

Day County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting
November 18, 2024

President Merrie Atherton called the meeting to order with the recitation of the flag pledges at 7:00 PM. Robin Dorsett, current Reporter, took the notes for Secretary Stacey Dunse who could not attend the meeting. 22 Leaders attended (18 present, 4 Zoom) with 6 of 8 clubs represented.

Motion by Jaime Larson to approve the **Agenda**. Brandon Zubke second. Nathan Fischer motioned to amend the presented agenda to move Election of Officers to come after Old Business is complete. Cindy second. Motion carried.

Secretary's report: Motion by Misty Hemmingson to approve the September 2024 Secretary's report with an amendment to include the Next Meeting date of November 18, 2024. Kristi Gaikowski Second. Motion carried. Correspondence: Thank you note from Fred and Cindy Zenk for the award they received.

Treasurer's report: Jaime motion to buy 2 \$5,000 CD's and to move \$5,000 into the money market account. Allison Gaikowski second. Discussion: There is a \$19,234.14 balance in the Learders account. After analyzing if there are any large expenses coming up, CD's and the Money Market acct. were suggested as a way to get more for our money. One member suggested that the business of moving the \$15,000 will be done at Dacotah Bank or at the discretion of the Treasurer. Motion carried. Motion by Jaime to approve the Treasurer's report. Second by Sam Hubsch. Discussion: *Balances:* Leaders (\$19,234.14), Money Market (\$3,135.38), *Earmarked funds* to deduct from total funds: Animal Clinics (\$1,523.19). *Bills* to be paid: None presented. 4 CD's (\$21,377.36). Motion carried.

Audit Committee: Cindy Weyh reported that the committee met and everything looked good.

Awards Committee: Next meeting date: Sun, Dec 1, 3:00 PM Courthouse. All clubs should select one person to be on this committee and let Jennifer know.

Joint Committee Report: Curt Weyh and Josh Atherton: no report

Shooting Sports Report: Traci Ellingson: Instructors have met and are getting a plan for practices for the new year.

Advisor Report: Jennifer Ringkob:

- Enrichment programs will be offered in area schools this year
- Reach out to Jennifer if your club has an educational need.
- Record Books: Jennifer went through all of them. Most of the required materials were there but there was such a range of completion from a lack of attention to detail to a scrapbooking platform. It led her to ask the question, "What is the right path for our county?" She will bring this question to the Awards Committee at their next meeting.

State Leaders Association: Amy Fischer: Mini Grants are due Dec. 31st. Up to \$400 could be awarded.

Junior Leaders Report: Robin Dorsett: We met on Sunday, Oct. 13th at Back 40 Beef. After a business meeting which included electing officers, members could do the Corn Maze.

Livestock Committee: no report

Old Business:

- A. Recognition Event: Thank you to all who made Recognition run smoothly for our youth.
- B. 4H Online: Remember to re-enroll. Deadline is December 31 for Volunteers. 4H Online closes May 31 for project areas.

Nominations and Election of Officers:

President: Nominations: Merrie Atherton, Robin Dorsett (respectfully declined). Motion to cease nominations by Amy Fischer. Second by Heather Gaikowski. Motion carried. Merrie was elected by unanimous vote.

Vice President: Nominations: Brandon Zubke. Motion to cease nominations by Traci. Second by Amy. Motion carried. Brandon was elected by unanimous vote.

Secretary: Nominations: Jessica McGregor, Robin Dorsett. Motion to cease nominations by Allison. Second by Cindy. Motion carried. Robin was elected by majority vote.

Treasurer: Nominations: Misty Hemmingson, Jessica McGregor, Amy Fischer. Motion to cease nominations by Josh. Second by Allison. Motion carried. Amy was elected by majority vote.

Reporter: Nominations: Misty Hemmingson, Traci Ellingson, Kristi Gaikowski. Motion to cease nominations by Allison. Second by Traci. Motion carried. Misty was elected by majority vote.

President Merrie declared the 2023-24 Leaders Association board adjourned and declared the meeting reconvene with the 2024-25 Board.

President: Merrie Atherton, VP: Brandon Zubke, Secretary: Robin Dorsett, Treasurer: Amy Fischer, Reporter: Misty Hemmingson

New Business:

- A. Designation of Courthouse Christmas funds: Nathan Fischer motioned to let Heather Gaikowski, nurse at Webster Area School, get a Mike's gift card for one or more needy families in the area. Brandon second. Discussion: none. Motion carried.
- B. Constitution and By-Laws Review: Amy motioned to change Volunteer Dues in the Affiliate Constitution, Appendix C, Article II, Section 4, to zero dollars. Cindy second. Discussion: $\frac{2}{3}$ vote required for a change. Votes as follows: 4 Corners and Sharp Shooters: no vote/no representation, County Line: 1 vote yes; All Around, Country Kids, Dakota Kids, Jolly Workers, Clever Clovers all 2 votes yes. Motion passes.
- C. Annual Charter Renewal and Civil Rights Assurance Statement: Jennifer gave each club these annual documents. Please return to the office so they can be mailed to the State by Dec. 31.
- D. Budget: Along with the Annual Renewal, a budget has to be submitted to the state. Treasurer Amy, presented a budget.

Motion made by Amy to submit the Day County 4H Leaders Association 5 renewal documents (Constitution, By Laws, Charter Renewal, Budget and Civil Rights Assurance Statement) to the state. Cindy second. Motion carried.

- E. Volunteers Position Description: Jennifer presented a volunteers position description paper that Leaders can give to new volunteers as education. Jennifer reported that she submits a report to the state about volunteers. There are 63 volunteers plus short term volunteers for a total of 91. To the best of her ability, she calculated all of the volunteer hours put forth in the last year for a total of 3100 hours.

Other business:

- A. Farm and Home Show: January 24 - 25. Amy has volunteered 4H to do the Food Booth and she has volunteered to manage it.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 7 PM Courthouse

Allison motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cindy second. Motion carried at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Robin Dorsett, Secretary