

St. Croix County 4-H Leader's Association Meeting Minutes for August 20, 2019

Name	Club
Becky Olson	Tri-River Voyagers
Heather Vierling	4-H Youth Development Agent
Holly Weyer	Baldwin Wide Awake
Brenda Franklin-President	Bellringer's
Lori DeBoer-Rep. to Fair Board	Forest Timberwolves, Fair Board
Trista Brandt (by phone)	Harmony Hill
Lauren Thompson-Youth Representative	Lone Pine
Marie Ohman	Lone Pine
Mary Luckwaldt-President Elect	Lone Pine
Char Croes	North Country
Eileen VanDyk-St. Croix County UW-Extension	North Country & 4-H Coordinator
Tammy Frank	Riverside
Beth Sippl-Treasurer	Roberts Ribbon Reapers
Halle Gessler	Roberts Ribbon Reapers
Missy Gessler	Roberts Ribbon Reapers
Tyler Sippl-Youth Representative	Roberts Ribbon Reapers
Jackie Henderson-Kumm	Springbrook

Call to Order: President Brenda called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm., August 20, 2019.

Pledges: Pledges were led by Mary.

Guests & Committee Report: Space Camp Presentation by Halle Gessler-Halle thanked the Leaders' Association for helping her with her trip. She discussed travel, bus ride, simulator, museums and building model rockets.

Discussion Corner: Topics for Annual Leader Training-Heather-Heather asked for thoughts and topics for Annual Meeting. Past topics are service projects, recruitment & retention, and education. New ideas and thoughts include Fundraisers, awards, simplifying information for new families & leaders, terminology (ex. what is this? What is a record book?), rundown on what is out there, how do we get more youth to do smaller trips, time for the Leaders to talk. Annual meeting will be November 9, 9am until 2pm or later, at a location to be determined. You can bring multiple leaders and youth leaders. Officer training is at the same time. Another idea is to have youth leaders share what they do with other youth and adults (to encourage more awareness and education about youth leaders). There will be an MTE workshop to learn while recruiting new youth and clubs. Be sure to RSVP (include food allergies). All training will be the same day. Call & email Extension with your ideas for these events.

Committee Reports

WI Tour:-Heather-It was lots of fun with 33 youth in attendance! Wrap up meeting on 2nd meeting.

Dairy-Mary-Share the news that the Heritage Calf Project applications have a deadline to apply of November 15. It will be in the communicator but also share with your clubs. Look for an e-mail from

Chris Libbey on grants available up to \$1,000 with simple forms to complete and a deadline of November 30.

Fair Board-Lori-A new fair building will be built this fall for the sheep and swine. There is a special meeting of the fair board next Monday to vote on it.

Food Stand-Marie-A special "Thank You" to all the clubs that helped. Updates include a new safe, future work on the compressor in the walk-in freezer. One of the coolers up front were not cold enough, it may have to be replaced. They used 420 gallons of ice cream during the fair, and had to get more! Discussed new committee members that joined or might join.

Old Business

By-Law/4-H Policy Revisions Committee-Brenda-By-Law Committee will meet on August 27 6:30pm at Ready Randy's.

Fair Evaluation Results-Heather-There were 60 responses. Most of them were similar to other year's responses. All stated that the wait time was shorter for judging. An additional judge for mechanical sciences was requested. Several comments discussed. There was an idea to put nets on the large farm display so children don't play with the display. Make the Fair Book and Fair Entry Online to line up and match better with one another. Not a huge response received when asked to be a fair volunteer.

New Business-Discussion Only since there is not a quorum present.

Grants: No discussion. 4-H Club Awards Revamp (review and approve)-Tami-Tami shared handouts that she and Lori worked on together. An application was drafted based on the new state guidelines (Community Service, STEM, Building 4-H). They had a goal to keep it simple. Discussion on awards included similar to plaque in dairy barn that includes the name, do something similar to have at the fair, Extension Office and a certificate to the club. Individual stickers would be provided for each member to put on their 4-H Completion Annual Certificate. Question asked if we could spend money to make recognition plaques? One large panel perhaps? Question asked if a webpage on the Extension website could be made with a chronological list of club awards received? Discussion on where to purchase awards, Barron, A&T Industries, whom also does 4-H awards for the state. Stickers would be for the kids, they would not get a separate certificate for the club award.

2019 Charters-Eileen-She has about ½ of them for St. Croix County Clubs. Get missing Charters in by Mid-September.

2019 Leaders Banquet-Brenda-At Ready Randy's (for \$125). A two meat meal is \$15.25/person. It will be on October 15th held with the Leaders Meeting. Brenda will check on Beth's question – Is a deposit needed?

Upcoming STEM Events-Beth-First Saturday of the month is STEM, followed by robotics, then WHEP afterward. All are free and participants don't have to be 4-H members. Heather stated October 12 is the

regional leader STEM track in Eau Claire. Discuss topic areas, registration, and details will be in the next newsletter.

National 4-H Week Promotion/Recruitment-Beth-We (County) were awarded 35 science kits. October 5 YMCA in Hudson for an open house. Also October 10 in Baldwin 5:30-7:30 at the County Agriculture & Education Center for National 4-H Stem Experiment. Expectations for some social media to be used. That is also open to all children including non-4H. Beth shared that Roberts Ribbon Reapers were at the St. Croix Central Open House with a spinning wheel and brochures. Thursday they will have a table at the YMCA. Let Heather know if you want to put up a table somewhere or if you need merchandise to hand out.

Reenrollment-Heather-Question was asked about reenrollment. Enrollment will be shut down August 30-September 3. It will be live on September 4 for reenrollment for 4-H Online! Just the Club Leader/general Leader has access to Club membership information on 4-H Online. You can contact Heather to ask her to add an additional Leader,

2019-2020 M.E. Applications Process and Revamp (review and approve)-Heather-She handed out a new flyer titled "St. Croix County Promotional Report Form" with updates and she would appreciate feedback. Applications need to be mailed or turned in at the office (email unacceptable). Discussion of switching to a points system verses two or more options. Heather will revise again and bring back to a later meeting to continue the discussion.

2019-2020 Leaders Association Election Nominations-President elect and Secretary will be for the upcoming meeting.

2019-2020 Calendar of Events-Heather-Received a request for this calendar to be shared before the holidays. Committees get your dates into Heather ASAP.

Announcements

Everyone needs to bring 2 friends to our next meeting to make a quorum.

Heather said to pick up your Packet for awards

State fair Exhibits can be picked up from the Extension Office.

Next Meeting: September 17th at 7pm.

Meeting ended by 8:26pm.

Minutes submitted by Amanda Hanson.