

La Crosse County 4-H Parents and Leaders Association Board

Minutes

August 10, 2023– Hamilton Town Hall

Open Forum: David Elsen, Adela Piggush, Wes Ranis, Scot and Katelyn Halverson presented about spring and summer trips to Space Camp, Summer Academy, and the American Spirit Experience.

Attendance: board members Mikayla Fechner, Carolyn Christopherson, Linda Saley, Shari Hegland, Pam Hoth, Stacy Sheffield, Kirsten Harris, Sue Kramer, Tina Langrehr, Lynette Berg; Emily Crook, extension advisor; Mya Hoth and Ruth Roths, 4-H ambassador representatives.

Call to order: 7:15 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Carolyn moved; Mikayla second; passed.

Secretary's Report*: June – Linda moved; Carolyn second; passed.

Treasurer's Report*: June (Carolyn moved, Sue second, passed) & July (Mikayla moved, Pam second, passed)

Extension Office update and report:

- 2023-2024 Leader List updates –several clubs have or are seeking new leaders, including Barre Badgers (Kirsten Harris and daughter), Brown's Valley (new leader in place), Mississippi Mud (working on a recruitment event); and Lucky Lakers (Emily's family will join and she will be working with the club to find new leaders).
- Statewide 4-H training updates – If volunteers have already completed other training, this year they need only a 10-minute computer Title IX training; new leaders will still need Building Safe Spaces, Mandated Reporter and another online training in two parts (Grow Green and role-specific), plus background checks. Need to get enrollment done ASAP after Sept. 1. Members who are not re-enrolled by December will not get the January Cloverline newsletter.
- 4-H Recruitment plans/updates
 - Neighborhood Night Out – Kirsten hosted a booth for West Salem's National Night Out event; she used the new banner and had brochures and small items to give out. Youth from her club helped, which was more engaging. Emily has had emails directly as a result.
 - Gathering planned with Mississippi Mud kids to have them bring animals, with invitations going to students from La Crosse's south side schools.
 - There will be about 50 second graders joining through Northside Elementary (as two clubs) doing 4-H in the School; Emily hopes to transition it into clubs that meet in that area.
- Annual Financial Report (AFR) & Charter reminder – AFR is due Sept. 1. For our group's charter, we need SMART goals. Can talk about it at the next meeting.

Agricultural Society Rep. Report:

Fair went well overall. Superintendent appreciation night Aug. 22 at 6 p.m. with a small meal. Auction went OK, but none of the kids have received their checks; deadline is later in August to have written a thank you note or a letter saying the buyer received it.

4-H Ambassador Report:

- July 30th meeting canceled - Emily had a family emergency

- Aug 2 Day Camp canceled - only 2 signed up
- Next meeting: Aug 20, 6pm (will return to 4th week for September meeting)

Committee Reports:

- Fair report & discussion – Ambassadors’ Goose Chase – had 27 teams do it; 7 that answered all of the questions.
- Food Stand – between \$49,000 and \$50,000 in income; bills paid so far of \$25,000 (two still outstanding – one will be close to \$5,000, and one other is being disputed). Earning half is a good goal. Have 50 brats and 30 lbs of barbecue/chili left for October food stand. Linda will order hot dogs; she has eggs in freezer from Monroe County breakfast that are OK to use (but will need to supplement). Will need to purchase buns and bread, some pop and juice.
Need to determine from Ag Society if they will pay for half of supplies up front (~\$500) and then split all proceeds. Or to have the value taken out of their share after the October 5-8 stand (open Thursday 11-3, Friday and Saturday 8-3; pancake breakfast Sunday, Oct. 8). Ag Society works Friday; 4-H works Saturday.
- Nominations Committee – no one had signed up
 - Review of Terms – Linda will be up as treasurer; Rick, Pam and Mikayla (all first term – can choose to do a second term or not (please suggest another person if choosing to drop off).
 - Needed nominations – Dave Kuecker is interested in VP for coming year.

Unfinished Business

- Float has been finished; receipts submitted to Linda. Pam Hoth and the Bores family have updated the carpeting, lattice, rope lighting, banners and tools for the tool box. PVC pipe for the banners for winter storage. Will be used at Bangor Fun Days; possibly Kornfest. Carolyn will connect with the Ag Society for winter storage.

New Business:

- Review of By-Laws* -

Need to add language to Section 7 to the effect of allowing the President and board to appoint a member when there are none presented for election (to potentially include a member who has already served two terms in that office without taking a year off before returning to the board).

Proposed changes must be published 21 days prior to the meeting and can be voted on by all enrolled members or volunteers; will publish in the September Cloverline and then delay our vote to the October meeting in order to meet the 21-day requirement. Those wishing to vote MUST be re-enrolled by that meeting.

Future Agenda items:

- Lynette presented the question of how to bring all information together from the various entities involved in 4-H and the fair to make it simpler for families (4-H registration; individual project info – especially for livestock; fair board/ag society); Kirsten – could the club leaders work on something. Emily can only do 4-H.

Adjourn: Linda moved, Mikayla second, passed.

Next Meeting: September 14, 2023

***Attached**