

## **La Crosse County 4-H Parents and Leaders Association Board**

### **Minutes**

**October 12, 2023– Hamilton Town Hall (Open Forum 6:45, Meeting 7:00 p.m.)**

**Open Forum:** NA

**Attendance:** Tina Langrehr, Linda Saley, Sue Kramer, Shari Hegland, Carolyn Christopherson, Rick Shisler, Stacey Sheffield, Pam Hoth, Kirsten Harris; Emily Crook (extension educator); Ruth Roths and Mya Hoth (ambassadors)

**Call to order:** 7 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** approved with addition of summer camp reimbursement request (moved by Carolyn, seconded by Pam – approved)

**Secretary's Report\*:** September – moved by Sue, seconded by Carolyn - approved

**Treasurer's Report\*:** September – moved by Rick, seconded by Pam - approved

**Extension Office update and report:**

- Charter reminder – due in a couple weeks (survey portion of club plans, high risk activities, smart goals, etc.) – about 1/3 of clubs have completed them so far.
- Craft Fair – update – will be Saturday, have 10 different family/individual/clubs participating, 15 tables of items, in the banquet center at the art fair; Mississippi Mud also has a recruitment table for the club.
- Communications Workshop - Nov 18 – update – 2 registrations so far.
- Shooting Sports Certification Training – Dec. 2 – are hosting archery and air rifle training at the Onalaska Armory; open to other counties and in Minnesota.
- 2023-2024 Enrollment Report - as of today – 146 members approved (46 Cloverbuds); 15 approved volunteers, 23 in process. On par with 2019 members for this time of the year.
- ME forms summary – 9 were received from intended travelers (CWF, fall forum, summer camp counselor, National 4-H Congress, Space Camp, Summer Academy, American Spirit, possibly a foreign exchange, Arts Camp)
- Clover College classes coming up – let Emily know if you know people who would be willing to share their interests and teach a class.

**Agricultural Society Rep. Report:**

Carolyn: She wasn't able to attend LYL meeting.

Ag Society: tore down the horse stalls on Sept 30. Altra was at the fairgrounds as volunteers to paint fence around outdoor arena and one beef barn. Annual meeting will be Nov. 16, location TBD. Next meeting Oct. 24.

**4-H Ambassador Report: (by Emily)**

- Self-Awareness will be a focus for the program for the year. Started with an enneagram test but will be doing another soon. Exploring what those mean and how to explain your strengths and weaknesses.
- 3 new members
- Elections for the officers were held

### **Committee Reports:**

- Fair food stand (Linda): Weather was good all week. Income for fair \$49,263.18; expenses \$25,356.04; profit \$23,907.14 (with some supplies left over and used for Oktoberfest - \$315 value) -- \$24,222.14. The best profit from fair ever!
- Oktoberfest Races/Food Stand report (Linda): Thursday soup and sandwiches with 4 workers from 11-3; Friday French toast 112 meals, then soup and sandwiches until 2. Saturday scrambled eggs 60 lbs and soup and sandwiches – sold out breakfast both days. Balance should be about \$1,300+ (split with ag society). Pancake breakfast – deposits \$5,730.55. Expect about \$2,100 profit. 483 adults, 38 youth; plus the Lions members; 549 meals total. \$300 donation to the Lions for 2 grills at Oktoberfest, 1 grill at the fair.
- Achievement Celebration – have about 3 families signed up for 4-H 101; about 40 families for dinner; Oct. 26 (numbers by Oct. 18 for meals).
- Nominations – vice president Dave Keucker (?) – Shari to follow up with him; Pam Hoth (West Salem rep), Rick Schisler (Holmen/Mindoro rep) and Mikayla Fechner (at-large) are each eligible for re-election; Linda Saley’s term as treasurer is also set to expire (she can be reappointed through the bylaws changes approved under Unfinished Business). Election at the November meeting
- Holiday Party - Friend of 4-H – Greg Scriver and Kwik Trip, and Mark at Arrows in the Square; Honor Leader (one nomination received; usually give two) – Dec. 7 at Log Cabin in Bangor; last year was 3 meats at \$19.95/plate; this year – back to just 2 meats – chicken and meatballs, corn or green beans, dessert, relish tray, milk/coffee.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Vote on By-Laws Amendment – Shari, Carolyn – as presented in the Cloverline twice – to allow a member of the leaders’ board who has already served two consecutive terms to be appointed to a position if there are no nominees for that position on the board. See the September and October Cloverline for specific terminology and articles changed.

### **New Business:**

- Fair Resource Plan – on hold; information changes too frequently to be able to keep it up. Emily will send superintendent list out to leaders to help aid their members.
- Summer camp reimbursement request – Family who attended an open enrollment camp at Upham Wood when they couldn’t attend the 4-H camp week. Kirsten moved to reimburse \$75 per member for their open enrollment, with the understanding that it is a one-time disbursement and reflects the leaders’ board’s policy and the amount given to members attending our camp in 2023. Seconded by Carolyn. Approved.
- Small Animal Barn charter was dissolved – check brought in for \$6.96. Will be deposited into general funds.

### **Future Agenda items:**

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**Next Meeting: November 9, 2023**