

Pennington County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting
Sept. 10, 2019 – 6:30PM
Walter Taylor 4-H Building

- I. **Call to Order** - Melanie Rausch (President) called the meeting to order at 6:43pm MST
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge** – led by Melanie Rausch
Introductions – Roll Call Regina Bakley (Pennington County 4-H Youth Advisor), Melanie Rausch (President), Christina Dehn (Vice President), Cheri DeLong (Treasurer), Trisha Miller (Secretary; also leader of Rushmore Riders & Explorers), Kim Suckow (Pennington County 4-H Office Assistant; also Rushmore Riders & Explorers), Leisa James (leader of Black Hills Home Explorers), and Jacob Rausch (parent).
- III. **Secretary’s Report – Minutes of Last Meeting** DeLong motioned to approve the July 9, 2019 minutes as is. Dehn seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **Treasurer’s Report** DeLong reviewed account balances, with current balance at \$71,299.67, with a remaining 2018-19 budgeted amount remaining of \$5,718.13. The outstanding check total is \$944.98.
- V. **Committee Reports**
 - 50/50 – Sales were significantly lower this year. Suckow reported this was likely influenced by overall lower attendance numbers at grand stand events as well as the overall fair. Jacob Rausch also pointed out cattle prices this year likely influenced spending of the primary-agricultural population attending grand stand events. Miller brought up concerns from club members about the ongoing difficulties filling volunteer slots for the 50/50 sales; several families suggest assigning clubs to slots to spread out the volunteerism. DeLong motioned to make clubs aware that volunteer shifts will be available by choice until a specified date, but if shifts are not all filled by that date, those clubs who have not signed up to volunteer will be randomly assigned to the remaining unfilled shifts. Miller seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously. Dehn added that independent members should also be encouraged to volunteer.
 - Workshops – Pie-making in November, led by Bakley; possibly a new officer training led by Junior Leaders, as Bakley is working on reviving this club.
 - Horse – no new business
- VI. **Unfinished Business**
 - Committee to update 2015 By Laws – Suckow, Dehn, and Miller will meet to do so after Western Jr. event
 - Achievement Days Review –
 - Miller requested advanced notice from office that tags will be scanned at check-in so will not have to be attached; after discussion,
 - State Fair Review
 - Bakley made aware all went well, nothing misplaced or broken in transport. She brought up that the number of educational displays may need to be limited for our county so we have a more varied display.
 - Pennington County did very well – primarily purple ribbons. Miller brought up continued desire for policy change to go back to requiring state fair exhibits to have received either a purple or blue ribbon at their county fair so exhibits at state fair are the “cream of the crop” being displayed.
 - Bakley shared an experience in which a family at State Fair had Lego figurines stolen, reiterating the need to advise families not to send particularly special or expensive items to state.
 - Recognition Event – Nov. 3rd – time and meal?
 - Time will be 2pm; with event and then meal to follow. Bakley suggested a “Nacho Average 4-H’ers” theme. Jacob Rausch brought up beef leftovers from Western Jr. could be used to make the taco meat. Discussion led to the suggestion for clubs to bring at least three dozen desserts, with clubs of bigger size memberships encouraged to bring more than that.
 - County 4-H T-shirts – Regina

- Bakley spoke w/ a local shop (“In Stitches”) and found out we are able to set up a “web store” so money would not be going in/out of our office, but will be exchanged directly through the store.

VII. New Business

- Western Junior Food Booth – Pies from Clubs?
 - Rausch brought up desire to get back area of Food Booth completely cleaned out due to sanitary concerns. Miller brought up possibility of expressing our concerns as a group to the Pennington County fair board in a formal letter; Miller agreed to draft a letter.
 - Discussed ways to ensure pies are brought in gradually throughout the week rather than all brought in at the end of the week, as occurred last year.
 - Suckow will compile numbers to determine how many pies are needed; Bakley and Suckow will come up with needed number of pies to be donated from clubs.
- Black Hills Area Community Foundation 501c3 use/process
 - Grant Request Policy provided tonight for review. Copy of grant application required of clubs planning to apply for grants. This policy will allow clubs to apply for grants that are for 501c3 entities. DeLong caught that clubs should allow the 4-H office two weeks’ time to provide approval and this should be added to the policy. Suckow suggested adding space for two leader approval signatures as well.
- Quick Club Guide Review – Kim
 - Cougars and Super Clovers
 - Lynn Soulek will be stepping down as leader of the Cougars club. We also have a leader vacancy for the Super Clovers club. Miller suggested contacting the individual who was spoken to during the fair in the 4-H building who is interested in volunteering with 4-H.
- Thank you’s to Judges
 - Individuals are needed to write out thank you’s to judges from achievement days. Rausch’s club (Folsom Pioneers) will volunteer to do so.

VIII. Announcements

- Open House: Tuesday, October 1st from 5:30-7pm. Clubs may set up on Monday, Sept. 30th – Key will be in the box.
 - Flyer is being sent out with children in the third and sixth grades in Rapid City schools the week prior to the event. Miller suggested adding an FAQ segment on our county 4-H website.
- Western Junior Food Booth October 9th – 12th.
 - All clubs should sign up for a shift. Rausch’s running the booth. James and Rausch will coordinate food purchasing, based on what is left over from Rabbit Show on Sunday prior to Western Jr.
- Garden Club
 - Jody Krogman resigned as leader of the club. Krogman still plans to be involved, but not as a leader.
- Leaders Training – Regina
 - Bakley plans to have a required leader’s training (not volunteers), with possible date in November; she is still planning this. May do a doodle poll to set date/time.
- Rush Game Dec. 14th – pregame TBD
 - Tickets will no longer be handled via the 4-H office. Instead, an online link will be utilized. The link should only go to 4-H families. No free food or extras will be included. There may be special activities or opportunities for 4-H families, with details currently being worked out.

- Many Projects in the Office for Volunteers
 - Wreath sales tasks, etc.
- Extension Advisory board Update
 - Sound System was approved and will be installed in both the Meeting Room and Auditorium

IX. Other Business

- Wreath Sales – Dehn motioned for Leader’s Association to purchase the same number of extra wreaths as were purchased last year (Suckow will check this); DeLong seconded this motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Miller questioned about getting the far wall cleaned up; Suckow stated Buildings and Grounds is in charge, awaiting what they plan to do.
- Term for Leader’s Association Treasurer will be up in November 2019; voting occurs for officers of Leader’s Association in November.

X. Adjournment

- Dehn motioned, James seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Rausch adjourned the meeting at 8:44pm.

Next Meeting(s):

- **October 15th, 2019 (Record Books)**
- **November 12, 2019**
- **January 14, 2020**