

Pennington County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting
May 21, 2019 – 6:30PM
Walter Taylor 4-H Building

- I. **Call to Order** Cheri DeLong called the meeting to order at 6:40pm MST (Melanie/President was present via video conference call)
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge** – led by Cheri DeLong
- III. **Introductions** – Melanie Rausch (President; also Leader of Folsom Pioneers), Cheri DeLong (Treasurer), Trisha Miller (Secretary; also leader of Rushmore Riders & Explorers), Kim Suckow (Pennington County 4-H Office Assistant; also Rushmore Riders & Explorers), Dawn Tesch (parent – Archery, Sadie Tesch (4-H Archery member), Nicholas Baumgartner (parent – Black Hills Home Explorers), Allie Baumgartner (parent- Black Hills Home Explorers), Ann Brentlinger (parent – Rushmore Riders & Explorers), Jennifer Henderson (parent-Black Hills Home Explorers), Mary Williams (leader of the Cedar Butte Challengers), Patty Brunner (leader of Shamrock Riders), Leisa James (leader of Black Hills Home Explorers), and Nelda Griffin (leader of Black Hills Home Explorers)
 - **Secretary's Report – Minutes of Last Meeting** Williams motioned to approve the March 12, 2019 minutes as is. Allie Baumgartner seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report**
 - DeLong reviewed account balances, with current balance at \$63,826.92, with a remaining 2018-19 budgeted amount remaining of \$5,657.72. Total fundraised amount for 2018-19 year as of 05/21/2019 is \$14,864.21.
 - BHSS 50/50 Results – DeLong noted overall profit was \$1,484.38; however, this was also after expenses for equipment (tv's, power cords, etc.) that will be able to be utilized in future 50/50 fundraiser events
 - DeLong reviewed the account balances making sure to note balances as of 05/21/2019.
- V. **Committee Reports**
 - 50/50
 - Group discussed whether to continue doing the 50/50 fundraiser in place of the Black Hills Coupon Book fundraiser, as was done last year, and no opposition to doing so was raised. James brought up that the monetary incentives for high sellers each day was a positive and motivated members. BHHE leaders brought up concern that volunteerism was limited to three main clubs; Miller brought up possible option of asking every club to sign up by a certain date and any that have not signed up by that date get assigned to a slot so that every club does participate, with possibility that larger clubs may have additional slots. Griffin also brought up recommendation to renegotiate the 50/50 contract so the ticket winnings' split goes to 4-H each time. Leaders are to make club members aware to email Suckow with other comments/suggestions about the 50/50 fundraiser and that input will be forwarded to the committee.
 - Group requested individuals to volunteer to be on the 50/50 committee. DeLong, Rausch, and Suckow volunteered. At least three more volunteers are desired on the committee; Suckow will send an email out to ask for others.
 - Workshops
 - No workshops are planned for summer.
 - Jane Amiotte is working on summer day camp options and information will be emailed out when ready.
 - 4-H Horse Show
 - Brunner made group aware this is scheduled for June 24th
- VI. **Unfinished Business – THIS TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING**
 - Robots for Robotics (unsure if group will be ready for this, may be postponed till next meeting)
 - NXT's are out of date – how to replace with EV3's
 - EV3's are about \$411.00 each plus tax and shipping
 - two clubs have already purchased their own

- Clubs need to submit a proposal of what they need and what they would love for the county to own.

VII. New Business

- Sadie Tesch – Presentation - Requesting help with National Shoot Fees
 - Tesch qualified for 4-H National Archery Team but found out the registration fee has been raised substantially (\$350; nearly doubled from last year without notice) and given very little notice to get this in by June 24. Total of \$650 would cover entire expense (e.g., transportation, lodging, registration). Tesch has volunteered on Saturdays from January to end of May for past three years to coach younger 4-H Archery members. Tesch qualified for USA Archery Team and took 4th place in world archery competition in France in 2017. Some discussion was held about whether to cover only \$350 registration fee vs entire amount, as well as whether to cover entire amount but ask Tesch to fundraise later to pay back the funds for all except the registration fee (James made this motion but motion failed due to lack of second amidst continued discussion). Griffin motioned and Nick Baumgartner seconded, to fund entire \$650 without payback, with the understanding that Tesch will help motivate club members across the county participate in the 50/50 fundraiser. Motion passed unanimously.
- Static Judging Day –
 - State office has set deadline for state entries as Tuesday, August 13th, but our county fair is not until after that deadline this year, presenting a conflict in dates.
 - Suckow suggests Monday August 12th or others have suggested moving it a whole week ahead to August 8th, 9th or 10th
 - Suckow made group aware of several comments/suggestions sent in via email from those unable to make tonight's meeting, wherein it was brought up that August 8-10th is during Sturgis Bike Rally week. Discussion was held wherein others made group aware of thoughts about the options as well.
 - Baumgartner (Allie) motioned, Williams seconded, to move Interview Day to Monday, August 12. Motion passed unanimously.
- Achievement Day Schedule
 - Suckow made group aware of personal/family event to attend during initial weekend of Achievement Days, so proposed possibilities for Achievement Day event schedule. Suckow will send email out to club leaders with proposed Achievement Days schedule.
- Achievement Days Theme
 - Three themes were brought forward by two clubs for the Leader's Association to vote on: *Cooking Up a Great Time* at the fair with 4-H (Cougars 4-H club), *4-H: The Palette for Life* (RR&E Club) and *4-H: Building Memories That Last a Lifetime* (RR&E Club). Vote resulted in *4-H: Building Memories That Last a Lifetime* being the winning theme.
- Teen Leadership Conference
 - Proposal for Leaders Association to fund 2 youth – Miller brought up expense of current registrations for TLC likely prohibiting some youth from attending. Suckow made group aware Lisa Moon (4-H parent who is a nurse) and son Quinn Moon are attending this year; Lisa has served as nurse for TLC for several years and does not pay a chaperone registration for serving in this capacity at TLC.
 - 2019 Info:
 - *Early bird registration (\$275 with code 'TLC25') is open until April 21.*
 - *General registration (\$300) remains open until May 6, 2019.*
 - *Chaperone registration (\$275) is open until May 24, 2019 in order to help us with proper recruitment of chaperones.*

