



St. Joseph County, MI

4-H HORSE COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
March 4, 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, Bay'lee Yeomans, Shirel Hart, Dakota Yeomans, Joy Bond, Kayla Mitchell, Julie Bruce, Racheal Hartman, Tereasa Hufstedler, Michelle Goshorn, Katlyn McCullough Zoom: Sara Franklin, Jana Bellows
Meeting called to order at 6:36pm.

Motion to approve agenda made by Bay'lee, seconded by Dakota. Motion approved.

Motion to approve February minutes made by Shirel. Seconded by Tereasa. Motion passes

Treasurer's Report was read by Joy. Motion to approve by Dakota. Seconded by Bay'lee. Motion passes

CONSTITUTION CHANGES ~ Proposed Constitution changes were emailed to leaders. Motion to approve made by Tereasa, seconded by Shirel. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

RULE CHANGES ~ Proposed changes were emailed to leaders.

~Motion to change General Rule #1 "and May 1st for new members". Motion by Julie and seconded by Katlyn. Motion passed unanimously.

~ SJC Project Fair Rules #3 Change to the designated time published by the superintendent

~ #5 Change to designated time and area. Motion by Tereasa, second by Racheal, Motion passes unanimously

~ Driving #10 No open heal shoes

~ General Rules #11 Follow rules set forth by MSU

~ Gymkhana #12 Add- In the event of a tie, we will go off rider with the highest points for the day.

~County Qualifying Show: Motion to remove section by Tereasa. Seconded by Racheal. Motion passed unanimously.

~Western/English Riding: Course description updated with new patterns. Will alternate each year. Remove note requiring flying lead change.

~ Reining: Update with new patterns

~ Ranchmanship: Updated with new patterns.

~ Add: Mini & draft rule books to resources.

Motion to accept all changes as presented, motioned by Tereasa, seconded by Racheal. Motion passes

ORTHOPEDIC SHOES~ Request by Jana Bellows to use orthopedic boots on minis. Per Kayla, contact Horse Council with special consideration form signed by farrier or veterinarian.

AWARDS

English High Point

- ~ Add Grand and Reserve
 - ~ Remove rule that you must be pre-enrolled
 - ~ Change to one horse/one rider combination can only win the award once.
- Motion to accept by Tereasa. Second by Dakota. Motion passed.

In Hand Gymkhana

- ~ Add per age division to match fair book. No motion needed, just a correction

SJC High Point

- ~ Grand and Reserve as well as top five for two age divisions. 8-12 and 13-19. Awards for grand and reserve, neck ribbons for top five.
 - ~ Remove B "Participants must sign up one (1) one-horse/one-rider combination. Registration forms must be turned in to the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office by May 1 of current program year"
 - ~ Remove "Classes must be selected on registration form. Points are accumulated in top five classes."
- Motion by Racheal. Seconded by Dakota. Motion passes

Walk Trot Award

- ~ Grand and Reserve 8-12 and 13-19
 - ~ Award may only be won once per horse/rider combination per age division. Motion to add "per age division" by Katlyn. Second by Shirel. Motion passed.
 - ~ Add walk/trot dressage classes to the award (English dressage #7, #8, Suitable, all intro to dressage tests and dressage seat equitation classes) motion by Tereasa. Seconded by Racheal. Motion passed.
- Changes to award, motion by Racheal, seconded by Bay'lee. Motion passed.
2025 award sponsors: Champion buckles Tereasa and Bruce's Tack Box. Reserve Champion buckles Don't Fence Me In Farms

Western High Point

- ~ Award will be for grand and reserve. One age division.
 - ~ Remove western dressage as a requirement but will still earn points from the classes.
 - ~ Award may only be won once per horse/rider combination.
- Motion by Joy. Seconded by Julie. Motion passed.

FAIR BOOK

- ~ Updated names and dates
- ~ Awards updated
- ~ Updated 90012 to top five with next ribbons for third through fifth. For Junior and Seniors. (Motion by Racheal. Seconded by Katlyn. Motion passed)

HORSE SHARING

- ~ #2 Paperwork must be turned in by August 1st
- ~ #8 Removing Showmanship and Championship Showmanship. Both youth sharing the horse can use the horse for showmanship as well as the championship class.
- ~ #10 Remove "In the event that both participants qualify for a Championship Class, the primary participant has first choice to enter the class. The secondary participant may enter the Championship class if the Primary declines to." Motion by Joy, Second by Mindy. Motion passed.

COSTUME CLASS "Disney"

Motion by Tereasa. Seconded by Racheal. Motion passed.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

- ~ Motion by Racheal to purchase the \$2500 gold cart for the silent auction. Seconded by Joy. Motion passed.

~ Donors needed for silent auction.

DRESSAGE AND DRIVEN DRESSAGE

~ It was suggested to bring dressage and driven dressage to the second Saturday of fair. Kayla will check with Bobbi and the fair board.

KAYLA'S CORNER

~Signs ups must be in by May 1st

~ Leaders meeting March 10th at the ISD

Meeting adjourned at 8:37. Motion by Tereasa, Seconded by Racheal. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Bruce