

Day County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting
Monday, July 21, 2025, 7:00 PM, Day County Courthouse

1, 2: Vice President Brandon Zubke called the meeting to order with the recitation of the flag pledges at 7:02 PM. 11 Leaders attended (11 present, 0 Zoom) with 5 of 8 clubs represented. *Note:* Zoom was not available for this meeting due to SDSU cyber updates. Staff present: Jennifer Ringkob and Laura Kuecker.

3. Secretary's report (Robin Dorsett): Motion by Misty Hemmingson to approve the May 2025 Secretary's report. Missy Bartelt Second. Motion carried.

President Merrie Atherton took over presiding over the meeting.

4. Treasurer's report (Amy Fischer):

- Misty motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Brandon second.
 - Discussion: Balances: Leaders (\$13,247.50), Money Market (\$20,331.91), Earmarked funds to deduct from total funds: Animal Clinics (\$1,523.19), Women's Building (\$12,000), Bike Rodeo (\$2,828.00), Steak Supper (\$30), DASH (\$343.38), Kid Kare (\$406.83)
 - 4 CD's: (\$22,366.48) Cash available: \$16,448.01. Motion carried.
- Misty motioned to pay all bills presented. Brandon second. Discussion: Bills presented: Pay all 2025 YIA and DCF judges based on Nov. 2024 meeting where amounts were determined. Give Tabor Church a \$100 donation for letting us use their facilities for Special Foods. Pay the 2025 T-Shirt bill. Reimburse Missy \$424.79 for a freezer for the Food Booth. Motion carried.

5. Shooting Sports Report: no report

6. State Leaders Association: Jennifer mentioned to watch email for State Fair volunteer opportunities.

7. Junior Leaders Report (Robin Dorsett): Families have been watering the planters at the fairgrounds. We will meet in a few weeks to finalize the Barnyard Olympics at the DCF and determine a time for the event.

8. Joint Committee Report: The area for the concrete pad that will hold the scale has been framed. The Fairboard is pouring a cement pad by the Swine barn, so, when GCC comes to pour that, they will have the scale pad poured and cover the cost of it. Brandon Zubke reported.

9. Audit Committee Report: (Merrie Atherton): No report. A committee will be formed at the next meeting.

10. Awards Committee (Robin Dorsett): We met on June 26th. Bailey Meyer, with Northern Edge Marketing, was present to show the committee about how the Day County Awards Mall will work. 4Hers will be given a code and a link to the 4H Mall after the fair. Award choices should be made by September 15th so that the items can be ready for presentation at the Recognition Event on Sunday, Nov. 2 in Webster (time to be determined). Graduates will be given a code with a \$75 price point instead of being given the traditional cash gift. There are approximately 13 graduates. Information about the awards mall has been in the Th Th the last few weeks.

11. Livestock Committee (Jennifer Ringkob): Next meeting is on Tuesday, July 29th at 8:30 out at the fairgrounds.

12. Advisor Report: Jennifer Ringkob:

- July 2nd: Day/Marshall Horse Show. 28 participants. Great day!
- July 17th: Special Foods contest at Tabor Church. 11 participants. Tabor was a great host! Great day!
- July 22nd: Communication contest is tomorrow. 10 are signed up to participate. CDM will also be set up.
- July 31: Fashion Revue
- Ambassadors: Applications are available. Leaders are encouraged to mention this to their club members. Interviews are held at the State Fair.
- Sale Forms: We are trying something new this year. Sale forms will be collected when animals are checked in. Changes can be made later but this will help office staff start to compile the sale order sooner.
- Livestock Integrity Pledge: These paper forms need to be signed by both the 4Her and the parent (even if they are 18) before they will be allowed into the ring. Please turn them in to the office. The sooner the better, please.
- State Fair release time: Day County is now Monday at 2:30 for Livestock and Static exhibits.
- State Fair book: Please keep referring to this. There are a lot of changes.
- COC: Laura has completed a COC for the DCF to cover all clubs if they have a meeting Aug 3-11.
- Swine clinic: Jennifer is working with Preston Mattheis to come and conduct the clinic before the fair.

13. Old Business:

- A. Fair t-shirts: Shirts have been ordered and will be available for pick up as soon as they arrive.
- B. Fair Entry deadline for DCF is Monday, July 28 at 11:59 PM
- C. Fair Entry deadline for STATE FAIR is Tuesday, August 12 at 11:59 PM

14. New Business:

- A. Youth In Action events: See Advisor Report for details.
- B. Achievement Days information:
 - a. Entry Deadline - July 28 - all display and livestock projects must be entered into Fair Entry
 - b. Stalling assignments will be completed by the Livestock Committee members after July 28
 - c. Display exhibit forms and all static forms are on the website and links are included in the DCF Fair Book (link for the book is in the Thursday Thoughts.)
 - d. Continue to watch the Thursday Thoughts weekly email for updates
 - e. Food Booth and Fair Volunteer opportunities - use the Sign Up Genius links in Th.Th.
 - f. Call or stop by for assistance
- C. Fairgrounds Cleanup - 2025: See the Day County Fair Book for details.
 - a. Each club is assigned an area to clean
- D. Display Exhibit Judging
 - a. A map will be posted in the 4H building so clubs can set up their displays.
 - b. Rocket Launch: Connor Fischer will help.
- E. Food Booth:
 - a. 2025 Manager: Missy Bartelt
 - i. Missy reported that Megan, from Nova Clean Energy, contacted her and they would like to provide a free meal for ages 5 to 18 on Wednesday, August 6th. Taco theme.
 - ii. Pies and Bars: please refer to the Day County Fair Book so that each club knows what they are supposed to provide.
 - iii. Staffing: 4H families must sign up using the Sign-Up Genius link in the Th. Th.
 - iv. Amy motioned to pay Missy \$2000 + 10% profits. Jessica McGregor second. Discussion: Missy reported that she is still able (started last year) to serve our whole Wednesday to Sunday fair schedule based on SD Law. Motion carried.
- F. Steak Supper
 - a. 2025 Manager: Amy Fischer
 - i. Ticket sales are due to the 4H office by July 28th
 - ii. Clever Clovers will work the Steak Supper on Saturday night
 - iii. Amy reported that steak are \$7 cost this year
 - iv. Brandon motioned to pay Amy \$1000 + 10% profits and to also pay to run an ad in the Reporter and Farmer newspaper. Misty second. Discussion: none. Motion carried.
- G. Record Book: Proposed dates
 - a. To Leaders by Friday, Oct. 3 (on or before)
 - b. To Office by Tuesday, Oct 7th (Books, Special Award Applications and Leaders Reports)
 - c. Recognition event: Sunday, Nov. 2 at Webster. Time to be determined.

15. Other Business: none

16. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 7th, 2025, 7 PM Courthouse

Misty motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sam second. Motion carried at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Robin Dorsett, Secretary