



St. Joseph County, MI

4-H HORSE COUNCIL

Horse Council Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2024

President: Jo Torrey
Vice President: Racheal Hartman
Secretary: Julie Bruce
Treasurer: Joy Bond
Deputy Treasurer: Katie Staples
At Large: Tereasa Hufstedler (Dressage), Driving

Attendance: Jo Torrey, Julie Bruce, Joy Bond, Katie Staples, Tereasa Hufstedler, Teresa Howk, Pam Cook, Cindy Mingus, Shirel Hart, Jolene Jennings, Sidney Torrey Long, Kayla Mitchell, Katlyn Mccollough (Zoom)

1. Call to Order 6:30
2. Pledges
3. Introductions with favorite fair memory
4. Approval of Agenda ~ Motion by Tereasa . Second by Joy. Motion Passes
5. Approval of November Minutes ~ Motion by Joy, Second by Tereasa. Motion Passes
6. Audit needs to be scheduled before the next meeting. Joy will take care of that.
7. Treasurers Report ~ Beginning Balance \$9882.30.
 - ~ Expenses ~ 4-H Livestock Association Fair Passes \$490
 - ~ Money Received \$.77 Interest
 - ~ Ending Balance \$9393.07Motion to accept treasurers report ~ Shirel Seconded by Katie. Motion Passed
8. Tumbleweed requested that HC reimburse for stamps for donor Christmas cards. Motion by Shirel, Seconded by Tereasa. Motion Passed. TW meeting is Dec 18 at 6:30 pm at the ISD for anyone that wants to assist TW.
9. County Wide Workouts ~ It was discussed to have clinicians come in and do county wide workouts. Joy will look into the budget. Clubs please get input from your club as to what they want to work on. Tabled until January
10. Yearly budget~ Executive Board needs to put together the yearly budget.
11. 2025 Club and specialty workout dates are due in January. May 3rd is the garage sale at the FG. May 6 and Oct 7 are recycling at FG. Please keep those dates in mind while scheduling workouts.
12. Kayla: Fair board will set up irrigation and will drag the arenas once a week. They would like us to use the arenas more.
13. We will create a Google Doc for workout schedule. It will be posted on the FB page to let everyone know when it is available.
14. Costume Class ~ Please ask your clubs for suggestions for the class.
15. Ranch Classes ~ Please ask your club what ranch classes that they would like to see. Kayla would like to see all classes stay the same for the year. Tereasa noted that the state show has Ranch SMS and Ranch Trail. Joy suggested replacing reining with ranch reining as it would be an easier class for the

kids just getting started. It was also discussed to use a novice ranchmanship pattern and usualize the Horseman's ranch classes.

16. A conversation was had regarding using Horseman's pleasure shows for HC year end point awards. Please ask your club why they do not attend Horseman's and what suggestions they have for Horseman's. If HC uses the Horseman's shows, HC could volunteer and could possibly get donations for awards for the youth classes. More discussion is needed.
17. Zoom ~ Kayla asked if we wanted to continue to allow zoom. Consensus was to leave it an an option but in person is encouraged.
18. Joy will be attending the Judges Seminar in January at MSU
19. There is a horse judging practice at MSU on January 31 & Feb 1. Katie Staples (Horse Judging Coach) asked if HC would reimburse kids for attending. There are currently six kids interested in judging. Motion by Julie Bruce asking HC to reimburse kids that attend the conference. Second by Tereasa. Motion Passes. Kayla brought up HC scholarship option like Youth Council does. Would HC like to do something similar?
20. Committees:
 - Constitution and Rules Committee ~ Joy (Chair) Julie, Shirel, Tereasa
 - Awards ~ Minday (Chair), Sidney, Jolene, Katie, Payton, Katlyn, Julie, Jo
 - Judge Hiring ~ Joy (Pleasure), Bobbi (Driving day), Tereasa (Comp Trail & dressage)
 - Point Counting ~ Gymkhana, Shirel, Dawne and Karen Fleetwood
 - Pleasure ~ Danielle, Cindy, Tereasa and Connie
 - Budget ~ Exec Board
 - New Committees:
 - Fundraising Committee: Cindy, Katie and Jolene
 - Pattern Committee ~ Joy and Tereasa. Possibly Andrea. Tabled until next meeting.
21. Silent Auction ~ May 3rd. Discussion on improvements: Joy forwarded info on an online auction. We need to get more kids involved. We need each kid to bring in donations. Kayla has discussed the auction with Ron Weston who started It. Jo will contact Ron for more info.
22. Awards ~ Kayla will send out an email asking the youth for their suggestions. Please take it to your clubs for those that do not get emails.
23. Fair (Kayla). Fair will go with the same contract as last year regarding use of the FG and how 4-H manages their shows. Waiver and use of Barn 43 are still in discussion.
24. Fair job assignments~ Shirel - Job lists need to be done earlier this year. It was suggested that each group creates their own job list and workers. Example: Gymkhana will create a group to take care of their own jobs, Driving will supply their own helpers. A pleasure group will be created to run Sunday and Monday of fair. This will spread out the duties to a group rather than one person.
25. Julie asked that we create opportunities for more youth to get involved. Youth Council has youth members that are junior officers. She would like to see youth run the awards ceremony at fair. Katie would like to see older members wanting to be more involved. Kayla asked that the committee will put together suggestions for fair book changes and will bring it to council for vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Respectfully submitted by Julie Bruce