

Day County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting  
April 3, 2024

President Merrie Atherton called the meeting to order with the recitation of the flag pledges at 7:06 PM. Robin Dorsett, current Reporter, took the notes for Secretary Stacey Dunse who could not attend the meeting. 19 Leaders attended (18 present, 1 Zoom) with 6 of 8 clubs represented.

Motion by Missy Bartelt to approve the **Agenda**. Angela Shoemaker second. Motion carried.

**Secretary's report:** Motion by Josh Atherton to approve the January 2024 Secretary's report. Jill Gaikowski Second. Motion carried. Correspondence: Thank you note from the Megan Zenk family.

**Treasurer's report:** Motion by Jessie Wik to approve the Treasurer's report. Second by Missy Bartelt.

Discussion: *Balances:* Leaders (\$14,064.41), Livestock (\$591.85), Money Market (\$3,126.23), CorTrust Food Booth (\$337.06). *Earmarked funds* to deduct from total funds: Animal Clinics (\$2,635.12), Joint Committee (\$3,424.39). *Bills* to be paid: \$9888.79 (Minnetex Fruit), \$5000 (All American Saddle Club for horse arena/crows nest - these funds are grant monies from Farm Credit) *Balance after bills are paid/earmarks subtracted:* \$14,064.41. *Fruit Sales profit was \$4,564.21 FYI:* Funds spent at the Fairgrounds since 2017 is \$65,372.90. Motion carried.

Motion by Josh for Treasurer Amy Fischer to pay these bills. Angela second. Motion carried.

**Shooting Sports Report:** Josh Atherton (Instructor): Cabinets have been installed in the basement of the Ikes building. They are able to hold all equipment, except archery, and they can be locked. Vince is working with someone on building a room to be able to lock up the archery equipment. A lot of kids are qualified for State Shoot!

**State Leaders Association:** Amy Fischer: The annual meeting is on April 13th.

**Junior Leaders Report:** Robin Dorsett: Next meeting is Monday, May 13th at the fairgrounds to plant flowers.

**Joint Committee Report:** Josh Atherton and Curt Weyh: The group, Fairboard members: Chris Barse and Shonda Dargatz, and Commissioners: Danny Kjos and Derek Sinner, met in mid-March.

- 1) **Bathroom:** Angela motioned to pay RBC (Randy Bartelt Construction) \$5394.38. Cindy Weyh second. Discussion: Josh reported that Randy has completed all of the items on the July 14, 2022 walk through punch-list. The project is now considered finished. Mary, Josh and Curt plan to go to the next commissioner meeting to sign off on our responsibilities and transfer it to the county. Josh noted that there is one more thing that needs to be finished by Beau Larson. Josh is going to check with him to see if he still plans to hang the privacy panel in the men's bathroom. The panel is already made and is at the bathroom, it just isn't installed. One other thing that Randy noted is that no ventilation has been added to the shower areas. Since that wasn't specifically on the "list" he didn't address it but wanted it noted (Missy Bartelt - present at the meeting - spoke on his behalf) that the shower area needs attention so that mold and mildew doesn't continue to grow in that area. The Fairboard members of the Joint Committee stated at that March meeting that they are willing to accept it as is, based on the completed "punch-list" from July 2022. Motion carried.
- 2) **Scale Shelter:** Curt reported that they have an idea to pour a slab of concrete where the old crows nest was and build a structure to protect the scale. We would switch the way we think regarding weighing animals. Currently, we move the scale to an animal area. The new way, should the project advance out of this initial stage, would reflect bringing all species to the scale.
- 3) The next Joint Committee meeting is scheduled for the first part of May.

**Audit Committee:** No report because no Leaders have been assigned/volunteered for this committee to date.

**Awards Committee:** Robin Dorsett reported that the committee has met twice in the last month. Discussions have centered around streamlining the applications. The amounts and due dates have been analyzed. We have edited some criteria for earning scholarships. We are attaching a specific amount of \$150 to the Leaders Scholarship for camps. It will be a first come, first served distribution. Once the budgeted \$4000 (fund source: Budget line item Program Revitalization) is paid out, no more monies will be awarded. Josh motioned to allow Amy to write checks for eligible scholarship applications as they come in, up to the budgeted \$4000. Curt

Weyh second. Discussion: Should the scholarship amount be \$100 instead? More discussion decided that \$150 is good for this year and we can reevaluate the amount annually. Motion carried.

**Livestock Committee:** Jaime Larson reported that they've reviewed the roles of the Superintendents. It was decided to add a Youth member as a superintendent. Species Sups are responsible for choosing the youth to fill these roles. The schedule has been rearranged a little bit. The Weighmaster position has been eliminated. The committee gave judges names to Jennifer and she will make some calls to get judges. They will meet again in May so that the Day County Fairbook can be ready for families by mid-June. The Youth Sups should attend this meeting.

**Advisor Report:** Jennifer Ringkob:

- Next DASH is May 31st in Watertown.
- YLL (Youth Livestock Literacy) opportunity:
  - at DASH on May 31st. (Horse LL will also be offered)
  - Monday, April 22nd at the Day County Courthouse- The focus is on Sheep but all are welcome to attend. RSVP because a supper will be served at 6, Program at 6:30
  - The YLL and Horse LL requirement needs to be completed by May 31st.
    - Horse LL for Day County is in its coordination stage.
- Kid Kare: Thank you to Missy Bartelt for her helpfulness. They made 79 first aid kits and sent them around the state.
- The Healthy Living program started in February at Waubay School and is impacting 80 kids.
- Teen Mental Health First Aid in Webster is finishing soon.
- Working with Day County Arts Council to have another sewing day
- The jelly making workshop was a success!
- May 1st - Farm Safety Day at the Day County Fairgrounds. Jr. Leaders are encouraged to come and help if they can!
- The Special Foods contest will be able to be held in the Webster Area High School's old FACS classroom.
- The 2024 State 4-H Book will be released very soon

**Old Business:**

- A. Fruit Sales: Amy Fischer reported that it was the biggest year ever! Great job everyone! Total sales: \$14,453.00 Total paid to Minnetex: \$9,888.79 Total profit: \$4,564.21
- B. Calendar Updates: The Special Foods date has changed to accommodate judges.

**New Business:**

- A. New Policy Handbook Training: The Board of Regents enacted a policy with non-student minors. Dr. Tim Tanner wrote a policy since 4H falls under the SDSU umbrella. All 4H Volunteers will need to complete a mandatory training to learn about this. Tuesday, April 16th, 7PM Courthouse.
- B. Certificate of Compliance Requirements: Currently, the club date of mandatory reporting is not scheduled yet. Once mandatory reporting is enacted, clubs will be required to fill out a COC at least two days before each club meeting and submit it to Jennifer. Jennifer will sign off on it and send it to the next step (Provost) to keep all of our clubs in compliance.

**Other business:**

- Thank you to First Interstate Bank for a \$500 grant.
- Jill Gaikowski reported that Dacotah Bank has purchased a poly-wood bench for the fairgrounds.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 6th, 7PM at the Courthouse.

Motion by Angela to adjourn the meeting. Allison Gaikowski second. Motion carried at approximately 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Robin Dorsett, Reporter (Acting Secretary for this meeting)