

La Crosse County 4-H Parents and Leaders Association Board

Minutes

May 11, 2023– Hamilton Town Hall (Open Forum 6:45, Meeting 7:00 p.m.)

Open Forum: Emmett Crammond - Space Camp Presentation

Attendance: Rick Shisler, Tina Langrehr, Linda Saley, Carolyn Christopherson , Nancy Wakefield, Stacey Sheffield, Mikayla Fechner, Sue Kramer, Pam Hoth; youth representatives: Ruth Roths and Mya Hoth; Emily Crook

Call to order: 6:55

Approval of Agenda: Carolyn, Nancy - approved

Secretary's Report*: Corrections (corrected Linda's name spelling; minor corrections to unfinished and new business) – Linda (with corrections), Carolyn - approved

Treasurer's Report*: April – Mikayla, Rick - approved

Extension Office update and report:

- Summer Camp Updates: Almost 30 campers going (22 youth + 3 counselors and 4 chaperones)
- Fair Plans – No dairy breakfast in June, but clothing and food review are in June, along with a tailgate as prefair events. Emily will be at the fair every day. Ambassadors are putting together a Goosechase event to help people learn about 4-H and the fair, get photos from the fair.
- Fall Plans – Planning to have a “club in a classroom” this fall in a second grade class at North Side elementary. Once a week. Will work like a club, but without a financial account. Will get to choose some of what they will do, and then hope they can exhibit at the fair in 2024.
- Meeting with Mississippi Mud to work on a recruitment strategy, as their current youngest member is in 5th grade to try to get younger families. Also want to try to grow La Crosse membership.
- Craft show will be happening; OmniCenter as the likely location.
- Working with Steve Elsen on a training in the La Crosse area for shooting sports volunteers (for outside county also) – Dec 2 at the armory (tentative)

Agricultural Society Rep. Report:

Carolyn: She attended the LYL meeting but did not attend the fundraiser.

Ag society: There are plans to redo the parking lot at the fairgrounds. Will look at bids at the next meeting.

Will not be any concerts on the racetrack. Race Wednesday, drag races Thursday.

Speaker systems are being checked and will be maintained.

Security will be hired this year, as requested by the carnival.

Fairbooks are done and ready to pick up (\$5 each; each club gets one free).

Fairest of the Fair contest is Saturday.

4-H Ambassador Report: Next meeting May 21st

- Discussed day camp
- Voted on t-shirt design
- Talked about summer events

- Activity was paper quilling
- Cloverbud award – will be a draft for ambassadors to review in May, and then to the leaders' board in June

Committee Reports:

- Budget Committee (Linda/Pam/Kristen): 2022-23 actual income was higher than budgeted, so increased several of those slightly in the 2023-24 budget (food stand, fair pancake breakfast, Oktoberfest race breakfast). A few line items were increased slightly
- Tailgate Update – June 23 – Rick would take the float to the tailgate; Linda will order ice cream to have available. Fair mentor program to match families ... tailgate can be an opportunity for those families to meet up.
- Food stand/Fair Update: (Linda) – Met with clubs, Sue will be doing the SignUp Genius; have a club for every shift (only the three smallest clubs didn't sign up – but they may be able to help together with another small club). Will come out June 1 – sign up through June 30. Jamie will still be helping with the fair. Linda has sent bids out to various vendors, now waiting to see how bids come back. Hope to not have too many changes so they can still use the same menus for the next 1-2 years. Refrigerated trailer is contracted, plus a trailer for bread and watermelon. Kwik Trip donates a lot of water, soda, juice, milk and ice.
- Float – banners have been purchased and look good; plan is to hopefully have it done in May and ready for June Dairy Days

Unfinished Business

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New Business:

- **2023-2024 Budget*** - Carolyn, Rick (as presented) - approved
- **Goat Funding Request*** - Shari, Pam – approved (for the \$150 requested)
- **I Dare You Scholarship Adjustment Request*** - Leadership conference in Michigan; our scholarship policy is that we would reimburse a percentage of the fee. The member received a scholarship to cover the fee, but is requesting assistance for transportation to the conference. Approved \$305 in transportation costs in lieu of registration. Will be given as a reimbursement after she presents to the leaders' board.

Future Agenda items:

- Cloverbud award
- Adjourn: Carolyn, Nancy

Next Meeting: June 8, 2023

***Attached**