

Pennington County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting
September 22, 2021 – 6:30 pm in person and via zoom

- I. **Call to Order** – Rausch called meeting to order at 6:36pm MDT.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge** – Rausch children led the pledges.
- III. **Introductions – Roll Call:**
 - **In person:** Regina Bakley-4-H Advisor, Melanie Rausch – President, Jacob Rausch – Folsom Pioneers; Allie Baumgartner – Black Hills Home Explorers, Nelda Griffin – Black Hills Home Explorers; Trisha Miller – Rushmore Riders & Explorers
 - **Via Zoom:** Kimberly Suckow–Staff Assistant, Lloyd Morgan – Vice President- Black Hills Home Explorers, Denika Boomsma – Elk Creek Drifters, Stephanie Wellman – Treasurer – Rushmore Riders & Explorers, AnneMarie Johnson – Shamrock Riders; Lisa Moon – Cedar Butte Challengers; Bobbi Jo Williams – Cedar Butte Challengers
- IV. **Secretary’s Report** – Unanimous approval to accept minutes of the May 10, 2021 meeting as read, following motion by Morgan and second by J. Rausch to do so.
- V. **Treasurer’s Report – \$89,362.54**
 - 501C3 Paid for and Non Profit Status Complete – Wellman made group aware this is complete.
 - Gun and Archery match fee monies – It is typically a cash in and cash out account but since some don’t shoot all their matches it accumulates. Extra each year is needed to cover the teams and also extra goes to the booklets and flyers and score sheets. Ownership needs to be established for taxes next year. Who can spend it?
 - Lloyd made a motion to keep the money in the active Shooting Sports Clubs for the 2021 season; Baumgartner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, aside from Wellman and Suckow abstaining.
 - Stephanie Wellman’s 2 years are up and she would like to step down. Help look for new Treasurer – think about if we want to pay someone professional – suggestion by Kim S. Vote on in November when officers are up for re-election. We will do nominations in November; Wellman will assist in the transition timeframe.
- VI. **Endowment Report**
- VII. **Committee Reports**
 - 50/50
 - Review from CSF
 - \$8,250.59 overall brought in; \$4,125.47 was our take-home amount (after taking our cost of paper tickets, volunteer amounts)
 - Stock Show – Dates are January 28 – February 5, 2022
 - Committee Members – Denika Boomsma, Jacob Rausch, and Melanie Rausch
 - We will only do events at the Kjerstad Center
 - After discussion, determined to leave decisions about this event to the committee.
 - Workshops - Review
 - Project Day
 - Photography – 12 kids attended;
 - Companion Animal – not a huge turnout but the ones who did come stated intent to bring an animal next year
 - Whatchamacallit – Regina stated feeling this did make a difference in how kids approached the Consumer Science Judging at Achievement Days
 - Horse
 - Ann Marie stated she felt the Horse Show went well combining the event with Custer County
- VIII. **Unfinished Business**
- IX. **New Business**

- Trisha Miller Reimbursement for plant – Officers approved via text, photos of text conversation were saved, printed, and kept with check request documents. Confusion about where money was coming from brought this to the meeting. Johnson motioned to reimburse Trish out of the Leader’s Association budget; Baumgartner seconded. Unanimous approval with Miller abstaining.
- Record book covers – currently charging \$3.00, current cost is \$3.25 plus tax, plus shipping.
 - Roughly equals about \$3.90 each if 25 are ordered at a time for \$8.95 in shipping.
 - Suggest raising to at least \$4.00 per cover to cover expenses.
 - **Baumgartner motioned to raise the fee for book covers to \$4.00 and J. Rausch was seconded. During discussion, Wellman inquired if leaders felt this may deter members from purchasing them, group responded stating they did not feel it would. Unanimous approval upon voting.**
- Western Junior Food Booth = October 5-9, 2021
 - Who will run it – Rausch’s have the last couple years and they are out of town this year so cannot. Regina stated she and Kim discussed this and feel this may need to be a committee of people rather than one family. Rausch’s have agreed to again run the booth in future years. Rausch stated that in the past sometimes it was split by days for who was in charge of it. Discussion led to the decision to have Regina send out a county-wide email asking for three volunteers or so to split the days up. McCarty suggested the possible option of reducing hours to continue to be able to have this as a fundraiser. Hours in the past have been from 7a until possibly 7 or 8pm some nights. Wellman suggested the possibility of making the task less daunting to attract volunteers; McCarty stated another option is a more stream-lined, reduced menu to make the task easier.
 - 4 cases (30 cans each) available for purchase from BHHE – item tabled until determine if for sure doing the booth
 - Hotel – also tabled due to
- Open House – Should we hold an open house? Some clubs are full, others are just starting or need more members to join. Black Hills Home Explorers leaders expressed desire for an event.
 - Trunk or Treat Idea rather than our traditional booth open house
 - If yes, Date? October 16, 2021 from 4-6pm in 4-H Building Parking Lot (backup: inside building)
 - AnneMarie inquired about how many members come from the Open House typically. Bakley and Suckow reported approximately 70 new members result.
- Setting Leaders Association Meeting Dates/Times – Bakley questioned if the group wants to go to more of determining the date/time for each meeting through a Doodle poll. J. Rausch motioned to leave scheduling the meetings to be done via DoodlePolls each time wherein we schedule based on majority who can come according to DoodlePoll responses and bylaws accordingly in correspondence to how this is written in the State 4-H Leaders By-Laws; Morgan seconded. Vote passed unanimously.
- Rush Game – Bakley stated Eric Moller from the Rush again reached out to see if we desire to do this. Bakley stated the one thing we have to know is that that have already slated their promotional events for the season and it is not truly a 4-H night. Bakley stated we could again make it a fundraiser wherein we receive a proportion of the ticket sales. Discussion was held and leaders decided to take the year off from holding this event.
- One Judge from Achievement Days asked if their \$40 stipend could be donated to Zsuzsanna McCauley; Mom and great volunteer in the Black Hills Home Explorers 4-H Club that recently had a stroke and does not have medical insurance. Wellman made the group aware donations become difficult, but if the judge would sign something stating she desires her stipend to be paid to the McCauley fund. Group agreed upon discussion. Bakley will facilitate this occurring.

