**CLARK COUNTY 4-H LEADERS FEDERATION**

**April 14, 2025**

**7 PM – Loyal City Hall**

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**Attendance - Board:** Sheri Jacque (Reseburg Ramblers), Alan Buchholz, John Brost (Chili), Rachel Brost (Chili), Nikki Rueth (Loyal Lads & Lassies), Lori Hendrickson, Ella Raatz (Maplewood Badgers), Jarrett Rueth, Jillian Rueth, Zach Magnus

**Absent:** Jacob Raatz, Raiden Jacque

**Attendance - Leaders:** Julie Wendler (Woodgrove Workers), Trasi Wissell (Reseburg Ramblers), Candy Turnquist (Rock Creek Rangers), Susan & Joseph Stiemann (Lucky Clovers), Wendy Lambrecht (Loyal Lads & Lassies), Ashley Klimpke (Town & Country Clovers), Brittney Lowry (Happy Valley), Kelli Elmhorst (Romadka), Stacy Mathis (Neillsville Lights)

**Attendance - Other:** Seth Harrmann, Benjamin and Diane Beels

**Secretary’s Report:** Secretary’s report was read. Julie made a motion to approve as read; Brittney seconded.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer’s report was reviewed. Brittney made a motion to approve; Jarrett seconded.

**Club Reports:** Each club leader told about something positive their club has done recently.

**Educator Activity:** Seth gave handouts “What is Leadership” and “Leadership Characteristics” followed by a group activity identifying what kind of leader each person was.

**Unfinished Business:**

Experience Scholarships/American Spirit: One of the scholarship candidates was to have their interview prior to tonight’s meeting so we could discuss it. However the candidate cancelled shortly before the scheduled time. They were offered to reschedule but the candidate would not set a time. Brittney made a motion: Due to the lack of communication and short notice of the cancellation, the scholarship will not be awarded to this candidate. Kelly seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

National Shooting Sports: Ben Beels approached the Leaders Federation requesting some type of scholarship/reimbursement to help cover the expenses for this event which will be held June 22-26 in Nebraska. Ben talked about what he did to become a qualifier and what his expenses would include. An estimate of his expenses is $1437.97. The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will cover $200 to be put towards his registration fee. Julie made a motion to fund ⅓ of the costs. Brittney seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Ben was reminded that he would need to work an additional shift at the food stand as all other scholarship recipients do and that his reimbursement will be given once this is completed following the fair.

Volleyball Recap: Alan and Lori put together a simple food stand for the tournament. Trasi reported that all went well and was wrapped up by 4:15. There were 17 teams and holding this on one day seemed to work out well. It was suggested that the C teams only play each other one time as they get tired quickly. Referees will need to review the rules prior to the beginning of the tournament and a suggestion was made to have a separate copy of the rules for the A team, B team, and C teams to help prevent further confusion. It was also noted to be added to the rules that kids can not bounce from team to team. They need to stay on one team.

Performance Arts: Seth stated that awards will be presented differently next year. A leader stated that one parent felt one of the judges was a bit critical of the youth.

Tubing 2026: Lori will contact Bruce Mound and see if we can schedule this event for January 10th from 5 - 9PM. A possible potluck was mentioned.

Family Fun Day Updates: Rachel said the kickball tournament will be on July 26th. She will be checking with Bill regarding a concessions stand. If the Lions are unable, Rachel and John will put this together again. Sheri will be contacting the City of Thorp to discuss using the swimming pool for a summer get together. More information will follow for both events.

Green Thumb Challenge: A handout was available. It was noted that the email confirmation portion needs to be removed. Seth will have a reference map indicating possible spots for the planters on the fairgrounds. He will get this out to clubs.

College Scholarships: Three scholarship applications have been submitted. Rachel and Nikki will review them and proceed as necessary.

State Fair Invoice: Lori asked Seth about this invoice and Seth said that it has been taken care of.

Rabbit Breeder Association: Alan reported hearing nothing back regarding this at this time.

**New Business**

Nominations for the WI 4-H Hall of Fame: Information about nominations should be given to Seth.

Pumpkin Seed Donations: Sheri stated that “Grandpa Jerry” has donated seeds to every 4-H family in the county. Leaders were given packets of seeds to be handed out to their 4-H families. Families are encouraged to plant the seeds and enter their pumpkins in the upcoming fair.

“At Need” Scholarship: Seth informed the group about a youth that is new to the area, who is not enrolled in 4-H at this time but may be later, that will be attending the Summer Academy in Madison in June. The UW will be paying for the youth to attend but is asking the Leaders Federation to contribute some money towards this. Lori made a motion that the UW pay the bill in full and *IF* the youth enrolls in 4-H, then the Leaders Federation will contribute. John seconded the motion. There was much discussion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Any Other Business: Lori has received the contract for $250 for the foodstand. Ella made a motion to pay the vendor contract fee. Jillian seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

**General Updates**

Livestock: Ella reported that dairy will either need to take a picture of their animal or use an “840” tag this year. Candy noted that the sheep and goat weigh in will be May 10th at Tom Meyer’s farm. The newsletter lists dates of the upcoming educational sessions. Set up for the hogs, beef, and sheep will be July 31st. Take down for sheep will be August 10th. Beef and swine take down will be August 11th. The rabbits will have new cages this year. There will be cement in the rabbit barn. The sheep will have their own wash rack this year.

Cloverbud Camp: Seth reported that this camp will be held July 8-10. The 8th will be at Sunset Pines, the 9th will be at Wells Farm in Owen, and the 10th will be at Fannie’s Supper Club.

The next Leaders Federation meeting will be May 12th, at 7 PM at the ADS building in Greenwood. Lori will reserve the building and Alan will get the key.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rachel with a second by Ella. A vote was taken and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Sheri Jacque