

4H Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2023

Attendance – Becky Pfile; Stacci Blau; Chris Breneman; Jaclyn Stauffacher; Denice Mender; Pam Weisensel; Sheena Ringelstetter; Jennifer Tomlinson; Brenda & Al Murphy; Angie Choudoir; Tori Johnson along with her children, Seraphine and Cimmia (spelling may not be correct with their 2 names).

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm

Minutes from the Special Meeting held on June 11, 2023: Brenda Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and Sheena Ringelstetter provided a second to that motion. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report (See attached): Brenda Murphy motioned to approve the report and Sheena Ringelstetter provided a second to the motion. Motion passes.

Budget: Brenda Murphy made a motion to table this issue until the next meeting so that the Leader's Council can see a comparison of budgets from 2022, 2023 and 2023. Sheena Ringelstetter made a second to that motion. Motion passes.

Correspondence:

1) Thank you notes were signed by Leader's Council in regard to the variety of donations made for the fair. Thank you notes were received from a few scholarship recipients. Also, there were left-over photos from the fair that are available.

Club Sharing: Jaclyn Stauffacher's club had a club dinner and fair where they shared their fair projects with one another.

Pam Weisensel—their club participated in a pie social

Chris Breneman: their club made planters for the fair. Also, a member from their club made a mini library that was set up at the fair and remains set up on the block of the Admin. Building in Portage.

Jennifer Tomlinson: their club took their fair projects to a couple of nursing homes.

Dekolah Rocketeers has dissolved.

Committee Reports:

CC Fair Board Report: Al Murphy reporting. Please check the Columbia County Facebook page for results from the State Fair. If you would like to see changes or tweaks to the FB page, please contact Marianne McMillan by 10/01/23.

The Fair Board has been cooperating with the City of Portage so as to make improvements to the fairgrounds.

Marianne McMillan and Russ Shaw will both be retiring from the fair board after next years' fair. There has already been a replacement found for Russ Shaw with his position.

Jaclyn Stauffacher's daughter, Marin, is the fairest of the Fairs interested in visiting the various 4-H clubs so please do not hesitate to contact the 4-H office if. You would like Marin to visit your club meeting(s).

4H Ambassadors: No report as there are currently no members. New members welcome.

Horse: No report

Dog: In process of dissolving

Livestock: A meeting will be held in later September

Cloverbuds: No official leader at this time so Becky has been filling in.

Educator Report:

The closing date for the 2022-2023 4H year is August 31, 2023.

Record Books & Self Achievement Awards forms are due to the 4H office by 9/1/23

Annual Financial Reports are due to the 4H office by 9/1/23

Educational Travel Opportunities and Key Awards applications are due to the 4H office by 10/2/2, interviews tentatively scheduled for 10/17. Volunteers are needed to help with conducting interviews.

Club Charters due by 11/01/23

Please send any literature requests to Sarah Millard at the 4H office.

Cloverbud Leader packets are also available at the 4H office.

Unfinished Business:

Food Stand: Jennifer Tomlinson was super awesome at working as the Coordinator for the 4H Stand. She has created a binder that will provide much information to future Coordinators. This position remains unfilled for next year. The 2-hour time slots for clubs seem to work best.

Platbooks: The cost of these books has increased by \$1.00. Plat books have always been an easy fundraiser for the Leader's Association but in time...there may need to be another fundraiser or a supplemental fundraiser idea since many people view the book online. There was a request made to Becky in that she find out how many books are

still in circulation and how fast the supply is sold. Any additional details will be tabled for the next meeting.

New Business:

Plan for Calendar of Events:

- September: VIP in person training on September 19th in the evening
- October: Wizarding World of 4H Cloverbud virtual series to be held on Thursday in October —6pm
Club officer training-tentatively set for Saturday, October 14th
- November: Fall Forum-November 4-5 Green Lake Conference Center
New Family Meet and Greet (tentatively set for Saturday, November 11th)
Arts Camp—November 17-19 at Upham Woods for 6-8th graders
Wreath Making-No date set yet

December has no activities yet set

- January: Super Saturday with Sauk County (no date yet set)
- February: No activities yet set
- March: Art Beat-March 15-17 at Upham Woods—3rd-5th Graders
- April and May: No activities yet set
- June: Tri-County 4H Camp at Camp Lakota (no date yet set)
- July: No activities yet set
- August: Cloverbud Day Camp at Mackenzie Center (no date yet set)

Dates for Leader Council Meetings in next 4H year: (Starting at 6:30 and are usually held at the Administration Building in Portage)

October 26

January 25

February 22

April 25

June 27

August 22

Friends of 4H Nominations:

Gail Schneider as Volunteer of 4H) with her photography at the fair

Friends of 4H to be split between the Heinze Farm; Wells Farm; and Englewood Grass Fed Beef

Brenda made a motion for these 2 nominations and Jaclyn Stauffacher made a second. Motion passes.

On the weekend of September 23rd, there will be a poultry show at the Fairgrounds. It was suggested to explore the possibility of opening the Food Stand and sell a couple of items, such as walking tacos and malts for this event as a fundraiser. If successful, the stand could be used more often for these type of shows. Jaclyn Stauffacher made a motion to explore this option further and Brenda Murphy made a second. Motion passes.

President Jen Martens and Secretary Stacci Blau will be stepping down from Leader's Council. Stacci's final meeting will be Thursday, September 28. Jen was not here to confirm her final meeting date.

Next Meeting: September 28th at HHS Building in Portage at 6:30