

**St. Croix County Leaders Association Minutes
August 20, 2024 @6:30 PM**

Attendance:

Molly Ziegler-Forest	Steven Schalla-Roberts Ribbon Reaper
Timberwolves/Secretary	Jan Gavin-Rolling Hills
Bridget & Peter Lentz-Rolling Hills/Treasurer	Mary Omann-Lone Pine
Jackie Krumm-Springbrook/President	Amanda Hanson-Double Good
Sarah Erickson-Fair Representative	Deb Beyer-Rolling Hills
Shelby Krupa-President Elect	Becky Olson-Tri River
Anne Wittman-4-H Extension	Tara Brown-Rolling Hills
Heidi Wagner-Bellringers	Ashley Wahl-Sunnyside Shamrocks
Michael Krupa-Livestock committee	Beth Sippl-Food Stand
Leah Smith-Lone Pine	Darren Dittman-Riverside
Danielle Johnson-Roberts Ribbon Reapers	Phia Kamm-BW Wide Awake
Angela Dyb-Roberts Ribbon Reapers	Stella Kamm-BW Wide Awake
John Bazille-Oakland Ramblers	Melissa Briese-Roberts Ribbon Reapers
Matt Smith-Lone Pine	Dan Briese-Roberts Ribbone Reapers
Amelia Dittman-Riverside	Erin Siebenaler-Springbrook
Mary & Dan Luckwaldt	Marci/Shelby/Molly/Anna Meyer-Forest Timberwolves
Lance Kamm-BW Wide Awake	Alpha Greene-Sunnyside Shamrocks
Gail Maier	Jade Kruschke-Riverside
Jenni Bazille-Oakland Rambler	

Call to Order: Jackie Kumm called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Pledges: Pledges were led by Jackie Kumm

Secretary's Report: Molly Ziegler shared the 2 thank you cards. One from AJ Lentz and Pierce County Ambassadors for our donation to the golf classic. The other from Keagan Kuhl for his trip scholarship. Molly shared the secretary's report. Motion made by Bridget Lentz and seconded by Sarah Erickson to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bridget Lentz shared the report. It is noted there has been no endowment statement received since June 2024. Molly Ziegler made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Sarah Erickson seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Leadership

Ambassador Interest form was sent out. Shelby Krupa discussed the results.

Fundraising

No update

Recognition

Jackie gave an update the awards were presented at the fair. Financial reports and award forms are due at the extension office. The annual awards banquet will be October 15 at the New Richmond Legion.

Scholarship

Bridget Lentz noted all scholarship awards have been paid out.

By-Laws

No update

Public Relations

Jackie Kumm announced she is working on new marketing posters.

Budget/Finance

No update

Program Development

Jackie Kumm relayed that her and Eileen are currently working on new project events.

Annual Leaders Retreat

Jackie Kumm is unsure if this will be held this year. It is typically held the first week of November. If anyone has topics of interest, please forward to Jackie.

Farm City Days

Jackie Kumm gave an update there was a 4-H table and youth made dairy charm bracelets. Several maps of the 4-H clubs were handed out. It was noted, the map should be updated to include the towns of the county.

Old Business

Trip/Scholarship Requirements

Bridget Lentz asked the committee to meet and review applications and requirements.

Awards Banquet

Jackie Kumm stated the location was changed from 45th Parallel to New Richmond Legion due to 45th Parallel not currently having an events coordinator.

New Business:

New Enrollment

Enrollment opens on September 1. Laura Hinz noted there will be an updated enrollment guide mailed out.

Club Awards

Award forms can be found on the website. These need to be filled out. The deadline is September 9.

Grant Request

Phia and Stella Kamm appeared on behalf of the Senior Dairy Judging Team to request a grant to help fund their trip to Nationals, which will be held at the World Dairy Expo on September 29. Total cost is approximately \$1400-1450. The team will be receiving a \$750 grant from the state. Darren Dittman made a motion to pay the \$300 entrance cost plus an additional \$500 for trip costs. Marci Meyer seconded. Motion passed to accept the \$800 grant request. This will be paid on reimbursement.

4-H Advertising/Platbooks

The platbooks have been typically done every 3 years. There was discussion of continuing by comparing costs, time, and profit. Marci Meyer made a motion not to continue doing a platbook. Mary Luckwaldt seconded. Motion passed.

4-H State Fair Projects

Please pick up state fair projects or pick up your clubs asap. There is a signout sheet.

4-H T-Shirt

Anne Wittman presented the 2 options for voting and passed around for viewing. It was voted to have the mint color t-shirt design. Anne will send out a form to gather t-shirt sizes. She plans to have them for pick up at the banquet.

Volunteer Hours

Please email Laura Hinz by the end of August you have of number of volunteer hours. She will update this in 4-H online.

Youth Educator Update

Jackie Kumm gave the update that Sky Holt has accepted the position in Pepin County. Heather Vierling has one more year with her current state position. Ann Whitman will have an extension of hours. Kari Weiss will be posting the job opening.

County Updates

Jackie Kumm gave an update of how St. Croix County is making budget cuts. After speaking with some county board members, it is noted that "4-H is safe". However, she would like to push to save all of the extension departments. She would like 4-H why stories or stories of how extension departments have helped published weekly in the 4 newspapers in St. Croix County. Please email them to Jackie by the end of the month.

Sarah Erickson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt Smith seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 17 @ 6:30 pm