



St. Joseph County, MI 4-H HORSE COUNCIL

Horse Council Meeting Minutes
February 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
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- 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, Baylee Yeomans, Shirel Hart, Dakota Yeomans, Joy Bond, Kayla Mitchell, Cindy Mingus, Teresa Howk, Diane Zinsmaster, Scott Miracle, Connie Miracle, Sidney Torrey Long

Zoom: Tereasa Hufstedler, Michelle Goshorn, Shajnett Huffman, Sara Franklin, Racheal Hartman, Julie Bruce

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm.

Pledge of Allegiance and 4H pledges led by Baylee Yeomans

Current agenda approved.

Diane Zinsmaster discussed Coggins Clinic on April 5th as well as footing/improvements of the horse arenas at the fairgrounds. The fair is installing irrigation to water the arenas and they want the horse program to use the arenas.

Dakota moved to approve the January minutes and seconded by Sidney.

Correction from January minutes: Add Joy Bond, Lindocka Jo Torrey, and Kathleen Staples to the bank account signature and online access. Remove Connie Miracle, Danielle Sackrider and Cindy Mingus from the account. Motion to approve by Tereasa, Second by Shirel. Motion passed. (Change: Added Cindy Mingus to list of people being removed from the account)

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

Joy discussed the budget for 2025 and offered written copies for review /input.

Costume class theme was discussed – Poll being added to Facebook page to choose themes suggested by members, vote tabled to next meeting pending survey results.

Countywide Clinics were discussed – Poll will be added to Facebook for youth/leader input - tabled to next meeting.

The Fair board has approved allowing 4H program to hold Gymkhana class on the Wednesday of fair. Teresa Howk moved to move the Gymkhana show to the Wednesday of Fair, seconded by Joy. Motion was approved by majority vote. The Gymkhana Committee will work out logistics and advise

Awards survey results were reviewed. There were 32 responses. 23% were horse kids. Trophies were #1, plaques were #2

Trophy night is April 7th at 6pm before Youth Council. Please come choose the trophies.

Checks for horse judging clinic were written.

Constitution and Bylaw update/changes were discussed Rules/Bylaw committees. The committee will meet again on February 22nd for more discussion.

The Awards Committee will meet on the 22nd as well for discussion.

Pattern Committee will meet next month or so for more discussion. Added Rachel to Committee.

Judges – Sunday Jen Kiser, Sunday/trail undecided, Monday Taylor Fabus, Dressage Janis Smith

Competitive Trail Rides – Theresa currently having medical issues - date/place TBA

Fundraising – May 3rd is silent auction. Cindy advised all the donations we have to date and added those to the leader chat to avoid duplicate requests. The fair board will do radio spot to promote the Garage Sales and has invited 4H program to participate. Donors will receive the same recognition as our normal donor list.

Kayla discussed:

4-H leaders that are fair association members will only get one pass per the fair.

4-H Superintendents and Assistants will not have an annual review.

YC Texas Roadhouse fundraiser will be posted. Update February 26 3-10pm Portage Texas Roadhouse

The fair is discussing moving barns, Rabbit, possibly horse etc.

Professional fitters are now allowed.

Fair contract is signed and milk barn contract is signed.

Horse/Clove bud numbers for 2025 are all down – 20% for Horse/Pony and almost 50% for Cloverbuds.

Sidney motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Scott - Meeting adjourned at 8:57.

Respectfully submitted by Sidney Torrey Long and Julie Bruce

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