Pennington County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting  
July 9, 2019 – 6:30PM  
Walter Taylor 4-H Building

I. **Call to Order** Christina Dehn (Vice President) called the meeting to order at 6:40pm MST (Melanie Rausch/President absent)

II. **Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge** – led by Christina Dehn

III. **Introductions – Roll Call** Regina Bakley (Pennington County 4-H Youth Advisor), 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), Nelda Griffin (leader of Black Hills Home Explorers), and Lisa Moon (Cedar Butte Challengers)

IV. **Secretary’s Report – Minutes of Last Meeting** DeLong motioned to approve the May 21, 2019 minutes as is. Moon seconded; motion carried unanimously.

V. **Treasurer’s Report** DeLong reviewed account balances, with current balance at $62,430.23, with a remaining 2018-19 budgeted amount remaining of $5,633.13. One deposit of $532 is currently pending; the outstanding check total is $1,248.50.

VI. **Committee Reports**
   - **50/50**
     - Committee met with Central States’ Fair as well as spoke with 50/50 Central group (who is changing their name). We are not changing our shirts regardless of their name change; we need to order a few more shirts so funds will need to be spent. DeLong voiced desire for CSF to share expenditures for the 50/50 event evenly moving forward. CSF is reviewing their contract with 50/50 Central; Suckow requested there to be a contract between Pennington County 4-H and CSF as well and this was left to Pennington County 4-H to get ready. We would like contract so if someone does not claim their winnings, we would have it in writing that we receive half of those unclaimed winnings. We are no longer going to be selling in the midway – we are going to concentrate on the grandstand sales. On the website, CSF will be promoting the 50/50 sales in advance of the fair. DeLong emphasized the strong NEED for clubs to sign up to volunteer for this event. This needs to be heavily encouraged by leaders to their members as otherwise, the committee is going to assign each club to slots. The youth sell these tickets MUCH better – people want to sell to youth, not adults. James expressed concerns about overextending clubs’ volunteer hours, specifically during the fair as their club also must man their pie and ice cream booth all week. If it comes down to assigning slots, Suckow suggested their club be assigned to the 50/50 booth in the 4-H building. Griffin suggested it be clear to all 4-H’ers to be aware of percentage that goes to 4-H.

   - **Workshops**
     - Summer Day Camp – Jane Amiotte has that running this week and we have a full group of 10 children. The group is doing activities (e.g., fishing, canoeing) in Custer State Park this year, so this is the size limited by transportation to/from. Next year we will reserve State vans ahead of time so more youth can participate.

   - **Horse**
     - Show was on June 24th and went well. State horse show is coming up.

VII. **Unfinished Business**
   - **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.
       - No proposal submitted.
   - **Sadie Tesch – Presentation** - Requesting help with National Shoot Fees – follow up by Kim S.
     - We had provided funds at last meeting. State office received her application and convinced her not to go to Nationals as would be participating in World competition within a very short amount of time and there was a concern about her not being able to get there on time. The state office agreed to send us a check for the amount we’d sent in for her to reimburse us. We have not yet received the check.
   - **Achievement Day Schedule** – Confirm schedule for all events.
- If leaders note anything in question, please let Suckow know.

- **Teen Leadership Conference**
  - Budget Line item update: DeLong looked into 2016-2017 budget and there was $400 budgeted and none used. For 2017-18 year, $400 was budgeted and $67.82 was left after all transactions were complete. This year (2018-19), we budgeted $400 and spent nothing as state covered it given transition in advisors this year.
  - We had one Pennington County member (Quinn Moon) attended this year; Lisa Moon volunteered as nurse. There were a lot of Meade and Custer youth who attended. Bakley brought up suggestion of continuation of state funding this instead of our accounts given these numbers.

- **Create Committee to update 2015 By Laws.**
  - Miller, Suckow, and Dehn volunteered to serve as this committee. Bakley will assist. Leaders will be made aware of this committee forming in the next newsletter so they can join, if desired. Aim is to have by-laws ready for start of upcoming 4-H year in October 2019.

