



St. Joseph County, MI

4-H HORSE COUNCIL

Horse Council Meeting Minutes
October 7, 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, Connie Miracle, Racheal Hartman, Shirel Hart, Teresa Houk, Michelle Goshorn, Rebecca Houk, Steve Houk, Madison Houk, Cindy Mingus, Kennedy Houk, Lexi Hartman Zoom: Lori Bowdish, Sara Franklin, Tereasa Hufstedler, Danielle Sackrider

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm.

Pledge of Allegiance and 4H pledges

Introduction of visitors: Lexi Hartman was the Prairie Ponies Award Winner. She explained what she will be doing with her award money. Congratulations Lexi!

Joy motioned to move voting to November for board positions. Seconded by Jolene. Motion passed.

Resignation received from Mindy Stuart. She is resigning from the organizational leader of Desperados as well as Jumping. Joy Bond will be the new jumping coordinator.

Thank you letters were received from Sidney Torrey Long and Blake Stuart.

Motion by Shirel to approve the current agenda. Seconded by Joy. Motion passes

Motion to approve the August 27 minutes made by Katlyn and seconded by Racheal to approve the report. Motion passes

Treasurer Report read by Joy. Numbers available upon request. Motion to approve treasurers report by Jolene and seconded by Sidney. Passed.

~ \$980 for fair passes. Motion by Racheal to pay. Seconded by Sidney. Motion passed.

~ Invoice sent to youth council for showmanship trophies.

Organizational Leaders:

~DFMI will be disassembled. There are five youth and a cloverbud.

~Mindy has resigned from Desperados.

~ Julie is stepped away from Organizational Leader of TW.

Kayla proposed having one horse club. It would be one 4-H club run by the youth and it would be over seen by Horse Council. It would include youth positions on the HC board.

Additional discussion includes:

- ~ Sending Constitution and rules to MSU to evaluate.
- ~ There was some concern regarding one club.
- ~ Racheal is willing to take over organizational leader of Desperados.
- ~ Also brought up was the voting ability of the leaders. With only OL and specialties having votes, many leaders doing a lot of work do not get an actual vote. Voting was changed many years ago due to vote stacking.
- ~ Desperado and T&C meetings will be open to TW and DFMI members to see where they fit the best.

Kayla:

- ~ Sign ups due Dec 1
- ~ Leader/Donor banquet TBD
- ~ Oct 21 Livestock association meeting
- ~ There will only be one post fair meeting for all livestock.

Fair drag is being offered to us for \$2985. Teresa made a motion to purchase the drag with a contract with the fair. Shirel seconded. Motion passed.

Post fair suggestions tabled for November by Racheal. Seconded by Joy. Motion passed.

Send out a post fair survey for just horses via qual trix.

November meeting:

- ~ Suggestions for the state show
- ~ Board elections

Motion to adjourn by Racheal. Seconded by Sidney. Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully submitted by Julie Bruce