- Meal for Recognition Event on Monday, November 22, 2021 at 6pm – trying the Monday night due to RCAS students not having school this year all week. Bobbi Jo stated Douglas does have school until Wednesday. Open to all members/families in the county, but will send specific invites to those receiving an award. Johnson voiced feeling that given an evening event, a meal is needed. Bakley voiced thought that spaghetti would be a good idea due to low cost, ease of preparation. Morgan motioned to hold a spaghetti dinner for the Recognition Event; J. Rausch seconded. Poll vote and in-person roll-call vote both resulted in unanimous vote:
- Black Hills Area Community Foundation Annual Meeting October 12, 2021 Invite
 - No one technically needs to go, but Bakley encourages someone to attend to represent the Leader’s Association, as that is the entity we go through for our endowment. Interested parties should make Bakley aware they can attend by October 5th as RSVP is being requested.

X. Announcements

- 4-H Volunteer Training – every second Tuesday October – January – sign up at <https://sd4htrainingtuesday.questionpro.com/>
- Record Books due to Office from Leaders October 18th.
- Record book judging Wednesday October 20, 2021 6pm.
- Recognition Event 6pm November 22nd – Invites to those receiving awards will be mailed/emailed out. RSVP’s will be required, especially if food is provided.
- End of year paperwork – link in the last 4-H Friday; all clubs need to complete this.
- Viewing Roster in 4-Honline
- Envelopes & Stamp Purchase for wreath letters – need 500 forever stamps and two boxes of envelopes; Miller volunteered to do so
- Calling TSC, Joann Fabrics & Runnings – need a volunteer to call these to find out whether allowed to do wreath sales and details - McCarty volunteered to do so. Also, need volunteers to fold letters to go out about wreath sales...please have members or others stop by the office to do so.
- Wreath sales – McCarty questioned about reviewing what percentage cut clubs will get as group agreed to re-review this last year. Last year we decided 30%; McCarty stated believes should be 50% due to the time involvement. Miller inquired to Wellman about how this difference would impact our budget – would this strain our budget? Suckow stated our 50/50 events alone provide us with at least. Wellman stated we made about \$8500 in wreath sales after all cuts were taken out. Suckow suggested for Bakley to explain how the forms being mailed out have changed as well....all of the clubs will be listed on the back and the individuals purchasing a wreath can check a club. Miller motioned to increase wreath sales percentage going to clubs to be set at 50%; Baumgartner seconded. Unanimous vote resulted from roll-call vote.
- Scholarship Winners 2020-2021 – 1st Place – Jaden Crowser; 2nd Place – Jenna Elshere; have already received their congratulations letters but we will hold the money until they have completed their first semester

XI. Other Business

XII. Adjournment - Griffin motioned to adjourn the meeting; J. Rausch seconded. Unanimous roll-call vote approval.

XIII. Next Meeting(s):

- October 20, 2021 – Record Book Judging
- Following meeting will be determined through DoodlePoll vote.