

St. Croix County 4-H Leader's Association Meeting Minutes for April 17, 2018

Name	Club
Carole Schurtz	Rustic Renegades and Ambassadors
Heather Vierling	4-H Agent
Brenda Franklin	Bellringers
Mike Lindley	Rolling Hills
Mary Luckwaldt	Lone Pine and Dairy Committee
Lauren Thompson	Lone Pine
Emma Loberg	Wildwood
Debbie Stevens	Sunnyside Shamrocks and Food Stand
Gary Stevens	Sunnyside Shamrocks and Food Stand
Trista Brandt	Harmony Hill
Amanda Hanson	Double Good
Tammy Frank	Riverside
Laurie Sandquist	Hudson's Lucky Horseshoes
Heidi Sandquist	Ambassadors & Hudson's Lucky Horseshoes
Beth Sippl	Roberts Ribbon Reapers
Tyler Sippl	Roberts Ribbon Reapers
Cindy VanDyk	Information Specialist
Jordan Bennett	Bellringers
Lydia Bennett	Bellringers
Char Croes	North Country (on phone)

President Carole Schurtz called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the March 20, 2018 meeting approved by motion from Beth Sippl and seconded by Brenda Franklin. Passed by assembly.

Treasurer's Report: Handouts. Motion made by Brenda Franklin and seconded by Laurie Sandquist to approved the treasurer's report handouts. Passed by assembly.

Guests: Tyler Franklin – National 4-H Conference – Tyler Franklin was one of two St. Croix County attendees and one of 10 Wisconsin attendees for the National 4-H Conference in Washington D.C. While there he engaged in making policies which were then presented to the Department of Health and Human Services. For instance, the group encouraged the DHS to retain the funding for SNAP – a food stamp program. He also saw several of the National monuments. Tyler learned how 4-H worked on a national level. He met with staff of both Representative Sean Duffy and Senator Ron Johnson.

Discussion Corner: Tyler Sippl presented a STEM Update for this month's discussion corner. The STEM club meets once per month with one topic per month. This will change in the future to two times per year with all day long workshops. Topics presented through the STEM Club include: Lego Robotics (largest group attended); Game programming seminar (made 2-D games); Engineering – Bridges; Rockets; and 3-D printing.

Committee (Liaison) Reports: Chartered and Non-chartered:

Fair Entry – Cindy VanDyk indicated that an early problem she is seeing with fair registration involves the 3rd graders who are no longer Explorers. Many such members are registering under Department 35 which is for Education exhibits. Club leaders are asked to speak with their clubs and remind folks that 3rd graders are regular members and should not be registering in Department 35. Cindy will also have printouts for all club leaders of registrations at the May Leader's Council meeting.

Ambassadors - Heidi Sandquist and Carole Schurtz discussed the upcoming work of the Ambassadors. The next meeting is Sunday. Ambassadors will be participating in the May Fair Event, Syttende Mai parade and putting up roadside signs for the Fair and the Rodeo. This group will also have new Hawaiian shirts for the Fair this year.

Foods Revue & Cake Decorating – Beth Sippl indicated these events will be judged on June 9th.

Foods Fair – Beth also indicated that the Foods Fair will be July 14th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Robotics – Beth Sippl further indicated that 5 4-Hers will be checking out robots for their fair projects. These members have 8 dates available to them for planning/programming. Robots will be checked out at the Fair for judging and then returned.

Food Stand – Debbie Stevens indicated that the food stand committee recently held a meeting where the menu for the fair was planned as well as ordering items for the fair. The food stand committee will hold their next meeting at May Fair. A refrigerated or freezer truck is being sought by the Food Stand Committee. There is still one open shift for the food stand during the fair.

WI Tour – Heather Vierling, 4-H agent, indicated that the next WI tour meeting would be April 18th at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office.

MTE – Beth Sippl stated that due to the winter storm on April 14th, MTE was rescheduled for April 28th from 2-5 pm. The committee is working on a location to accommodate most participants.

Old Business:

Plat Books - Carole Schurtz reported that the final proof of the plat books should be available at the end of this week. Once that is approved the first shipment of books should arrive on April 27th. Carole will stuff envelopes on April 28th and will request help via e-mail to club leaders should all of the above dates work out. Plat books will sell for \$30.00 each.

MTE – Discussed in Committee Reports.

Living Memorial – There may not be any nominations this year.

Scholarship/Key Award/Loan Review Committee – This year there have been two applicants for the Key Award, one applicant for the Loan and 10 applicants for scholarships. 5 community individuals have been given score sheets to assess applications. These are due back to Heather Vierling on May 1st. Carole asked that club leaders then present awards at school scholarship banquets.

Any other Old Business – None.

New Business:

Grants – Two grants were presented by Mary Luckwaldt of the Dairy Committee. The first grant was for \$500.00 for the Heritage Calf. This grant was not approved by the Leader's Council as it violated the guidelines of Leader's Association grants. Said grants are not to benefit one member's project and the Heritage Calf is to be the recipient's fair project. However, Leader's Council did agree to put a line item in their 2018-19 budget for \$500.00 for the Dairy Committee's Heritage Calf. The second grant was for up to \$500.00 to pay for registration and meals for those 4-H members participating in the Dairy Judging portion of Area Animal Science Day. This grant was approved.

Appeal – March 1 Project Deadline – Jordan Bennett and Lydia Bennett attended this meeting seeking an appeal to change Lydia's fair projects after the March 1st deadline. Jordan indicated that the appeal was being sought due to unforeseen circumstances. Lydia indicated that she wishes to take an embroidered towel, a food project and a fairy garden. A motion was made by Tammy Frank and seconded by Beth Sippl to grant the Bennett's appeal to change/add 4-H projects for Lydia. Motion was passed by the assembly. The Bennetts will e-mail Heather with the changes. There was a short discussion regarding whom 4-H members should go to when they want to change projects areas – Leader's Council or the committees regarding each project area. The recommendation was made to go first to the particular project area committee and then to Leader's Council. Additional discussion indicated that there are so many rules for various projects areas that many times members are discouraged from taking that particular project.

May Fair Donation – A motion was made by Brenda Franklin and seconded by Mike Lindley to spend \$50.00 on a cooking/baking themed basket for the upcoming May Fair Event. Beth Sippl will shop for the basket items.

Food Booth Murals – Debbie Stevens asked Leader's Council if one or two food booth murals could be constructed for the fair this year. She indicated that Mari Omann had suggested that the murals be painted on a piece of plywood that could be put up and taken down. Leader's Council felt this request should be given to the Fair Board and their next meeting is May 10th at 7:30 pm at the Fairgrounds. Carole Schurtz indicated that there is probably an Eagle Scout candidate who could be interested in taking on this project. The Fair Board may know of such a person.

Any other new business – None

Announcements – May Fair is upcoming.

Motion made by Brenda Franklin and seconded by Beth Sippl to adjourn meeting. Motion passed by assembly.