

La Crosse County 4-H Parents and Leaders Association Board

Minutes

June 8, 2023– Hamilton Town Hall (Open Forum 6:45, Meeting 7:00 p.m.)

Open Forum: Groth Family, Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council presentation

Attendance: Linda Saley, Sue Kramer, Carolyn Christophersen, Mikayla Fechner, Tina Langrech , Rick Shisler, Stacey Sheffield, Pam Hoth, Shari Hegland; youth representative Mya Hoth; Emily Crook

Call to order: 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Secretary's Report: (correct name spelling: Steve Elsen); motion to approve by Carolyn, seconded by Rick; approved.

Treasurer's Report: May; motion to approve by Pam, seconded by Mikayla; approved.

Extension Office update and report:

- Summer Camp: Starts Sunday, June 11. Have just enough chaperones (needed special approval for Dustin Heitkamp because he is only 20). 23 youth attending.
- Wisconsin 4-H Summer Academy - 7 members going from La Crosse County; participation is getting back to pre-Covid levels.
- AFRs sent out to clubs/project leaders by both email and physical copies.
- 2023-2024 Event Calendar* reviewed up to January 2024 – need a date for Leader Holiday Party – need to check committee sign-ups to see who is on that committee for this year.

Agricultural Society Rep. Report: (Carolyn)

LYL: June 7 was last LYL meeting to meet requirements for fair. Fundraiser raised \$8,000; still have one gun left to sell/auction. The organization will also have money from working the June Dairy stand. A new vice president was elected.

Ag Society meeting May 28: Discussed getting parking lot done before fair. New screens in all the beef barns this year. Repairing the sidewalk between the dairy barns and beef barns. New website is up and running. Will have more security at the fair as requested by the carnival operator. The sheriff's department will be on site as available for visibility especially Friday and Saturday night; IDs will now be required at the beer tent.

4-H Ambassador Report: Next meeting July 30

- Last meeting (May) was canceled due to youth schedules at the end of the school year. Emily will meet with subcommittees prior to Day Camp.
- Outstanding Cloverbud Award Proposal was developed, including nomination forms and a rubric (*see additional pages attached for originals*). Club leaders would nominate or sign off if someone nominates themselves; up to two outstanding honorees to be recognized with "honorable mention" awards for all who qualify. Suggestions from the 4-H Leader's Board during June 8 discussion: Take out "paid dues to club" and substitute "shared a topic for a club activity or presentation." Change "new project" to "new interest." Add "Bring a friend/non-4-H member to a 4-H meeting." Prize will be a small trophy for outstanding and a ribbon for honorable mention.

Committee Reports:

- Tailgate Update (June 23): Rick will bring the float to the tailgate. Kristin checking on large size yard games.
- Food Stand/Fair Update: (Linda) SignUp Genius is out and live; Sue will check it on June 30. RV reserved from Pleasureland RV. They will bring it out and set it up; has water, AC, bed and table; they will take it back. Cost is \$675 plus processing fee - \$350 deposit due before set-up. An additional refundable \$750 deposit is required. Linda stated she would prefer to pay the full amount at one time. Carolyn moved that Linda pay the full amount at one time; seconded by Rick. Approved.
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Unfinished Business

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New Business:

- La Crosse 4-H Rep Swag discussion – Emily presented the idea of something the La Crosse County kids going to Summer Academy or other state/national events could carry or wear to represent the county. Carolyn moved to approve Emily ordering t-shirts for county 4-H members who attend state/national events in the 2023-24 4-H year, with the design to be created by the Ambassadors; Mikayla second. Approved.
- Male Chaperone discussion – have a very difficult time getting men to help out/chaperone for the camps. Ideas for recruiting more men are needed and welcomed.
- Vice President Appointment: Lynnette Berg confirmed she would be willing to serve as vice president the remainder of this year, along with the following offices of president and past president. Linda moved to appoint Lynnette Berg as vice president; seconded by Carolyn. Approved. (Dave Kuecker may be a candidate for the position in the next year.)

Future Agenda items:

- Review of By-Laws -- Have not been reviewed since 2016. We will place it on the August agenda. May need to consider adding a clause to allow the board to appoint an officer if no one has been nominated.

Next Meeting: August 10, 2023



OUTSTANDING CLOVERBUD AWARD

This award will be given annually to 4-H members in the La Crosse County 4-H program and is eligible for youth in the Cloverbud project (youth in grades K-2nd) for the current or completed school year. The following list serves as notification of qualifications and a resource towards completion.

Youth in Kindergarten, First or Second Grade are eligible for this award if they:

- Not miss more than three regularly scheduled meetings
- Know the 4-H Pledge
- Complete 1 of the following (please mark which is complete):
 - Participated in a club community service project
 - Submitted a record book to the County 4-H Office
- Complete 3 of the following (please mark which is complete):
 - Talked to club members about a 4-H activity I completed
 - Paid dues to my club
 - Assisted with set up/clean up for a club meeting
 - Gave a demonstration or presentation at a 4-H meeting. Topic: _____
 - Tried a new project in 4-H
- Complete 3 of the following (please mark which is complete):
 - Participated in Clover College
 - Participated in Expressive Arts Festival
 - Attended an Achievement Celebration
 - Entered a Cloverbud Exhibit at the La Crosse Interstate Fair.
Item Exhibited _____
 - Assisted with Fair Clean Up Day
 - Worked a shift at the 4-H Food Stand
 - Participated in any other county or state 4-H program. What program: _____

Please fill out the following:

Cloverbud Name: _____ **Club:** _____

Person Nominating: _____

Club Leader Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Application is due: August 31st annually.

La Crosse County 4-H Outstanding Cloverbud Award Rubric				
Qualifier	Excellent (4 points)	Good (3 points)	Fair (2 points)	Score
Attendance	Made all club meetings and events	Missed 3 or less club meetings or events	Missed more than 3 club meetings or events	
Know the 4-H Pledge	Can recite the Pledge with motions on their own with no assistance.	Can recite the Pledge with little assistance.	Can recite the Pledge but needs more assistance.	
Personal Involvement	Completed 1 or both and involved record book	Completed 1 and involved club community service	Uncomplete	
Club Involvement	Completed 3 or more including: set up/clean up of meetings and/or giving a demonstration or presentation.	Completed 3 or more including: talked to club members and/or tried a new project.	Completed less than 3 of the qualifiers.	
County Involvement	Completed 3 or more including: Expressive Arts, Achievement Celebration, Other State/county program.	Completed 3 or more including: Clover College, Food Stand, Fair Clean Up	Completed less than 3 of the qualifiers	
			Total Score:	