**CLARK COUNTY 4-H LEADER’S FEDERATION**

**ALL LEADERS MEETING**

**July 14, 2025**

**7 PM – Loyal City Hall**

**DRAFT**

**Attendance:** Lori Hendrickson, Sheri Jacque (Reseburg Ramblers), Alan Buchholz, Rachel Brost (Chili), John Brost (Chili), Nikki Rueth (Loyal Lads & Lassies), Jillian Rueth, Raiden Jacque, Bekah Dorwaldt (Rock Creek Rangers), Krista Goessl (Woodgrove Workers), Jennie Whitmire (Reseburg Ramblers), Wendy Lambrecht (Loyal Lads & Lassies), Aubrey Lambrecht, Brittney Lowry (Happy Valley), Kelli Elmhorst (Romadka), Susan Steiman (Lucky Clovers), Cindy Kolzow (Maple Wood Badgers), Seth Harmann, Sierra Bakke

**Absent:** Zach Magnus, Jarrett Rueth, Ella Raatz, Jacob Raatz, Town & Country Clovers, Neillsville Lights

**Introductions:** Each person was asked to state their name, their club, and something fun their club has done or is planning.

**Secretary’s Report:** The secretary’s report was read. Wendy noted that the scholarship payment deadline is July 15th, not the 1st as read. Brittney approved the minutes with the correction made; Nikki 2nd the motion.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The treasurer’s report was reviewed. Rachel approved the report; John 2nd the motion.

**Educators Report:**

Welcome: Seth introduced Sierra Bakke as this summer’s extension intern. Sierra is funded through Americorp.

Senior Graduation at the Fair: A program introducing those 4-H members who are graduating out of 4-H this year will be held on Sunday during the fair from 12:00-1:00. RSVPs will be sent to those members with a due date of July 28th. Seth reported that emails have been sent out with a very poor response collected. It was noted from members that not all youth received an email.

Base & Outpost Camps: Jillian reported that everything went well at camp. All cabins were full of campers. Aubrey stated she was a bit nervous being a first time counselor but she had a really good time.

Cloverbud Camp: Jillian reported that it went well. There were 14 participants on the first day, 11 on the second, and 9 on the third. Sheri asked why the camp costs $25 a day (for a family with 2 participants going 2 days the cost is $100). Seth stated the cost covers food and supplies. Sheri suggested that perhaps next year the board could fund part of the camp so the cost is lower for the families.

Annual Financial Reports: Seth reminded leaders that these are due Monday, September 1st.

Policy Updates: Seth handed out information about new UW policies and highlighted information including volunteers and youth who have families in two different counties with the youth living in both counties. Cindy explained the DATCP regulations regarding showing at both fairs.

**Unfinished Business:**

College Scholarships: High school presentations went well. A thank you was received from Jarrett Rueth.

Family Fun Days: 1 - Kickball will be on Saturday, July 26th beginning at 9:00 in Willard. Rachel and John will supply hotdogs, chips and water. This will be open to 4-H families and friends. 2 - Thorp Swim Event will be on Sunday, August 24th from 6 to 8 PM. Leaders Federation will supply the plates, napkins, hotdogs, buns, and water. Families are welcome to bring a treat to share. 3 - Fall Family Fun Day will be on Sunday, September 14 at the Penterman Farm Corn Maze from 1 to 3 PM. There will be no educational stations. Jillian will set up a fun activity for those who go through the maze. She will need another adult to help.

Green Thumb Challenge: There will be no map for planter placements. Clubs are asked to put their planter wherever they see a need.

Record Book Forms: These were available on a clipboard at the meeting.

American Spirit Trip: Aubrey gave a report about her trip, what she saw and what she learned. She thanked the Federation for their support.

Self Funded: Lori reported that the self funded horse project has an expense that she will be paying out to them.

April 1st Deadline: Bekah asked why there is an April 1st deadline for re-enrolling. Discussion followed. It was confirmed that to re-enroll in Clark County 4-H, a person must do so by November 1st in order to participate in 4-H activities per state guidelines and insurance. New families can sign up anytime. Seth will get this information out to all current 4-H families.

**New Business:**

Fairgrounds Clean Up Event: Zach and Sierra have been working together on this event. Sierra reported that this will be on August 2nd following the grounds clean up. There will be obstacles and fun things to complete. Lemonade and a snack will be available. This is open to ALL who participate in cleaning up the fairgrounds.

Foodstand: Alan reported that things will run basically the same as last year. At this point, more people are needed to sign up for shifts. Splitting shifts for younger members was discussed. A new Philly Cheese Steak sandwich will be available. This will be made from the meat that was donated last year by Northside Elevator. Giving free ice pops to kids following their shift was suggested as an incentive.

Reimbursement Forms: Discussion focused on requiring a signature for those who received a college, state dairy, or experience scholarship. Cindy suggested keeping the process the same as in previous years as it has always worked out well. This form is required as part of the bookkeeping for documentation should we get audited. It was decided that there will now be one form which ALL scholarship recipients will need to have signed and handed in for anyone asking for reimbursement.

Parking Passes: Brittney reminded leaders that parking passes for the Living Hope Church parking lot are still available. They are $20. Contact Brittney or Sheri to get a pass.

Basket Raffle: Each club (including FFA) is asked to do a basket for the raffle to benefit the entire fairgrounds. Brittney is asking for a picture of the basket by the end of July so they can be promoted. Slots are still available to sign up to work as well. She will be making a SignUp Genius.

State Fair Projects: Jennie asked if anyone was able to take down a project which one of her club members had for the state fair. It must be there by July 22nd. Seth will take the project back to the extension office and see if someone from Wood County is able to take it down. If not, Jennie will find a way to get it to the state fair. Wendy also has a project and this will be included as well.

Trip Payments: Lori reminded leaders that payments for trips are due in full by July 15th.

Bidder Letters: Lori stated that bidder letters will be going out on Friday.

Budget: Lori, Alan, John and Nikki will meet on Thursday, July 24th at 6 PM at Lori’s home to work on the next budget.

Fair Tags: Kathy Nigon will have fair project tags available next week.

Herdsmanship: Brittney reported that Herdsmanship will once again take place this year. She is working on getting this put together. Leaders felt it was an important aspect of the fair for youth to take pride in their animals and to keep things neat and clean.

Clean Up Schedule: Brittney noted that in past years, clubs had been assigned an area to clean up around the fairgrounds (i.e, ramps to dairy showering, milking parlor, etc). She will be putting this together again and clubs will be assigned a day, time, and place to assist with keeping the grounds during the fair to help it look nice.

State Fair Trip: Sheri announced that the Reseburg Ramblers trip to the State Fair has been cancelled.

There will be no meeting in August.

John made a motion to adjourn at 9:00; Raiden 2nd the motion. A vote was taken - meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Sheri Jacque