

Pennington County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting  
March 12, 2019 – 6:30PM  
Walter Taylor 4-H Building

- **Call to Order** - Melanie Rausch call the meeting to order at 6:36pm MST
- **Introductions** – Gail Wingert (Cougars), Riley Sleep (Rushmore Riders & Explorers), Olivia Miller (Rushmore Riders & Explorers), Dee Sleep (Rushmore Riders & Explorers), Matt Odden (President of Extension Advisory Board; also Rushmore Riders & Explorers), Melanie Rausch (President; also Leader of Folsom Pioneers), Allie and Nick Baumgartner (Black Hills Home Explorers), Mary Williams via conference call (Cedar Butte Challengers), Cheri DeLong (Treasurer), Savanna Suckow (Rushmore Riders & Explorers), Kim Suckow (Pennington County 4-H Office Assistant; also Rushmore Riders & Explorers)
- **Pledges** – Led by Savanna Suckow
- **Secretary's Report**
  - Wingert motioned to approve the January 8, 2019 minutes as is. Allie Baumgartner seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- **Treasurer's Report**
  - DeLong reviewed the account balances making sure to note that the numbers are only up to date as of December 31, 2018.
  - Hockey Results - DeLong and Suckow reviewed the numbers with the group Balance after event is \$583.00. Discussion of whether this is a fundraiser or not. Suckow mentioned this is more of a fun event for members than it is a fundraiser, but we do charge a couple dollars extra for tickets to cover expenses.
  - Wreath Results – DeLong reviewed the Wreath Fundraiser amounts. Total Wreath Balance is \$6,649.73. Suckow explained since December some clubs have received their portion of sales (New Wreath Sales, not repeat customers). Black Hills Home Explorers - \$563.00; Cougars - \$608.50; Paws In Motion - \$107.50; Rushmore Riders & Explorers - \$805.25; Rushmore Riders & Explorers Robotics - \$623.50; with a few more clubs that may claim theirs, waiting on club meetings to decide. Suckow explained that the club's amounts cut the profit in half, but that next year will be better as original customer list wasn't very good. Next year clubs may have harder time finding new customers and Leaders Association will receive almost the full amount made in 2018 if clubs sell the same amount. Some clubs sell at booths and many of those sales do not have customer names and are donations for wreaths so those profits would go back to the club that sold them.
  - BHSS 50/50 Results (Not Ready Yet)

Allie Baumgartner motioned to approve Treasurer's Report, Matt Odden seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- **Committee Reports**
  - **BHSS 50/50**
    - DeLong mentioned we need more volunteers during these events. Much work precedes these events and without volunteers it is very disappointing.
    - Wingert asked for a report on How many total volunteers for each 50/50 event? and How many should we have had?, How many slots not filled? Suckow said she would gather this information for the next leader meeting.
    - Suckow read complaint about rudeness from volunteer at BHSS 50/50. Discussion of better training prior to sending Adult volunteers out to sell.
  - **Workshops**
    - Ideas from clubs – crochet/knitting or trapping animals (Jodi Lawrence has contact to teach).

Motioned by Matt Odden to accept the committee reports, seconded by Allie Baumgartner, motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:** - All Old Business discussed at last meeting, no discussion needed

- 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 by “Set To Win – SKOAR” (skit they are required to give 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
- Stamp for “Pay to” on checks – have had many requests
- Pin Lanyards – Have had many requests for pin lanyards for older kids.
  - \$7.95 Each
- Library Items
  - old
  - many copies of the same thing
  - Make a Committee?

### **New Business**

- **Report on State Robotics Competition** from Rushmore Riders & Explorers Robotics Team – “Set To Win – SKOAR”
  - Power Point presentation by “Set To Win – SKOAR” – showed pictures from state First Lego League competition. Talked about their experience: Fun, met lots of other teams, made new friends, saw new strategies and different ways of thinking. Talked about things they enjoyed: Hanging out with old and new friends, traveling somewhere else besides Rapid City, playing games, the competition. Results: They got 14<sup>th</sup> out of 35 teams in robot run scores, the other parts of the competition did not release scores.
- **Office Painting and Carpet Update** – Kim Suckow
  - Suckow updated the group on what was completed and was left to do. First 3 rooms were carpeted and now Volunteers are needed for moving items. Then will need to paint Copy room before second round of carpeting. No date for second round of carpet yet.
- **County T-shirt supply low** – order more?
  - Suckow presented to the group that the county T-shirt supply is very low with nearly no youth sizes. Much discussion was given to this topic.
  - Discussed taking orders and doing 2 times a year, June and November
  - Suckow will check on prices and Leaders Association will vote in May on plans
  - More information needed, no vote at this time.
- **Robots for Robotics**
  - Suckow presented the group with the issue that the NXT Lego Robots are out of date – how to replace with EV3 Lego Robots?

- Suckow explained NXT are being phased out by Lego, not supporting these anymore. However we do have many of them, about 15 working and many others that are missing parts, may be able to make more out of those.
- EV3's are about \$411.00 each plus tax and shipping
- Suckow and Wingert indicated that Rushmore Riders and Explorers and Cougars have already purchased their own robots from the wreath sales, but more robots are needed.
- Allie Baumgartner indicated that Black Hills Home Explorers does not have the extra money in their budget to order robots and that they could use at least 4 of the new robots.
- DeLong asked the clubs to submit a proposal of what we need and what we would love for county to own and the Leaders Association will discuss at next meeting after the clubs meet and submit a proposal
- **Pennington County 4-H Leaders Scholarship**
  - Suckow asked if the Scholarship was going to be offered again
  - DeLong explained that since it's a budgeted item the Leaders Association must offer it
  - Suckow was unsure of a Due Date, did not see one on the application and the question had been asked if we needed it awarded in time for school award ceremonies. Mary Williams assured us the date is on the application and upon closer examination it was – June 1<sup>st</sup> due date. Leaders agreed to elave the date as is for this year and possibly look at it again next fall to decide if we want to move the date so that the winner would be announced in time for school award ceremonies.
- **Endowment** – Interest amount allowed to be withdrawn \$730.80
  - Gail Wingert moved to leave it in there, Cheri DeLong seconded, Motion passed unanimously
- Odden motioned to adjourn the meeting, \_\_\_\_\_ seconded
- Meeting Adjourned At 8:14pm

**Next Meeting(s) May 7, 2019 – 6:30 PM**