

## **Columbia County 4-H Leader's Association – Meeting Minutes**

**January 23, 2025**

Meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by President Brenda Murphy.

Introduction were shared.

Roll Call: Angie Choudoir, Sheen Ringelstetter, Katie Taylor, Jared Gehling, Michelle Tranel, Tricia Cox, Becky Pfile, Damon Pfile, Bailey Curtis, Brenda Murphy, Pam Weisensel, Stormy Hovey

Open Floor: None

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda: None

Minutes from previous meeting: Meeting minutes were shared electronically and by paper copy. Sheena Ringelstetter made a motion to approve the secretary's report as written. Jared Gehling seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Report was shared electronically and by paper copy. Angie Choudoir made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Michelle Tranel seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Club Sharing:

- SCWW – Communication Arts night was held at the January club meeting.
- NS – The club decorated at the park for Christmas and had a craft night at the December meeting.
- ND – The club made Valentine's cards for the Heritage House.
- RR – Becky visited a club meeting. The club decorated gingerbread houses, held a food drive, and had chickens & lambs visit the meeting.
- APP – The club held a dessert challenge, curling activity, hot cocoa bar, cookie exchange, and went ice skating. The card party fundraiser is coming up soon.
- LC – The club had their banquet, played bingo, held a gift exchange, and made paper snowflakes.

Committee & Group Reports:

- Ambassadors – The Winter Day in the Woods was held January 11<sup>th</sup>. Activities included hot cocoa bombs, outdoor survival skills, and broomball. The event had sixty-seven participants and was well received.
- Rabbit – The first project meeting of the year was held last night in Wyocena. Topics covered included fur types and rabbit trivia. There is interest in having a fun show. Brenda is working on planning.
- Poultry – WI International Poultry Show having a summer picnic at Carl's on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in June. They also plan to have their show in Portage again in September. Carl plans to have a project meeting.

- Horse – Tricia Cox is the new leader. The first meeting is next week in Rio.
- Dog – The fair board is acquiring new show rings. The city rec department is allowing use of the fairgrounds for dog training (12 weeks) but may need to get additional insurance. Training will be on Mondays starting April 21<sup>st</sup> from 6pm – 8pm. Bailey to meet with Mari to plan. They currently have sixteen youth enrolled in the dog project. Bailey is working on grants to fund new mats.
- Livestock – The Weigh-In is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> (no pigs). Alternatively, pictures with identification can be sent to Marianne by the same date. There is planning for a remote buyer option at the auction. Tuesday night will remain the check in for Swine. They are looking into whether 840 tags are needed for steers. Sign up for sale was tabled to next month. The committee is trying to get shirt sizes ahead of time for better planning purposes.
- Cloverbuds – A spring virtual series planned for Tuesdays in April.
- Col Co Fair Board – They are still looking for a Sunday grandstand event. They are adding three more seats to the fair board. The Fairest basket did well at the convention auction. There is a plan to start a Fairest of the Fair FB page.
- Record Book Committee – No update.
- AmeriCorps – Bailey participated in the Poynette parade in December. She has been visiting the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class in Portage. She is starting to meet with the Boys & Girls club next week and subsequently e/o Thursday. She has additional events planned at the Cambria Library, Poynette Library – homeschool families, and the Portage Curling Club. Bailey designed and shared new brochures.
- Food Stand – The first committee meeting was held (virtually). There is a need to purchase new freezer. The committee is creating a plan for purchasing. We have agreed to provide food (breakfast & lunch) for International Poultry Show in September. The Lodi club purchased a frosty machine for food stand use.

#### Educator Report:

- The Ambassador's 4-H Expo has only three participants and one booth signed up. The ambassadors are meeting Sunday to decide Go/No-Go on the event.
- Club Visits – Becky is continuing to visit a meeting for each club.
- Tri-County Camp – Counselors are needed.
- New Club Kits are available for each club.
- Becky shared an inventory of items available at the county for club use.
- Super Saturday is January 25<sup>th</sup> in Sauk County.

Unfinished Business: Update on Insurance Policies – Horse club covered in the current insurance policy at a slightly higher rate. Enrollment does not justify billing horse club separately currently. Clarification that food stand insurance is not double coverage. A refund is pending due to lower enrollment numbers.

New Business: None

Adjourn: Jared Gehling made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm. Katie Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed.