St. Joseph County, MI

4-H HORSE COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2026

6:30 meeting called to order by Rebecca

Pledges led by Kennedi, Dakota & Lexi

Introduction of leaders and youth

Attendance: Danielle Sackrider, Andrea Littlefield, Shirel Hart, Dakota Yeomans, Kennedi Houk, Lexi Hartman, Rebecca Houk, Steve Houk, Gina, Katlyn McCollough, Jolene Jennings, Joy Bond, Bobbi Newland, Cindy Mingus, Teresa Howk, Connie Miracle, Kayla Mitchell, Mindy Stuart, Leah Newland

Zoom: Shajnett Huffman, Thereasa Huffstedler, Racheal Hartman, Sara Franklin, Julie Bruce, Morgan Walton

Steve motions to accept agenda with addition of public comment and Margie Tien arena take down discussion, Kennedi 2nd. Motion approved.

Motion to approve August 25th/September minutes by Steve 2nd by Dakota. Motion approved

Diane – Thanked everyone in 4H for working together this year at the fair. She has some goals for next year and would like to work with everyone in the program to collaborate on ideas. Would like to add window to bottom window of entry booth at the Megan arenas. Also looking at possibly adding an awning on the outside above the window in the upstairs. Maybe look into putting a window in the wall between the 2 rooms upstairs or removing the wall if it's not load bearing. Possibly adding speakers to horse barns so anything being announced at the arenas can be heard in the barns as well. Maybe lights at the arenas.

Treasurer's Report: An updated July report was given and August and September due to the way those meetings fall with fair and not having bank statements prior to those meetings. Treasurer's report will be placed on file at the MSU extension. Motion to accept all Treasurer's reports by Gina and 2nd by Danielle. Motion approved.

Danielle motions $50 each for Josh and Corey for all the hard work they put into the arenas during fair week. Motion is 2nd by Steve. Motion approved. Also suggested that since they work hard every year

for us at the fair and during the summer we try to get the fair to give them their camping either discounted or for free fair week.

Before election nominations, Kayla briefly reviewed the Michigan 4H Advisory Council Responsibilities, Best Practices, & Requirements form and Sample Bylaws for advisory groups provided by MSU. Asked that everyone take a look and read through as they consider running for positions.

President Nominations: Racheal Hartman nominates herself and 2nd by Steve. Danielle Sackrider nominated by Andrea Littlefield and 2nd by Bobbi Jo. Bob Stuart nominated by Joy Bond and 2nd by Teresa Howk. Gina motions to close nominations and 2nd by Steve. Motion approved.
New President is Danielle Sackrider

Vice President Nominations: Racheal Hartman nominates herself and 2nd by Danielle. Katlyn McCollough nominates herself 2nd by Lexi. Jolene nominates Bob and 2nd by Teresa. Danielle nominates Andrea and 2nd by Bobbi. Rebecca nominates Steve 2nd by Andrea Littlefield. Gina motions to close and 2nd Bobbi. Motion approved.
New VP is Bob Stuart pending leader approval. If not approved Andrea LIttlefield is back up VP

Treasurer Nominations: Steve nominates Rebecca 2nd by Dakota. Pam nominates Shirel 2nd by Steve. Gina nominates Steve but he declined to accept nomination. Cindy nominates Bobbi 2nd by Danielle. Danielle motions to close 2nd by Steve. Motion approved.
New Treasurer is Bobbi Jo Newland

Deputy Treasurer: Pam nominates Shirel 2nd by Andrea. Cindy nominates Rebecca 2nd by Teresa. Gina motions to close nominations and Danielle 2nds. Motion approved.
New Deputy Treasurer is Rebecca Houk

Secretary Nominations: Steve nominates himself 2nd by Kennedi. Bobbi nominates Andrea 2nd by Steve. Teresa nominates Mindy 2nd by Jolene. Andrea motions to close and 2nd by Steve. Motion approved.
New Secretary is Andrea Littlefield

Social Media: Shirel nominates Shajnett 2nd by Teresa. Rebecca nominates Steve 2nd by Kennedi. Racheal nominates herself 2nd by Thereasa. Gina nominates Katlyn 2nd by Steve. Motion to close nominations by Mindy 2nd by Danielle. Motion approved.
New Social Media is Steve Houk

At Large is Jumping (Joy) & In-Hand (Pam)

Due to time, Rebecca motions to table committee selections until November meeting and 2nd by Steve. Motion approved.

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Chuck Zinsmaster contacted Corey regarding the Margie arena to let him know we are in charge of taking down the arena. Shirel wants more help than what they had to put it up. Racheal put in zoom that Corey is going at 10am on Wednesday October 7th to take it down and does have help to remove it. Kayla noted that it's a task to add to President list of fair tasks.

Pam brought up fair using our cones and drag for their personal use but wondering why the fair is being so hard on us for getting our stuff out right now while they are using our stuff. Need to have a discussion at fairboard meeting between fair director/open show director/HC about HC storage usage and fair usage of HC owned items. Kayla will look up contract to see what fairboard signed in agreeance of usage of HC drag.

Kayla's Corner
County deadline awards applications have been extended until next Friday October 16th. Association dues for the fair are due October 9th. Must be paid to vote at November 9th meeting. Leader/Donor banquet November 12th 6:00pm. Pig Headed BBQ will be there. Youth council nominations will be coming out in November so watch your emails.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Bobbi and 2nd by Katlyn. Motion approved.
Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm

Respectfully sumitted by Mindy Stuart

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