting to change to using Danielle Sackrider's mini BlackJack. She was using Morgan's mini Cookie, but Cookie passed away. Motion to approve the change made by Bobbi and 2nd by Steve. Motion passes.

Kayla's Corner

Fair Entry will be used to register for fair classes and each horse will be entered by families. Barn spraying to disinfect barns will take place September 1st and 2nd. Kayla is looking for auction day help at the fair. Sturgis Bank and Trust is no longer helping in the same capacity this year so extra help is needed. Tech savvy help also preferred. Karma is working on barn assignments. Bringing back parade 2nd Saturday of fair around Grandstand track (not mandatory). Harvest for All food drive had Farm Bureau match the donations and it was almost a \$2000 check. Was presented last night. Camp and Expo days were both a success. Working on trying to move camp back to Camp Fort Hill. Took charter bus to expo days. Celebration in the Ville was a success and lots of good feedback about mini show. Discussion about adding back a state qualifier show.

Other New Business

Motion to adjourn @ 8:36pm by Shirel and 2nd by Kennedi . Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at pm.

Next meeting August 4th @ 6:30pm at MSU extension office

Respectfully submitted: Mindy Stuart