

**Day County 4H Leaders Special Meeting
Dec. 6, 2023, 7 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by president Merrie Atherton who led the flag pledges. Secretary Stacey Williams Dunse was present recording the meeting. There were 32 leaders present in person and on zoom representing a quorum with leaders from seven of the eight clubs and independent leaders.

Missy Bartelt made a motion to approve the agenda, Misty Hemmingson seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

Angela Shoemaker and Misty Hemmingson, members of the bylaw review committee, read the state guidelines on what makes a 4H Club and 4H Leader. Angela Shoemaker made a motion to accept the recommendations by the committee for changes to the Day County Leader's Association By-Laws and Charter Renewal Constitution as put forth by the committee. Robin Dorsett made a motion to amend the original motion to take out the word "conclusion" and replace it with "beginning" in the constitution change in reference to when membership dues were to be paid. The amended motion was seconded by Misty Hemmingson. Discussion was held on the independent leader option online and how long background checks take. A roll call vote was made represented by two members of each club. 4 Corners: no votes; All Around: 2 yes; Country Kids: 2 yes; Clever Clovers: 2 yes; County Line: 2 yes; Dakota Kids: 2 yes; Jolly Workers: 2 yes; Sharp Shooters: 2 yes; Independents: 2 no. Motion approved. After the approval, discussion was held regarding the role of independent leaders in the Day County Leader's Association after the approved changes to the by-laws.

By-laws committee member Angela Shoemaker reviewed the recommendations of the committee regarding the changes to the Day County 4H Rules and Standards Policies. Discussion was held on premium payments and a recommended change to the policy to issue checks before all of the buyers had paid the association. Discussion was held on issuing the checks before the participants actually finished the 4H year. Discussion was held on ability to change rules once they are moved to the fair book. Misty Hemmingson made a motion to accept the committee recommendations. The motion was seconded by Jamie Larson. Motion approved on a roll call vote: 4 Corners: no votes; All Around: 2 yes; Country Kids: 2 yes; Clever Clovers: 2 yes; County Line Kids: 2 yes; Dakota Kids: 2 yes; Jolly Workers: 2 yes; Sharp Shooters: 2 yes.

Day County Leaders Association Treasurer Amy Fischer reviewed the proposed 2023-24 Leaders Association budget. Misty Hemmingson made a motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded by Angela Shoemaker. Motion carried.

Administrative Assistant Laura Kuecker reported all of the Charter Renewals and Civil Rights Renewals for each club have been collected by the office.

Audit follow up discussion was held regarding three separate allocations of funds that had passed motions at previous Day County Leader's Association meetings to be paid. These funds had yet to be disbursed: \$700 for the two National Shooting Sports participants; \$600 to the Junior Leaders; \$4,000 to the Saddle Club for the horse arena improvements. The treasurer will issue those three checks along with a check for half of the two CWF participants trip costs. Trip costs are \$2,950 per child.

New Business

Vince Hanson made a motion to pay a stipend of \$75 per day per child for the two Day County shooting sports participants who attended the national shooting sports competition. The motion was seconded by Kayla Czmowski. Motion passed with Misti Hemmingson abstaining. Amy Fisher reported on the banking and signature cards. Discussion was held on what the different banking institutions in Day County offer for rates and fee schedules. Jamie Larson made a motion to update all signature cards with new officers: Merrie Atherton, President; Amy Fischer, Treasurer; and Kristi Gaikowski, Vice President on all accounts and the addition of

Missy Bartelt, Day County Fair food booth manager, on the food booth account only. The motion was seconded by Angela Shoemaker. Motion carried.

Treasurer Amy Fisher discussed the CD funds renewal. Misty Hemmingson made a motion to authorize the treasurer to invest all funds in the best interest of the leader's association. President Merrie Atherton read the state bylaws on accounts handled by 4H entities. The motion was seconded by Heather Gaikowski. Discussion was held on not allowing the decision of tying up funds without approval from the leaders. Jamie Larson made a motion to amend the previous motion to authorize the treasurer to move money from the money market account in the best interest of the leader's association but not to authorize the investment in CD's. The motion was seconded by Anthony Bjerke. Motion carried. Jamie Larson made a motion to renew the four current CD's at Dacotah Bank at 5.15% APY for a seven month term. All four CD's are \$5,000 each. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Amy Fisher discussed the outstanding checks that need to be deposited from the premium sale and passed around the financials for the leaders to see.

With no new business, the next meeting of the Day County Leader's Association will be Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024 at 7 p.m. at the Day County Courthouse. Cindy Weyh made a motion to adjourn at 8 p.m. The motion was seconded by Angela Shoemaker. Motion carried.