

St Croix County 4H Leader's Association

September 20, 2016; 7:00 PM

Name	Club
Loyd	Trail Blazers
Laurie Sandquist	Hudson Lucky Horseshoes
Tracy Renn	Rolling Hills
Laura Kennett	Wildwood
Mackenzie Korent	Ambassadors
DeAnn Hammer	Ambassadors/Rolling Hills
Carole Schurtz	Ambassadors/Rustic Renegades
Jackie Henderson Kumm	Springbrook
Phyllis Ness	Forest Timberwolves
Debbie Stevens	Sunnyside Shamrocks
Beth Sippl	Roberts Ribbon Reapers
Tara Brown	Rolling Hills
Cindy Van Dyk	Fair Board
Heidi Wagner	Bellringers
Donna Smith	Tri-River Voyagers
DaNell Jamieson	Lone Pine
Heather Vierling	4H Youth agent
Mari Omann	Lone Pine/Food Stand
Jennifer Haugen	Harmony Hills
Cindy Croes (phone)	

The meeting was called to order by President DaNell Jamieson at 7:04 p.m.

Guests in attendance: Nolan Stodola from Glenwood City Boy Scouts and his mother, Kelly Clark.

Secretary's Minutes: Beth Sippl moved to accept the Secretary's report, and the motion was seconded by Laura Kennett. Motion passed.

Treasure's Report: Beth Sippl

We had the following deposits:

\$15,000 from the 2015 Food Stand

\$180 from Plat Book Sales

\$20 for Endowment Fund

\$200 from Day Camps

\$300 WI Foundation – CWF

Laura Kennett moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, and the motion was seconded by Phyllis Ness. Motion passed.

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Correspondence – We received a thank you from Megan Spot for the opportunity to attend the Youth Leadership Conference in Madison.

Visitor – Nolan Stodola from Glenwood City Boy Scouts visited. He is moving and rebuilding the flag complex at the fairgrounds as part of his Eagle Scout project. This would include moving the 4H flag and pole that is up during the fair along with the U.S. flag and WI state flag. He was asking for some monetary assistance with doing this project. The total cost of the project would be approximately \$3500 and would include a new 20' flagpole at the cost of \$800-1000.

DeAnn Hammer moved to give \$800 to Nolan for the project. Beth Sippl amended the motion to cover the full cost of the flag pole. Phyllis Ness 2nd the amendment. Amended motion passed. The initial motion was declined.

Cindy VanDyk – Fair Board: Cindy discussed the dates for entry for the 2017 St. Croix County Fair (see handout). She recommended that:

- we have help sessions for Fair Entry
- would like to go back to firm NO CHANGES AFTER JUNE 1
- separate email blast for Blue Ribbon Entry Instructions and Deadlines
- Cindy (fair intern) will email list of who has entered to general leaders
- In packets with checks at leader's banquet, there will be a list of exhibitors receiving checks and that exhibited. Leaders please check that list to make sure it is accurate.

Committee Liaison Reports:

Ambassadors – The Ambassadors will have 9 youth and 4 adults attending the Fall Forum this year in Green Lake, WI. They also brought along a display board and scrapbook of what they have done for the past year to promote 4H and the Ambassador program.

ASTEAM – We are removing ASTEAM and renaming it Clover University.

Cat – nothing to report.

Clothing – nothing to report.

Clover Cooking – Will be held 11/12/2016 at St. Croix Central High School. Encourage your members to attend. There will be more information in the Communicator.

Clover College – no report.

Dairy – nothing to report.

Dog – nothing to report.

Food Stand – Mari Omann said they had their evaluation meeting. There were 1.5 shifts that were not filled during the fair this year. Totals were down approximately 20% from 2015, weather being the major factor during this. The mint malts were a big hit and they will return for the 2016 fair. All of the recycling was done at the Glenwood City recycling center. Thank you to Sunnyside for helping with clean-up and Wildwood for helping with set-up. We are always looking for new people for the Food Stand Committee.

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Fair Board – They are building a pavilion on the north end of the main horse arena. For now, it will be a covered open-sided pavilion with the option of enclosing it in the future. There will be electricity and lights in it.

