



St. Joseph County, MI

4-H HORSE COUNCIL

Horse Council Meeting Minutes
August 26, 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, Julie Bruce, Katlyn McCullough, Pam Cook, Sidney Torrey, Pam Cook, Jolene Jennings, Andrea Littlefield, Scott Miracle, Connie Miracle, Racheal Hartman

Zoom: Sara Franklin, Shirel Hart

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm.

Pledge of Allegiance and 4H pledges

Motion to approve the current agenda. Motion to approve by Julie. Seconded by Sidney. Motion passes

Motion to approve the August 5 minutes made by Katlyn and seconded by Racheal to approve the report. Motion passes

Awards: Neck Ribbons winners will need to turn in thank you notes to get neck ribbons. Andrea will buy thank you notes. Motion to purchase thank you notes by Katlyn and seconded by Racheal. Motion passed.

Driving and in hand will do their own judges cards. Joy is coordinating with judges for showbills, etc.

Treasurer Report: Upon request

Ribbons \$1946.79

Motion to approve treasurers report by Mindy and seconded by Katelyn. Passed.

Pony measuring: Binder done by Julie.

Games: Racheal Saturday 5pm after mandatory meeting

Fair Work List:

Motion by Julie to give volunteers passed to get in on their day to work (ringmaster and gate help, etc). Seconded by Sidney. Motion passed. Give list to Kayla

Passes: Leaders get one scan per day. Get a wrist ban to return. They will give wrist bands at 6am at Nottawa Gate. 8am at the front gate

New Business:

Kayla:

Coggins will be checked and kept online

Marjie Tien arena was damaged. Fair is attempting to fix it. Sept 6 8am set up. Scott will provide tractor

Club Changes: Mindy and Julie are stepping down. DFMI is dissolving. We will need to consider the option of one full club.

~ Andrea suggested a mini club

~ Discussion regarding winter meetings together, etc

Photographer in draft barn at fair. Bldg 53. Flowers Photography.

Wed, Thursday and Friday photographer at the livestock wall

Milk Barn (Scott) Helped needed

Multi Species Exhibitors: Contact Kayla asap if there are issues

~ Radio contact with other species

~ Let other species know what other animals they are showing

Trophy donors: Sheet will be turned into Kayla this week

Motion by Connie to purchase canopy and weights. Seconded by Julie. Motion passed

Motion by Racheal to spend up to \$300. Seconded by Sidney. Motion passes

Katlyn suggested a banner or sign for state reps. Mindy will do the sign

HC will refund half of the state show fees. Joy motioned to make full amount and then invoice YC for other half. Sidney seconded. Motion passes. \$60 per horse

Deb Barret donated two headstalls to the fair auction.

Would like honor court to lead pledges at show every day.

Adjourned: Motion by Scott, seconded by Racheal. Adjourned at 8:34pm

Respectfully submitted by Julie Bruce