

Day County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting
Monday, September 29, 2025, 7:00 PM, Day County Courthouse

1, 2: President Merrie Atherton called the meeting to order with the recitation of the flag pledges at 7:04 PM. 17 Leaders attended (17 present, 0 Zoom) with 6 of 8 clubs represented. Staff present: Laura Kuecker.

3. Approve Agenda: Motion to approve by Missy Bartelt. Second by Cindy Weyh. Motion carried.

4. Secretary's report (Robin Dorsett): Motion by Brandon Zubke to approve the July 2025 Secretary's report. Jessi Wik Second. Motion carried.

5. Correspondence: Thank you note from SkillsX

6. Treasurer's report (Amy Fischer):

- Brandon motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Angela Shoemaker second.
 - Discussion: Balances: Leaders (\$24,280), Money Market (\$20,350,3.91), Earmarked funds to deduct from total funds: Animal Clinics (\$823.14), Women's Building (\$12,000), Bike Rodeo (\$1,701.09), DASH (\$343.38), Kid Kare (\$406.83), Awards (\$15,000.00)
 - 4 CD's: (\$22,511.12) Cash available: \$14,056.76. Motion carried.
- Bills presented: 1) Vet clinic (sheep/goat pen tags) \$62.40, 2) Waldner Farms \$69, 3) Roger Jensen (Horse Clinic) \$500, 4) R&F (advertising) \$309.93, 5) AgTegra (sheep/goat pens) \$8,347 Motion carried.
- Amy reported on the Premium Sale: Livestock: \$41,444.45 (down \$9,698.85 from 2024), Premium: \$63,000 (up \$6,650 from 2024). Total sale: \$104,444.45 (down \$3,048.85 from 2024 total)
- Discussion: Women's building: It was asked if there was anything to present regarding the renovations in the women's building. Amy reported that there is nothing to report at this time. She is still seeking bids.

7. Audit Committee Report (Merrie Atherton): Committee formed: Angela Shoemaker, Jessi Wik, Misty Hemmingson.

8. Awards Committee (Robin Dorsett): We met on Aug 18th and Sept 2. There has been a change in the organization of the 4H Mall. Robin is coordinating with vendors to compile the 4H Mall order form. The forms will be given to recipients at the Recognition Event on Sunday, Nov. 2 in Webster. The order form will need to be turned in within a week of the Recognition Event. Encourage your 4Hers to apply for awards. Updated applications are on the 4H website.

9. Joint Committee Report: no report

10. Shooting Sports Report (Vince Hanson): Planning to start in January.

11. Advisor Report: Jennifer Ringkob - Report given via paper report:

- Heartfelt gratitude for all efforts this past year especially at the DCF
- Due date for record books and award applications is Oct. 7th
- Dr. Tim Tanner has resigned as SDSU Extension 4-H Program Director. Interim is Rosie Nold
- National 4-H Week is Oct 5-11.
- 2 new 4-H Ambassadors from Day County: Kelsey Fischer and Adaline Larson!
- Enrollment opens on Oct. 1

12. Junior Leaders Report (Robin Dorsett): We need to have an organizational meeting in October. Bowling suggested as a meeting activity.

13. State Leaders Association (Amy Fischer): See Gala information later in the meeting.

14. Old Business:

A. Day County Fair:

- a. Sincere Thank you to all who made the fair a success
- b. Feedback and suggestions for future DCF:
 - i. Positives: Nice to have the west quonset space. Nice to have supper near the ring during the pig show. Pig show was well attended. New show time for pig show was nice. Good pig show communication between the 2 barns during the show. Nice new show schedule for Beef/Dairy.
 - ii. Opportunities for Improvement: Glenn says we need new speakers. He suggests a nice Bluetooth set. For beef show: Maybe do the market show first or do a no-fit showmanship the day before. Those that showed heifers had to wait a long time for showmanship. Spread out

the time from the rabbit show to the goat show to allow more time for 4Hers. Pig barn curtains.

B. Recognition Event: Sunday, November 2 in Webster

- a. Set start time: 4:00
- b. Set-up club volunteer: Jolly Workers
- c. Refreshments: order and serve club volunteer: Jolly Workers
 - i. Motion by Missy Bartelt to order cookies and a crate of milk from Mike's Jack and Jill for the event to be paid by the Leaders. Second by Cindy. Motion carried.

15. New Business:

A. Food Booth report:

- a. 2025 Manager: Missy Bartelt
 - i. Food Booth profits: \$21,216 (Missy presented a detailed, two-page report - Copies available for those attending and upon request)
 - ii. Pies and Bars: Thank you to all the clubs for donations
 - iii. Staffing: Thank you to those that picked up extra shifts and those that stayed longer
 - iv. Amy amended her July motion to read: Pay Missy \$3000 (not \$2000) + 10% profits. Josh Atherton second. Discussion: During Missy's report, she told about the extra days of prep and taking the time to solicit donations to help keep the prices family friendly. She was able to keep the prices the same as last year and earn more profits. Missy works on looking for way to improve the food booth the whole year. It was suggested during her report by an attending member that maybe Missy should be paid more. This prompted Amy to amend her motion that she made at the last meeting. Motion carried.

B. Steak Supper

- a. 2025 Manager: Amy Fischer
 - i. Steak Supper profits: \$5,694.13
 - ii. 649 tickets were sold. The profit is pretty good considering the cost of steaks and other supplies is up. The ticket cost remained \$20 like other years. Discussion: Cindy suggested trying other places for purchasing steaks.
 - iii. Amy reported this was her last year managing the Steak Supper
 - iv. A motion was made at the July meeting to pay Amy.

C. Appoint/Approve Interview Committee for Best Beginner, Top Junior and Outstanding 4-Her

- a. The Awards Committee has given recommendations for the interview committee. Opened up for other suggestions and there were none. The Extension Office will call to form the interview committee.
- b. Interviews will be held the week of October 20.

D. Special Award Nominations and Selection:

- a. Jaime Larson motioned to open up suggestions for Outstanding Alumni, Meritorious Service and Friend of 4-H. Second by Cindy. Discussion: Outstanding Alumni: Brianna Gaikowski. Meritorious Service: Harvey Opitz and Friend of 4-H: TLC Physical Therapy. Motion carried.

E. National 4-H Week: October 5-11 Theme: Beyond Ready

- a. Clubs are encouraged to do something to promote 4-H
- b. Theme days: Monday: Go Green - wear green to promote 4-H; Tuesday: Wear Club shirt - a suggestion by Day County 4-H Leaders; Wednesday: County wide wear a 4H T-shirt day; Thursday: Promote 4-H on social media
- c. Encouraged to write letters to the editor to share why 4H is an awesome organization to join and this also goes toward the Key Award

F. Bright Lights, Bold Legacy 4-H Gala: November 22, 6:00 PM at SDSU Alumni Center

- a. The Gala committee is looking for desserts made by 4-H members to feature during the fundraising event. Desserts must be received by the State 4-H Office no later than Thursday, Nov. 20. Requirements include: No desserts requiring refrigeration; Must be in disposable packaging as pans will not be returned to the baker; Serve a minimum of 8

- b. The Gala committee is looking for Silent Auction baskets for the event. Discussion: It was suggested by a member that each club gives something toward a Day County basket that could be contributed to the event. Basket donations are due to the Day County Extension office by Oct 20th. Baskets are due to SDSU by Nov. 3.

16. Other Business: none

17. Next meeting: Monday, November 10th, 2025, 7 PM Courthouse

Angela motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cindy second. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Robin Dorsett, Secretary