Finance Committee – There is a spend down plan in place (see handout). Our goal is to increase the promotion of 4H in St. Croix County. Jackie Kumm moved to approve the Spend Down Plan; 2nd by Carole Schurtz. Motion passed.

Golf Classic – Jackie Kumm reported that approximately \$2500 was earned. Megan Miller from Rolling Hills will be joining the Ambassador Leadership team and heading up the fundraising for the Golf Classic for the Ambassadors in the future.

Horse – no report.

Livestock: The Dust'em Off show was a success; large number of new exhibitors. The fair auction resulted in \$133,865 in animal sales; 84 animals were sold. The committee has been challenged to raise \$1500 to put toward a new swine building and funds would be matched. A total of 3027.47 was raised.

MTE – Beth Sippl reported that email will be going out; the committee is revising the MTE for the upcoming year.

Photography – Carole Schurtz reported that there will be substantial changes in the Fair Book entries next year.

Poultry – nothing to report.

Rabbit – nothing to report.

Softball - nothing to report.

Shoot Sports – nothing to report,

STEM Club: Beth Sippl reported that to date, 4 kids have signed up.

Velocity: Velocity did not perform this year due to lack of participation despite multiple early applications. Nancy Burman is stepping down as county leader for Velocity. A new leader is needed. Beth Sippl suggested that the current Velocity funds remain on the budget if a new leader is found and two signers are needed on the Velocity checkbook.

WI Trip – Laurie Sandquist reported that the group is looking at going to Green Bay next year.

Old Business:

Fair Book Changes: Carole Schurtz reported that all fair book changes should be submitted; if they are not, they should be submitted as soon as possible.

Plat Book Covers – Jackie Kumm reported that she has a meeting set up for this Thursday, 9/22/2016 to review the suggested changes to the cover.

Leaders' Banquet – Tracy Renn reported that to date 40 people have RSVP'd for the event.

New Business:

Grant Request – The Ambassadors submitted a request for funds to replace the float cover which leaks and to replace the current sign on the back of the float which is heavy and dangerous for the kids to handle. They would like to replace the sign with a new U.S. flag, two WI state flags, and 2 4H flags.

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The total for both was \$883.75. Donna Smith moved to approve the amount; 2nd by Laurie Sandquist. Motion passed.

Wildwood 4H submitted a request for \$500 to be donated to Halos of St. Croix Valley. Tara Brown stated that grant funds were to be used for 4H only. Laura Kennett withdrew the grant request so that it could be amended.

ME Interview Committee will conduct interviews on 11/12/2016 at St. Croix Central during Clover Cooking/Food College. Heather Vierling suggested that she get judges from the UWRF Collegiate 4H Group. Carole Schurtz made the motion to get judges from the UWRF Collegiate 4H Group; 2nd by Donna Smith. Motion passed.

County Committee Sign-ups – Heather Vierling reported that she has had only 1 person sign up so far. She will put the sign ups out at the banquet to promote interest.

Election of Officers: Nominations were received for:

- Lori DeBoer will move up to president from vice president for the 2016-17 4H year.
- Vice President – Carole Schurtz
- Secretary – Bonnie Walters
- Treasurer – Beth Sippl will remain as treasurer (3 yr. term)
- 4H Fair Board Liaison – Jackie Kumm will remain in this position.

Cindy Croes made the motion to close nominations and unanimously elect the group listed above, 2nd by Phyllis Ness. Motion passed.

2016-2017 Budget – the Budget Committee met; recommendations for the Budget were presented by Beth Sippl. After discussion and recommended changes, Jackie Kumm made the motion to accept the 2016-2017 Budget with changes; 2nd by Carole Schurtz. Motion passed.

2016-2017 By-Law Changes and St. Croix County 4H Policy Changes– Jackie Kumm reviewed the proposed changes for the upcoming year. Beth Sippl made a motion to approve the By-Laws and Policies with the recommended changes; 2nd by Tara Brown. Motion passed.

New Items for discussion – Beth Sippl asked for at least 2 volunteers to assist with the audit. Donna Smith and Debbie Stevens volunteered to assist with the audit.

Next meeting: 10/18/2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Tracy Renn moved to adjourn, 2nd by Laurie Sandquist. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy A Renn
Secretary