Independence 4-H Club October 2026 Minutes

The meeting of the Independence 4-H club was called to order by Georgia Holland, President.

At: 6:40pm **On:** 10/14/26 **At:** Sebastopol Center for the Arts

Pledge of Allegiance/Flag Salute led by: Jeffrey Balich Shaw
4-H Pledge led by: Adelyn Maddocks

Review Of Minutes: Lindsay Maddocks
Lindsay reviewed the September 2026 minutes. A motion was made by Fiora Landis to approve the minutes and seconded by Adelyn Maddocks. It was passed by unanimous consent.

Treasure's Report: Ben Deffenbaugh
Ben presented the monthly financial report for September 2026.

- $0 in income
- $0 in expenses

The report was received and placed in file.

Correspondence Report: Alice Pederson
Alice reported to the club that there was no income or outgoing correspondence for the month of September.

Community Service: Jojo Holland
Jojo reminded club families of the November Community Service park cleanup event on November 14, 2026 from 9am-12 noon at A Place to Play, Santa Rosa. A request was made to please register online with the City of Santa Rosa prior to the day.

Healthy Living: Hannah Van De Mark
Hannah gave a presentation about the chemistry of giving and how giving impacts your brain. Why does it feel good to give to others? Hannah explained the reward system of our brains and how giving is a mood lifter.

Old Business:

Bake Sale: Jojo Holland
The fall bake sale was held on October 10 from 10am-2pm at Fircrest Market. Our club families were very supportive in providing a ton of baked goods, from cookies, bars, rice krispy treats to pumpkin succulents. A special thank you to all our club families who baked goodies and for everyone who came out on the day of the sale to support our fundraising efforts. Thanks to our club families, our club raised a total of $1,112.50.

National 4-H Week: Hannah Van De Mark

Independence 4-H did a spectacular job honoring National 4-H Week with a window display created by Claire & Hannah. Following the theme of "Beyond Ready", Claire and Hannah created an out of the world display, complete with a rocket ship and stars that showcased what Independence 4-H offers youth. A very special thank you to Copperfields Books for allowing our club the opportunity to display in their store front window.

New Business:

Achievement Night: Claire Pederson

Claire reminded the club of Achievement Night on October 24, 2026 at 6pm at the Youth Ag & Leadership building in Rohnert Park. The event, a night in the 100 Clover Woods will be a Winnie the Pooh themed event for our Sonoma County 4-H Achievement Night. The event will recognize youth achievements for the 2025-2026 program year.

Jester: Jojo Holland

Laughter and fun shared amongst the club with Jester Jojo's Halloween inspired jokes.

Program: Motion Potion

The Executive Board explained to the club as to why boards/clubs make motions. It is a way to turn an idea into a clear and official plan so that everyone can talk about it and vote on it fairly. The motion starts with someone who would like to share an idea/plan or vote on something. When someone says "I, (Name) make a motion to……." that is the motion, if another agrees with the motion made by the person, the 2nd person seconds the motion which opens up the idea to others to talk about, discuss and then finally vote on. After everyone gets to talk/share their ideas, everyone in the group gets to vote as to whether the idea passes or not. Motions allow for clear decisions to be made by a group. Not all ideas are approved by a vote, some ideas get declined and for Independence 4-H the majority vote is the final decision.
The club practiced motions by an activity called "Motion Potion". Along with a Halloween theme, the club executive boards offer goodies to include in a "potion" that becomes our edible club snack. From gummy eye balls, to popcorn, M&Ms, oreos, sardines, cat food, and pretzels, just to name a few. There were plenty of options to either be voted on to add to the motion potion of vote to keep out of the potion. All club members were involved in the activity and enjoyed their potion afterwards.

Announcements:

- County 4-H is holding a Truck or Treat on November 3. All county 4-H clubs are welcome to decorate their trucks and then stay for the monthly County 4-H meeting. Candy for the Truck or Treat will be provided by County 4-H.

Retire Flags:

American Flag: Jeffrey Balich Shaw
4-H Flag: Adelyn Maddocks

Adjournment: **At:** 7:21 **On:** 10-14-26

Date: 10-14-26 **Signed:** _____