- DeLong made group aware of perception that the budget line item (\$400 this year) for TLC is there to help cover registration fees. Others brought up that this amount would still not cover the chaperone and two registrants (which is what state would like to see attend from each county). DeLong agreed to research what the TLC line item budgeted amount has been used for in the past and report back at next meeting so it can be determined if 2020 budgeted amount for TLC would need to be expanded.
- Jaicee Williams – L.A. Scholarship Letters of Recommendation – can one be from our previous 4-H Advisor Matt Olson to cover the “4-H Leader or SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor”?
 - The scholarship calls for two letters of recommendation, of which, "One must be from a 4-H Leader or SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor." Jaicee is in a tough spot as Mary (her grandmother) is her club leader, so a letter from her would not be ideal. Jane doesn't know Jaicee very well at this time and Olson would be the better option at this point in time. This would definitely be a one time deal as future applicants should be working with Jane or Regina who could then provide a letter. Olson is happy to do so but is requesting permission to do so, given that he is no longer our 4-H Advisor. Miller motioned, Brunner seconded, to provide permission to Olson to write this recommendation letter. Motion passed unanimously.
- Follow up from Western Youth In Action Day
 - Suckow made group aware there was a limited number (approx. 3) of clubs that had members participating this year
 - Suckow stated the event is held on the first Saturday in May and this conflicts with graduation day for all of the state universities. It is uncertain how many people are impacted by this conflict. Suckow brought up possibility of considering different Saturday. In discussion, however, it was raised that moving the event earlier conflicts with State Archery Shoot and possibly Easter events and moving it later conflicts with Mother's Day and high school graduation events. The event has been held for many years, with limited attendance. Group discouraged changing event date.
- Create Committee to update 2015 By Laws.
 - No committee was formed. Committee formation will need to be discussed again at next meeting and determined then, with the following items to be considered by the committee once it is formed:
 - By Laws say meetings every month. We had been doing trainings every other month. Do we want a business meeting every month? *Next Meeting(s) – June Meeting? June 11, 2019 or July 9, 2019*
 - May be helpful to office, may cause more work for office
 - Proposal to schedule Committee Meetings on the Opposing Months from Leaders Meeting – Kim Suckow
 - Discussion about the current by laws about meetings was held, wherein several voiced indeseire for monthly meetings. James raised concern that Leader's Association should be preparing agenda for meeting to take burden off Suckow and others in office, as this is not a 4-H office responsibility. Williams commended Suckow for all she has done to carry 4-H office during time of advisor vacancy.
- New 4-H Advisor Announcement
 - Regina Bakley was recently hired as Pennington County 4-H Advisor, with start date of June 3.
 - Suckow made group aware of two announcement wordings suggested by Matt Odden, county extension board member. After discussion, consensus was reached for Suckow to email out a general email announcement about Bakley, with additional background information about her, and then for a meet and greet with Bakley to be held just before next Leader's Association meeting on July 9th.
- Rapid City Chamber's Leadership Rapid City Board

- Brentlinger brought up desire to promote 4-H as a leadership organization in Rapid City, desired general feedback from group about moving forward in doing so. Group agreed this would be positive for 4-H.

VIII. Announcements

- There were no announcements.

IX. Adjournment

- Williams motioned, Baumgartner (Allie) seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. DeLong adjourned the meeting at 8:16pm.

Next Meeting(s) is set for July 9, 2019 at 6:30p.

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