St. Croix County 4-H Leader's Association Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2018

Name	Club
Carole Schurtz	Rustic Renegades and Ambassadors
Janet Feyereisen	Roberts Ribbon Reapers
Brenda Franklin	Bellringers
Bridget Lentz	Horse Committee
Mary Luckwaldt	Lone Pine and Dairy Committee
Jackie Henderson Kumm	Springbrook
Debbie Stevens	Sunnyside Shamrocks and Food Stand
Amanda Hanson	Double Good
Lori DeBoer	Forest Timberwolves
Christa Walz	Horse Committee
Haidyn Walz	Horse Youth Leader
Heidi Sanquist	Ambassadors & Hudson's Lucky Horseshoes
Laurie Sandquist	Hudson's Lucky Horseshoes
Heidi Wagner	Bellringers
Tara Brown	Rolling Hills
Anne Frank	Riverside
Tammy Frank	Riverside
Eileen VanDyk	North Country
Janelle Peterson	Harmony Hill
Rebecca Olson (on phone)	Tri-River
Val Peterson (on phone)	Glen Hills Climbers
Heather Vierling	4-H agent

President Carole Schurtz called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the August 21, 2018 meeting were approved with a correction of MTE being held at Baldwin-Woodville High School, not UWRF. Motion made by Janet Feyereisen and seconded by Debbie Stevens. Passed by assembly.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

**Guests:** No guests.

**Discussion Corner:** Heather Vierling, 4-H agent, discussed the Fair Survey results. There were 90 responses from the online survey and most of those were fair book and judge issues. Cindy VanDyk listened to comments about judges. People commented that the at the Food Stand everyone loved the menu and the members loved to work. If, in the future, a particular department has specific questions for the survey those should be directed to Heather. Janet Feyereisen suggested that Leader's Council should add money for fair judges.

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

**Horse:** Bridget Lentz indicated that the Horse project has had two State shows recently both of which were very successful. Ghymkhana brought home Grand and Reserve Champions. Judging teams also did well. Harley Lentz and Madison Kwak were State All-Around. One St. Croix County Horse

member will be receiving a State Sportmanship Award but Bridget asked that this be kept confidential as the person isn't aware of this award yet.

**Ambassadors:** The Ambassadors participated in their last parade of the season over Glenwood City's Rustic Lore Days. Applications for new Ambassador candidates are due September 22, 2018.

**Livestock Committee:** Lori DeBoer indicated that the Livestock Committee's Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser is set for November 10, 2018 at Ready Randy's in New Richmond. Lori and other livestock committee members will be speaking at club meetings to promote this event and other livestock committee activities.

**WI Tour:** Heather indicated that this committee will meet on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to review the year and pick next year's trip location. Any suggestions for locations are appreciated.

#### **Old Business:**

**Plat Books** - 250 more plat books have been ordered to have on hand since sales are going so well. There are two or three advertisers who have not received their complimentary copy of the plat book. These businesses may no longer be in business or are far away and will be contacted at a convenient time for the drivers.

**Leader's Banquet** – The date, place, and time have all been set for the Leader's Banquet. All leaders should have received a Punch Bowl invitation through e-mail and are able to RSVP through said invitation as well. There will be a buffet meal available for \$12.95 and all certified 4-H volunteers' meals will be paid for. Everyone is asked to buy their own drinks.

**Endowment Fund Purpose:** Lori DeBoer, Mari Omann and Rosemary Donahoe are e-mailing each other working on this issue.

**Transfer Scholarship Money to Money Market:** Lori DeBoer, Mari Omann and Rosemary Donahoe are e-mailing each other working on this issue.

**4-H Memorial Garden:** Mary Luckwaldt indicated that she brought this topic up at the last Lone Pine meeting. Kelly Lorentz was in attendance and indicated that the Fair Board had asked Jeff Lorentz to work on this project a long time ago. Kelly also indicated that Jeff felt this project was beyond the scope of a 4-H club. Therefore, this project has been sent back to the Fair Board.

**Any other Old Business:** A thank you note was given to us by the Sunnyside Shamrock kids who presented their musical from MTE at the State Fair.

### **New Business:**

**Appeal: Member in Good Standing:** Christa and Haidyn Walz presented an appeal to the Leader's Council to be reinstated as members. There was a miscommunication with meeting attendance and record books. A motion was made by Tammy Frank and seconded by Janet Feyereisen to grant the membership appeal to the Walz family. Motion passed by assembly.

**Grants:** No grants.

**Reimburse Judges Meal at KC:** A motion was made by Brenda Franklin and seconded by Janet Feyereisen to reimburse the KC Food Stand at the Fair for the judge's meal ticket that was inadvertently used at their stand during the 2018 Fair. Motion passed by assembly.

Increase 4-H Scholarships: Discussion was held regarding Leader's Council increasing the number of scholarships offered or the monetary value of current scholarships. The Council could also increase a scholarship to be a two-year scholarship versus just one year. Any changes that are made need to be a part of the 2019-2020 budget. Lori DeBoer made a motion to create two more scholarships for the same amount of money that our current four scholarships are worth. Seconded by Mary Luckwaldt. Passed by assembly.

Annual Awards: Questions have arisen about who is ordering 4-H awards. Melissa Heath order metal discs and plaques. She also orders 5, 10, and 15 year plaques for leaders as well as graduation and volunteer certificates. Cindy VanDyk may order some of these as well. Discussion was held about displaying plaques at the fair as a large wooden board with brass plates. A committee of Lori DeBoer, Bridget Lentz, Tammy Frank and Debbie Stevens will work on the awards and this display. The Council would keep the plaques for now but may change for the 2019 awards. This topic should be placed on a future agenda. Lori DeBoer made a motion that all awards should be order through UW-Extension. Seconded by Janelle Peterson. Passed by assembly.

**Elections**: Consider people to nominate for vacant positions on the Leader's Council Executive Board. Nominations will be taken at the annual meeting in October.

**Committee to Assist with Charter Audits:** Peter Lentz, Lauren Thompson and Lori DeBoer will be on this committee.

**2018-19 4-H Calendar:** Leaders will receive the preliminary schedule.

**Updates from UW=Extension:** Heather indicated that the process has begun to hire two new people in the UW-Extension Office. A replacement is needed for JoAnn Sprain, the current family living agent. The new person hired will have the title of Health and Wellness Educator. The second position is a Polk-St. Croix 4-H educator.

Any other New Business: None.

## **Announcements:**

The Annual 4-H Leader's Banquet will be held at 6:30 pm at Ready Randy's in New Richmond. The by-laws and policy committee will meet and Heather will then e-mail all changes to the leaders for a vote at the October meeting.

Heather reminded everyone of the Annual Leader's Retreat on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by motion from Lori DeBoer and seconded by Jackie Kumm. Passed by assembly.