**VIII. New Business**

- **Scholarship Winner** – (update by Regina B.)
  - One $500 winner has been selected by the committee and the winner will be announced of the four applicants from this year at Annual Recognition Event this Fall

- **Achievement Days**
  - **Freezers/Fridge Empty for BHHE Pie Booth**
    - BHHE freezer is currently half-filled with Leader’s Association foods (leftovers from Western Junior event) that need to be cleared out by fair so it can be used for SDSU ice cream. Refrigerator in kitchen is filled with condiments that also need to be cleared out for space for the BHHE pie booth during fair week.

- **State Fair – Volunteers needed to help get items judged and then to set up Pennington County Booth Tuesday August 27th. Leaders are encouraged to mention this to their club. Gail and Charlie Wingert have helped every year; Suckow will reach out to them.**

- **Open House? Date in October?**
  - Date set in current meeting – Tuesday, October 1, 2019 from 5:30-7p; clubs can set their booth up the day before. Clubs are encouraged to have interactive activities for youth going through the open house.

- **BHHE food cooperation from their Rabbit Show Food Booth on October 5th and 6th with Western Junior Food Booth October 9th – 12th.**
  - BHHE club is considering doing the food booth but are concerned about time investment vs potential income. BHHE wondering if Leaders Association would be willing to purchase leftover unopened, uncooked food at cost for use at Western Jr food booth (which is just three days after). They are considering making breakfast burritos, fruit cups, etc. DeLong motioned Leader’s Association purchase the nonperishable items from BHHE for the WJ food booth, Miller seconded; motion passed unanimously.

- **Western Junior Food Booth October 9th – 12th.**
  - Rausch’s had planned to do it again, but may need a backup plan.
  - Back-up: leaders will divide out tasks. To “head up” – leaders brought up possibilities of Zsuzsanna McCauley or Kathy Anderson to approach if needed

- **Recognition Event Date**
  - Typically first Sunday in November – this year it will be Sunday, November 3, 2019
  - Meal and possibility of setting up tables TBD

- **Rush Game? and Date?**
Bakley will find out if a Saturday night would be available. Suckow recommended making sure it’s 4-H ONLY (not another promotion night). Bakley will get detailed information and report back at next meeting. James and Griffin commented that this is a great event for kids to connect across clubs.

- Library Organization – plan was to have youth come work on the library system this summer. But we need an adult or committee to decide what to do with certain items
  - Suckow needs to have an adult present to give youth volunteers direction
  - Leaders Association needs to decide what to do with already-purchased or out-of-date information
  - PUT FURTHER DECISIONS ON HOLD until this fall

- T-shirts
  - Bakley wanting to re-design, will email out some options she comes up with
  - Miller will check with Master’s Custom Design & Embroidery to find out how many of the current design prints they have left in stock

- Interview Day Meal
  - It has been decided for Leader’s Association to supply the meal; Bakley stated we are wanting to find a group of volunteers to serve the meal during Interview Day

- 501c3 grant
  - Rights for it through endowment – paperwork needs to be done. DeLong reviewing pragmatics involved and will make recommendation to get this completed before September so individual clubs can apply for grants they would like to. James would like step-by-step list of what clubs need to do in order to use the 501c3 status.

IX. Announcements
- Olivia Miller Presentation of $100 Give Back Scholarship Donation she was awarded to give to Pennington County 4-H
  - Leader’s Association will mail thank you to Olivia

- Achievement Days
  - Sign Up Genius’ – lots of volunteers needed
  - Sent Letters to judges last week – waiting for confirmations, no confirmations yet received

- Thursday July 11th, 2019 at 9am Table and Chair Washing – Volunteers Needed to be sure we have clean tables and chairs for fair in August. Rushmore Riders & Explorers will serve as backup if this doesn’t get done before their meeting next Sunday.

- Many projects in the office for volunteers through the rest of the summer. All ages needed. Leaders should encourage club members to do this; advise to call into the office to make sure it’s a good day to do so.

- Extension Advisory Board Update
  - Wishlist items: sound system, new screen, banners and promotional signs, center stage item?

- Adjournment
  - James motioned, Moon seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Dehn adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

Next Meeting(s) – September 10th, 2019 at 6:30pm
- October 15th, 2019 (Record Book judging; record books due to office by leaders by 4p on the 7th)
- November 12, 2019