

La Crosse County 4-H Parents and Leaders Association Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Virtual via Zoom

Present: Heidi Groth, Emily Crook, Kirsten Harris, Jeff Janvrin, Peggy Maricle, Linda Saley, Corey Sjoquist, Sue Kramer, Tom Fechner

6:45 Open Forum: None

Call to order: 7:00pm

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Secretary's Report: January's Secretary's Report was shared via email. Motion to approve was made by Corey, seconded by Linda. Approved

Treasurer's Report: January's Treasurer's Report was shared by Linda. Motion to approve was made by Sue, seconded by Peggy. Approved

Emily stated that the Blue Ribbon Bunnies will not be a chartered group so their funds need to be dealt with.

Corey made a motion to close the Blue Ribbon Bunnies account and transfer the funds to the Small Animal Barn fund. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Extension Office Update and Report: by Emily

WI Shooting Sports Update:

There was an Informal Zoom meeting by the State Specialists and they discussed restrictions and program details. The meeting was recorded and the recording will be posted when it is available. Details about current restrictions will be in the later part of the video/meeting.

Jeff noted that the Pellet Rifle program will be difficult to offer this year due to social distancing.

Volunteer Development Committee:

This is a new Statewide committee that Emily will co-chair. She will be looking for questions from volunteers in what would be helpful for them within their role. They are also looking at offering new training/orientations for new volunteers to simplify things and help new volunteers get the information they are needing.

Clover College Update:

Clover College classes are listed in the February Cloverline. There are fewer class offerings this year and they will all be offered virtually.

Expressive Arts Update:

Emily needs some help with the Expressive Arts Fest this year. She will be reaching out to the committee members to help determine the details. Since it is probable that there will be a fair this year, she would like to be able to at least hold the Demonstrations portion of the festival. It was also mentioned that it could be possible to hold some of the

Speaking events in small group format or virtually. It is likely that it will be pushed back to an April or May timeframe

Agricultural Society Rep. Report: No Report

Ambassadors Report:

The Ambassadors next meeting will be in March and they will determine the winners for the "What I love about 4-H" Door decorating contest.

Unfinished Business:

2021 Committees and Assignments:

We still need volunteers for the Promotions/Marketing Committee. Emily and Heidi will be reaching out to those who have not yet signed up for any committees to fill in where they are needed. The full committee lists will be shared at the March meeting. It was noted that these committees are also open to all club and project leaders.

New Business:

Scholarship update:

\$300 in funds were returned to our account because the scholarship check for Gretchen Kelley from this fall wasn't cashed within the 90 day period. It has been decided that it will be left as is unless we hear from Gretchen. This is the first time we have had this happen but there was discussion about better ways to disperse scholarship funds in the future.

It was decided that future scholarship recipients will receive a note explaining that they will not receive a physical check. To receive their scholarship funds, they need to submit their 1st semester schedule along with a student ID. The check will be sent directly to the school and designated for them.

Community Foundation funds:

Linda received a letter about 2021 funds dispersals. We have the option to request our \$1000 (in full or in partial) or to roll the funds over. We have until December 10, 2021 to question the funds. It was decided to wait until May to discuss it further once we have our budget for the year and when we know more about what activities may or may not be happening this coming summer.

New Livestock Committee funds:

Jenny Wright contacted Linda because they haven't received their funds. Linda explained that she was never given contact information for who/where to send the funds. Jenny gave her their treasurer's name and information and Linda sent him the check.

Paul Kramer memorial:

Carly Scriver contacted the Leaders Board asking if we will be continuing to sponsor the Garden Box Awards for the Junior and Senior division at the fair. We discussed and determined that the original memorial funds that were donated in Paul Kramer's honor have been depleted.

Tom made a motion to rename it the 4-H Memorial Garden Box Award and continue funding a Junior and Senior award in the amount of \$5 each. Jeff seconded the motion and the motion passed.

It was noted that if we receive undesignated memorials in the future, we will consider putting them towards these awards.

Outreach/Updates to clubs:

It was announced that Leader's Board Representatives will be responsible for reaching out to the club/project leaders in their designated areas, letting them know that they are their representatives and giving them support and determining if they have any current needs. They should plan to contact them regularly (perhaps the beginning and end of the year) for clubs and chartered projects and simply reaching out to the unchartered projects.

Additional announcement from Emily:

Since she had additional funds available, she decided to purchase the domain name: lacrossecounty4h.org. This greatly simplifies our web address and will be used on future publications and newsletters for promoting LaCrosse County 4-H and directing members to the site.

Interesting note: it is a mere \$14/yr and was an idea shared by other statewide 4-H personal.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 11th via Zoom.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Corey, seconded by Jeff. Motion was approved and meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm