

Pennington County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting  
January 8, 2019 – 6:30PM  
Walter Taylor 4-H Building

- Call to Order – Christina Dehn called the meeting to order at 6:43pm MDT.
- Introductions - Christina Dehn (Vice President), Trisha Miller (Secretary; Leader-Rushmore Riders & Explorers), Jane Amiotte (Pennington County 4-H Advisor); Kim Suckow (Pennington County 4-H Office Assistant; also Rushmore Riders & Explorers) & Savannah Suckow (Rushmore Riders & Explorers), Betina Basso (Cougars), Lisa Moon (Cedar Butte Challengers), Dee and Rylie Sleep (Rushmore Riders & Explorers); Cheri DeLong (Treasurer, arrived 7:21pm MDT)
- Pledges – led by Dehn
- Secretary’s Report – Dee Sleep motioned to approve the November 13, 2018 minutes with the edit of adding Dehn to the Introductions/Attendance to reflect her presence, Suckow seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- Treasurer’s Report – There was no Treasurer report due to Treasurer being unexpectedly absent for this, though Suckow did make the group aware that the RUSH Night event had significantly more limited attendance this year and due to one family (from another county) ordering tickets (\$65) but then not attending, we will likely end up with a loss from that event rather than a gain. The family has been requested to pay the amount owed, but no returned contact. After brief discussion, Dehn advised Suckow to make that family’s county advisor aware of the situation.
  - RUSH Hockey Night Results
  - Wreath Results
- Committee Reports
  - Workshops – Bread baking workshop led by Joyce Bowman this Saturday. Suckow made the group aware there are 12 signed up; others can sign up by tomorrow at 5p.

**Old Business:**

- 2018-2019 Leader’s Association Budget – approved at last meeting, no discussion needed
- Sam’s Club Membership – approved at last meeting, no discussion needed
  - \$100 to renew at current membership
    - Note we have a \$40 credit
- Black Hills Stock Show 50/50 – Because Matt Olson previously utilized his own credit card and then requested reimbursement; Cheri DeLong agreed to do so on her credit card now. We are needing two 50” televisions still for this event for the Civic Center (one to go in a room with booths set up and one for the BHSS arena entrance where the stock show staff are selling shirts to attendees). The smaller screen we have will be placed at the Kjerstad Event Center on the fairgrounds during the stock show. TV’s will likely be purchased at Sam’s Club under our membership. Suckow has created a registration link at SignUp Genius and will email the link out this week for members/parents/etc. to sign up to sell 50/50 tickets (10a-4p, adults only likely to sell; 4-7p at the Civic Center/Kjerstad events (youth and adults sell); 7-9p events (hoping older youth will take these slots due to later evening timeframe). Leaders should very much encourage members/parents to sign up to help to make this event successful.
- Elections – already held, approved at last meeting. No discussion.
  - Vice President (1 Year Terms – Current: Tina Dehn)
  - Secretary (1 Year Terms – Current: Trisha Miller)

**New Business**

- State Robotics Competition
  - Rushmore Riders & Explorers Robotics Team – “Set To Win – SKOAR” (Olivia Miller, Riley Sleep, and Savanna Suckow) qualified on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 for the First Lego League Robotics State competition at Augustana in Sioux Falls on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

- Video presented by “Set To Win – SKOAR” (showing robot in action performing some of what is presented at the competitions)
- The registration fee for the state event is \$159.75. Would the Leaders Association be willing to help or completely pay for this state fee?
  - RRE has received donations for the following costs:
    - \$325.99 Lego Into Orbit Course Kit
    - \$72.64 Qualifier Event Fee
  - RRE has paid for:
    - \$40.00 Swag (4-H Suckers) to hand out at Qualifier
    - May need to purchase more for State Event.
  - Team Families will pay for:
    - Travel Expenses to Sioux Falls – Gas, Food, Hotel
- Basso motioned that Leaders Association cover the \$159.75 fee, Moon seconded; motion passed unanimously. Group requested that the team report back to the Leader’s Association following the competition. Basso brought up that the group consider offering volunteer hours at the 4-H office sometime as well and asked the Leader’s Association to consider requiring office help hours in the future when member requests such as this are made. Good experience for the kids to help in repayment and helpful to the office as well. This idea was generally supported and will be kept in mind in the future.
- Stamp for “Pay to” on checks – Suckow reported many persons who come into the 4-H office and write checks have asked if we simply have a stamp to write out payable to “Pennington County 4-H” or “Pennington County 4-H Leader’s Association.” This would be convenient to have. Kim did not have full specific pricing details (rough estimate upon quick search was \$18 total cost). Discussion was held and group determined desire to know specific pricing to determine approval; Suckow will bring more detailed cost info to next meeting.
- Pin Lanyards – We began awarding these at Recognition Day to new members two years ago with intent for them to have a way to store/display their pins as they received them through the upcoming years and now other members have requested them or inquired about whether the Leaders Association intends to get them for previous members as well.
  - \$7.95 Each
  - Significant discussion was held on this item. Due to cost of these and the number of members we would have to provide them to, it was decided to direct people to this item in the 4-H catalog for self-purchasing as well as to provide ideas for other less costly options they may want to do/make themselves. The Leader’s Association has the intent to continue to purchase them for each year’s new members, so eventually, all members will have them. Unfortunately, members prior to two years ago will not receive them from the Leader’s Association.
- Library Items
  - Old, many copies of the same thing
  - Make a Committee?
  - Suckow made the group aware that the “library” of 4-H Curricula accumulated throughout the years is in need of volunteer time in order to label and/or discard old materials that are unable to be used, to determine how many copies we need of each item and pare this down for organization purposes, and simply organizing and making this library organized and user-friendly. Discussion was held and resulted in concept of obtaining summer volunteer hours from

4-H youth members (the hours can be used toward community service project area) or other youth aware of who are available and willing to volunteer this summer. This would give Suckow and office staff time to prepare a list of tasks to be done for the volunteers.

- Black Hills Parent Magazine – Amiotte reported she was contacted by Natasha, representing BH Parent Magazine, who requested nominations of “outstanding” youth ages 5-16 for the purpose of a highlight article on that youth member(s) in an upcoming edition of the magazine. Amiotte requested leaders to make her aware of youth to nominate or to submit a nomination through the BH Parent email address on the website. Additionally, BH Parent has an interactive list of upcoming area youth events on their website and Natasha encouraged that 4-H list events on it if they would like. The group discussed our summer day camp series as a possibility to list, though there is some reluctance due to the potential number of youth that could come from this (would overwhelm what we can handle).
- Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting, Moon seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Dehn adjourned the meeting at 7:51pm MDT.

**Next Meeting(s) March 12, 2019 – 6:30 PM**

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