

**Day County Leader's Association  
July 6, 2024 Regular meeting**

The July meeting of the Day County Leader's Association was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by president Merrie Atherton followed by the flag pledges. Leaders present represented the following clubs: Jolly Workers, Country Kids, Clever Clovers and Dakota Kids. Jennifer Ringkob and Laura Kuecker were present from the 4H office.

Amy Fischer made a motion to approve the agenda, Traci Ellington seconded. Motion carried.

Amy Fischer made a motion to approve the secretary's report. Jessica McGregor seconded. Motion Carried.

Robin Dorsett made a motion to approve the treasurers report. Traci Ellington seconded. Motion carried.

The Day County Leaders Association was asked to manage funds for the DASH. Amy Fischer reported that she was willing to manage the funds inside the Day County Leader's Association Account.

CD Rates were discussed as the Leader's Association currently has \$20,759.52 designated for youth development inside four CD's at Dacotah Bank that will mature on 7/19/24. President Merrie Atherton recommended that we call Jill Gaikowski at Dacotah Bank to receive the new rate to renew the CD's for seven months. Traci Ellingson made a motion for treasurer Amy Fischer to call Dakota Bank to renew; Jessica McGregor seconded. Motion Carried.

Robin Dorsett made a motion to add Missy Bartelt to the Day County Leader's Association bank account for access to funds for Day County Fair Food Booth supplies and equipment. Brandon Zubke seconded. Motion carried.

Robin Dorsett made a motion to close the livestock account and the Contrast food booth account and make them both line items in the Day County Leader's Association main account. Brandon Zubke seconded it. Motion carried.

Traci Ellingson reported to the leaders that shotgun has begun for shooting sports. There were 3-4 beginners present and 12 shooting on the first night. They meet Wednesdays at the trap range at 6 p.m. The first hour is reserved for beginners; the 7-8 p.m. timeframe for the experienced shooters. There are currently 18 registered.

Amy Fischer had nothing to report from the state leader's association.

Robin Dorsett reported that the Junior Leaders planted 12 planters on May 20 and they are located near the wash rack for ease of watering throughout the summer. The next Junior Leader's meeting will be July 8 at 7 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Junior Leaders have been sent a google doc for sign up to help water the flowers. The junior leaders are planning a Barnyard Olympics for the Day County Fair. Jennifer Ringkob reported that the junior leaders helped with the RasDak Meal on June 5 and received \$608 profit from donations.

Audit Committed will be assigned in July.

Robin Dorsett reported on the Awards Committee. At their last meeting on May 7 they edited the awards applications and those will be uploaded to the website. She reported that they discussed more awards for showmanship participants. They will no longer give graduates a plaque but plan to gift them a pen set at their high school graduation and then gift them a check for \$50 at the November awards. Laura Kuecker mentioned that the office has received interest in a party that wants to donate buckets to all small animal participants at the fair.

Jennifer Ringkob reported that the livestock committee met July 5 at the fairgrounds and discussed judges. There will be a few changes in the times of shows to accommodate the judges availability. There will be a special section in the Day County Fair Book discussing horse etiquette during the fair. There are 419 animals currently registered in 4H online, including 98 swine, as of July 6 so stalling issues could be a potential problem that will be solved after the final registration for the fair at the end of July. There was brief discussion about renting generators for the sheep barn.

During the advisor report Jennifer Ringkob reminded all leaders to have their club members continue to check the calendar for events. There will be a bread baking workshop on June 20.

A fashion review workshop in conjunction with Marshall County will be held on July 9. She reminded all leaders to be mindful of turning in their COC's at least five days ahead of time. The state fair will start Wednesday this year instead of Thursday so check the changes in that schedule. Static exhibits will be judged on Tuesday this year instead of Wednesday due to the change.

During the Joint Committee Report Josh Atherton reported that the concrete slab will be poured asap at a cost of \$300. He also discussed panels that were purchased by Curt Weyh for the show pen. They will be cut to make as many pens as possible. There are eight 25"x96" panels at a cost of \$75 per panel. Discussion was held on who was responsible for paying for the panels. Atherton also reported that the fair board is working on the roof of the grandstands and that the joint committee had some discussion on covering the show ring. There will be a walk through and more discussion of the committee members at their next meeting.

All Old Business was discussed during the Advisor report.

#### New Business

Jennifer Ringkob discussed the Day County Fair Book and reviewed changes and additions. A final copy will be made available for download. Some changes include multiple reminders for pre-registration deadline in fair entry for display and livestock and state fair deadlines. There was discussion on the eligibility of the Round Robin participants and whether or not an individual can participate in both in the same year. The office will research previous minutes to find the correct wording that was passed by the leaders at a previous meeting. Opening up the food booth on Wednesday was discussed. The office will make sure there are no sales tax violations if it is allowed to sell food a day early. The book will also include an integrity pledge, information on registration papers and the animal replacement rule along with a guideline of when to wear the fair shirts provided to the exhibitors.

Steak Supper tickets will be distributed to each family. Each family is asked to sell at least 10 tickets. Deadline: July 29. Discussion was held on the livestock animal and premium sale and if it could be possible to sell half of the swine, move on to another species and then come back to the other half of the swine.

Traci Ellingson made a motion to pay the food booth manager \$2,000 plus 10% commission of sales for the Day County Fair. Nathan Fischer seconded. Motion carried. Robin Dorsett made a motion preauthorizing the food booth manager, Missy Bartelt, to purchase supplies and equipment up to \$4,000 for the Day County Fair Food Booth. Josh Atherton seconded. Motion carried.

Jennifer Ringkob reported that there will be a small animal clinic and beef showmanship June 19 for swine and goats. Stephanie Jung of Edmunds County will put on the clinic. Discussion was held on whether participants should bring their own animals and if so if they need health papers. Jung will be consulted. More details will follow.

Amy Fischer made a motion to allow the Highway 12 Round-Up to use the leader's sound system. Jessica McGregor seconded. Motion carried.

Other discussion was briefly held regarding the fair board's plan if the quonset floods again like last year and if the west building on the fairgrounds was an option for the additional animals registered for the fair.

The next meeting of the Day County Leader's Association will be July 18, 7 p.m.

Traci Ellingson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Josh Atherton seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by secretary Stacey Williams Dunse