

**Clark County 4-H Leaders Federation and All Leaders Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2018 @ ADS**

Present: Jennie Whitmire, Amy Gerhardt, Sam Jacque, Rachel Stiemann, Bridget Canfield, Sara Fischer, Katrina Gosse, Jazlyn Revier, Joan Buchholz, Susan Stiemann, Kathy Meyers, John Brost, Kyle Johnson, and Chris Hollar

Absent: none

Visitors: Jeremy Gosse, Nicolas Stiemann, Bryanna Meyers, Kent Johnson

Amy Gerhardt called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Pledges to the American and 4-H flags were said.

Secretary's Report:

The secretary's minutes for the January 8, 2018 meeting was reviewed. Sam Jacque moved to approve. Seconded by Kyle Johnson and carried.

Financial Report:

Joan Buchholz reviewed the financial report. The ending balance as of 2-11-18 was \$61,755.18, which includes \$9965.00 of self-supporting project balances. John Brost moved to approve the financial report. Motion seconded by Kyle Johnson and carried.

A motion was made by Susan Stiemann to place 3X3 ads in the *Sentinel & Rural News* and the *Thorp Courier*, as well as the *West Central Wisconsin Shopper* for the upcoming Drama/Music Festival, with a cap of \$100 to be spent on the ads. Motion seconded by Kyle Johnson and carried.

Rachel Stiemann moved that the federation cover the expenses for lifeguard training of up to four youth who would then work at summer camps. Motion seconded by Sam Jacque and carried.

Plans for a family fun day in the summer were discussed. Due to full summer schedules, we will look into a possible October Saturday trip to Schuster's Farm, Deerfield, WI.

Old Business:

- Chris Hollar requested feedback regarding preferred location for Discovery Day. Several members suggested Greenwood. Chris also mentioned that she had been approached about moving the Bowling Tournament to a Sunday or changing it to a two-day event.
- One hundred forty-nine participants signed in at the Bruce Mound Tubing Event.
- There will be three training sessions for the online fair entry system: Tuesday, March 20, 6 p.m., Courthouse in Neillsville; Wednesday, April 4, 5 p.m., Thorp Library; and Monday, April 9, 5:30 p.m., Loyal City Hall.
- The Clark County 4-H Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 10. Jennie Whitmire moved to have M & M Meats cater the meal. Seconded by Sam Jacque and carried. Cost will be \$12.50 per plate for age 11 & over, \$8.00 for age 6-10, and age 5 and under free.
- Area Animal Science Days is scheduled for June 22 in Clark County. Chris reported that Kevin Lindow will be supplying hogs, sheep, and beef for the livestock part of the event, as well as taking care of the meal.
- Materials for record books and awards as revised by the committee are available on line.
- Cloverbud and Explorer books can be obtained from Lori at the extension office.
- We have a five, possibly six Award of Excellence entries interested in representing Clark County at the State Fair. We can only take five; it was suggested to draw names by lot.
- Goals set at the board retreat in January were reviewed and confirmed. The short term goals included working with schools and after school programs to recruit new members (trial run in Thorp) and creating a facebook page/app specific to Clark County 4-H for easy communication for families. Long term goals are to increase awareness of 4-H program throughout Clark County and encouraging/motivating leaders.

New Business:

- Background checks for leaders continues to be an unresolved issue. Lori is planning to send out paper copies next fall to alleviate the issue.
- 4honline notifications can be texted, but members need to go on 4honline and select that option, as well as put in cell phone provider information.
- Farm Technology Days will be in Wood County in July. They may be seeking dramatic performances for their youth tent.
- It has been suggested that the Cake Revue might be held prior to the Awards Banquet for the 2018 4-H year to allow for greater showcasing of 4-Hers' talents. The cakes could then be auctioned off or enjoyed for dessert. Will present suggestion to participants at this year's revue.
- Chris continues to work on the 4-H Fair Project Bonus program which will be funded by a private donor. One exhibitor from each of four age groups will receive a monetary bonus for completing and exhibiting all of the projects they originally signed up to bring to the fair. This will not include animal projects, as there are variables out of member's control. Sara Fischer suggested that this is also true of the gardening, flower, and crops project areas. Bryanna Meyers suggested that the number of project areas that a member exhibits under should also be considered.
- The Fall Forum will be held Nov. 2-4, 2018 at Green Lake. We are strongly encouraging each club to send their president and /or vice president to this event.
- Jennie Whitmire and Brittney Lowry will be working with Chris to prepare for plat book sales in 2019.
- Chris Hollar announced that 2018 club charter materials are available. New this year is that club SMART goals need to revolve around expanding access to underrepresented youth and families.
- Chris Hollar has put together a "Market Sale Start to Finish" calendar to review with FFA advisors to ensure that info regarding deadlines is clear.
- Board discussed possibility of moving board meetings around the county. General consensus is to keep the meetings centrally located in Greenwood.
- Chris Hollar is seeking names of individuals who would be gifted to work with a fairground fundraising committee.
- The next board meeting will be held on March 12, 7 p.m., at the ADS.

Committee Reports:

- Junior leaders update given by Chris Hollar. Clover Camp Challenge date is March 17 at the Loyal High School. Bryanna Meyers and Rachel Stiemann heading up this event.
- Fair Board—Fair Books will be printed as soon as ads are in.
- Inter State Exchange—Pennsylvania visitors will be here July 13-19, 2018.
- Shooting Sports—Archery begins 2/19/18. The instructors will be presenting at the April all leaders' meeting.
- Dairy Meeting is set for March 13, 7:30 p.m.
- Dogs—Katerina Kolzow will be facilitating trainings in the northern end of the county.
- Swine—Changes in state health regulations will be discussed at an informational meeting on March 19, 7:30 p.m., Loyal High School Cafeteria.
- Rabbit—Jorgensen's may be facilitating a rabbit judging contest at AASD.
- Poultry—Market Poultry meeting March 21, 6:30 p.m., Loyal City Hall

Sam Jacque moved to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Seconded by Kyle Johnson. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Stiemann
Secretary