

La Crosse County 4-H Parents and Leaders Association Board
March Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2021

Virtual via Zoom

Present: Kirsten Harris, Jeff Janvrin, Peggy Maricle, Linda Saley, Gretchen Heilman, Corey Sjoquist, Sue Kramer, Carolyn Christopherson, Tom Fechner, Emily Crook

6:45 Open Forum: None

Call to order: 7:04pm

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Secretary's Report: February's Secretary's Report was shared via email. Motion to approve was made by Jeff, seconded by Carolyn. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: February's Treasurer's Report was shared via email. Motion to approve was made by Carolyn, seconded by Corey. Approved

Extension Office Update and Report: by Emily

Program Restrictions Update:

The Leader's Board can meet in person next month! There will also be a Zoom link for anyone still wishing to join virtually.

Beginning April 1st: masks, distancing and no sharing are still required but groups can begin meeting with larger group limits. Groups of 20 or less will not be required to get approval for meeting. See the state website for full details.

Emily is working with Horse and Dog Projects for them to be able to offer their regular summer programming.

Foods and Clothing Revue are being scheduled and are expected to be the first county events to resume in their usual manor.

Expressive Arts Update:

Expressive Arts Fest is being planned as a hybrid event. Individual entries will be submitted by video with the opportunity to meet live on Zoom with judges for feedback. Group entries will be held in person at Myrick park. Emily needs volunteer judges (Gretchen volunteered to help judge.)

The top 2 entries in each group category will advance to an Area 13 Regional Competition being scheduled for the end of June at Norskedalen.

Summer Camp Update

Upham Woods is charging extra for less this year so it has been decided that we will not be working with them this year. The plan is to return next summer for camp.

Day Camps are being planned instead. They will be bus trips throughout Area 13 to explore the fun and beauty the surrounding counties have to offer.

There will also be the opportunity to join Outpost Camp with Monroe County.

Upcoming surveys

Emily will be sending out a survey to families via email and postcards seeking feedback about preferred methods of communications and thoughts about our current newsletters: the Cloverline and Clover Buddies.

The State will be conducting a survey using the Thrive model to ask about interests for our youth.

Agricultural Society Rep. Report: by Gretchen

The Ag Society is looking for clarifications about 4-H restriction and how that will affect fair planning. Emily will share updated changes as they are announced.

There is expected to be some sort of fair, looking more like normal, except 4-H specific events such as Clothing Revue, Drill Team, Archery Tournament, Food Stand, etc.

Questions were discussed about the possibility of 4-H specific events if they were to be moved to an outdoor arena.

Jeff explained that the Archery Tournament was still not likely due to the fact that there are no classes and safety sessions offered prior to the fair so they won't meet the safety requirements.

Gretchen shared information about the new Youth Livestock Committee's costs to participate in the livestock auction at the fair. Also that there was talk about wanting to change up the livestock show times. However the Ag Society has discussed that they aren't looking to make a lot of changes to the schedule this year due to all the new safety changes. Those changes will likely be looked at for next year.

Ambassadors Report

There isn't a lot to report for the Ambassadors. There is only one active Ambassador this year. Summer Maricle has been busy scrubbing the new 4-H website for bad links.

There is an Ambassador meeting scheduled for later this month. The plan is to discuss summer programming opportunities.

Unfinished Business:

Outreach/Updates to clubs

The goal is that the Leader Board representatives will reach out to at least one of their clubs per month to check in with them and see how things are going.

Corey reported that he reached out to several of his clubs. Some didn't have much to report but that they are looking forward to returning to meeting again. Barre Badgers has been enjoying the winter weather and has met outside for a cardboard sled event in January and a tubing event in February. Linda Saley shared that her club is planning a maple syrup event.

Scholarship Update

Emily reported that there were two scholarship applications received. She will be sharing those with the Scholarship Committee.

Another note, Gretchen Kelley recently cashed her scholarship check from last fall so that is now settled.

New Business:

Emily will be holding an online VIP training for volunteers on March 29th.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 8th at the Hamilton Town Hall and a Zoom link will be provided for anyone wishing to join virtually.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Linda, seconded by Gretchen. Motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.