

**St. Croix County Leaders Association Minutes
February 18 2024 @6:30 PM**

Attendance (in person):

Molly Ziegler-Forest Timberwolves/Secretary
Sarah Erickson-Fair Representative
Eileen Van Dyk- Extension Office, North Country
Laura Hinz-Extension Office
Nicole Cash-4-H Educator
Shawn Weyer- Baldwin Wide Awake
Makayla Weyer- Baldwin Wide Awake
Michael Clark- Sunny Side Shamrocks
Heather Greene- Sunny Side Shamrocks
Monica Mohn- Baldwin Wide Awake

Attendance (by Zoom)

Lori DeBoer- Adult Director
Beth LaValle- North Country 4-H
Shelby Krupa- President
Debbie Stevens- 4-H Food Stand
Gina Schneider- Willow River Eagles

Call to Order: Shelby Krupa called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm.

Pledges: Pledges were led by Sarah Erickson

Secretary's Report: Molly Ziegler shared the report. Motion made by Lori DeBoer and seconded by Sarah Erickson to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Shelby Krupa presented the treasurer's report.

Committee Reports:

Leadership

No update

Fundraising

No update

Scholarship

Lori DeBoer gave an update that the committee is waiting for applicants. Nicole Cash will send an email to all those interested serving on the committee towards the end of the month to set up a meeting.

By-Laws

No update

Recognition

No update

Public Relations

No update

Budget/Finance

No update

Program Development

Eileen Van Dyk gave an update on Foodfest. There were 24 kids registered. The theme was traditional Italian. The event seems well received.

Nicole Cash and Eileen gave an update on Clover College. It is February 22 at St. Croix Falls High School. There are 135 kids registered between Polk and St. Croix County. The cost is \$450 and will be split between the 2 counties.

Laura Hinz gave an update on Cloverbud at home. This program has a monthly zoom meeting where a project is worked on and also has a project to work on at home. It runs January through April. Ann Wittman taught the first 2 months. Nicole Cash will teach the last 2 programs.

Eileen Van Dyk mentioned there will be an upcoming April programming involving the natural sciences. More to come.

Shawn Weyer announced the dates for Shooting Sports are finalized. There will be practices May 10, May 24, June 7, and June 21 from 9-noon. The competition will be at the fairgrounds on July 12. Location is coordinated with the Willow River Gun club. A parents meeting is still TBD. There is no charge to 4-H members.

Old Business

None

New Business:

Enrollment

Eileen Van Dyk announced that enrollment is open through March 15. Current enrollment is 570, which is down from last year. An email has been sent to former 4-H members who have not yet re-enrolled.

Guests:

SCC Dairy Judging Team

Makayla Weyer presented a powerpoint on behalf of the St. Croix County 4-H Dairy Judging team. The team has won their opportunity to judge internationally in Scotland in June. It is estimated to cost the team \$33,000. There will be a fundraiser March 8 at the American Legion in Baldwin. Lori DeBoer made a motion to give the team \$2,000; Sarah Erickson seconded motion. After discussion, Lori DeBoer amended the motion to be an initial investment with the opportunity to revisit the request in the future after the teams' fundraising. Motion passed.

Arts Program

Michael Clark gave a presentation of why he would like to join the State 4-H Arts Ambassador program. The cost is \$725. After discussion, Eileen Van Dyk made a motion to cover 50 percent as a scholarship. Lori DeBoer seconded. Motion passed.

4-H Advertising

No update

NW Golf Classic

Lori DeBoer gave an update. The event will take place on June 9th. The event is looking for volunteers (adults and youth) and silent auction items.

4-H Camp

Nicole Cash gave an update. All camp counselors have been selected; there are 2 from St. Croix County. Registration for campers will be coming soon.

St. Croix County Fairbook

Lori DeBoer gave an update. Fairbook is being worked on. March 1 is the goal for it to be out.

Educator's Report

Nicole Cash gave a presentation of the roles of the 4-H Educator, 4-H Leaders, and the 4-H Leaders Council.

Lori DeBoer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Molly Ziegler seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 15 at 6:30 pm at the St. Croix County Extension Office, Baldwin.