

Day County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

Monday, November 10, 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 7:05 PM. 32 Leaders attended (31 present, 1 Zoom) with 8 of 9 clubs represented. Staff present: Jennifer Ringkob and Laura Kuecker

3. Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda by Brandon Zubke. Second by Kristi Gaikowski. Motion carried.

4. Roll Call: Has everyone signed the sign-in sheet?

5. Secretary's report (Robin Dorsett): Motion by Missy Bartelt to approve the September 2025 Secretary's report with an Amendment to state: "Food Booth profits: \$15,090.03" The \$21,216 amount that was in the September minutes was the amount before expenses were taken out. Second by Angela Shoemaker. Motion carried.

6. Correspondence: Thank you notes and some cookies

7. Treasurer's report (Amy Fischer):

- Day County Leaders financials presented: Balances: Leaders (\$11,226.12), Money Market (\$20,368.40) Earmarked funds to deduct from total funds: Animal Clinics (\$823.14), DASH (\$343.38), Kid Kare (\$406.83), Bike Rodeo (\$1,701.09), Women's Building (\$12,000), Awards (\$15,000.00), Cash available: \$1020.08.
- 4 CD's: (\$22,511.12)
- Motion by Brandon to table the Treasurer's Report. Second by Allison Gaikowski. Discussion: Merrie asked about two areas and Amy said she needs to check into her questions. Areas of question include: Income: Donations: T-shirt \$3090 and Income: T-shirt Sales \$259 = \$3349. In Expense: Fair t-shirts \$3705. Merrie asked if the income and expense should be the same? Right now there's a difference of \$359. A second area that Merrie asked about was Income: Leaders/Volunteer Dues \$645 and Expenses: Leaders/Volunteer Dues Expense \$660. Merrie asked if these two numbers should match as an all in and all out situation? Motion carried.
- Bills presented: 1) Checks were written to 4Hers who submitted receipts with their 4H Mall order forms if they chose the animal purchase or Molly's belt buckle reimbursement option.

8. Audit Committee Report (Misty Hemmingson): The Audit Committee (Angela Shoemaker, Jessi Wik, Misty Hemmingson) met and they have no findings. President Merrie asked for a typed up report. Misty said that she can bring one to the next meeting.

9. Awards Committee (Robin Dorsett): We met tonight at 5:30. All order forms have been turned in after being handed out at the Recognition Event. The committee planned to get the awards ordered. The feedback that we have received so far about this new awards program has all been positive. We plan to meet again in January before the next Leaders' meeting.

10. Joint Committee Report (Curt Weyh): no report

11. Shooting Sports Report (Vince Hanson): Getting things in order to start in January. Mandatory parent meeting and registration on January 5th at the Courthouse.

12. Advisor Report: Extension Educator Jennifer Ringkob:

- “Welcome new 4-H Club Tails & Trails led by Josh and Merrie Atherton, Tim & Heather Gaikowski It is great to have another club. Our membership is strong and more options increase our ability to recruit new members
- Save the Date for Summer Camp 2026! Registration opening soon for the following camps:
 - Lake Poinsett – Ages 8-12 June 7-10
 - Going Beyond – Ages 12-14 June 10-12
 - Storm Mountain – Ages 8-12 June 14-17
- New for Summer 2026: Teen Adventure Camp @ Storm Mountain – Ages 15-18
May 31-June 3
- Beef AI Camp – Brookings – December 13 information will be in the Thursday Thoughts – Youth Livestock Literacy Approved
- YLL – Watertown Farm Show February 13-14 – Skillathon
- Gala Basket delivered: Thank you to the Country Kids, Dakota Kids, Jolly Workers and Clever Clovers for their donations
 - Gala tickets are available and information in the TT
- Shooting Sports Trainings – December 12 in Brookings – Registration opens November 14

- Attending the Beyond Ready Training in Chamberlain this week
- State 4-H Office update: Dr. Tim Tanner resigned as of September 17, and the interim 4-H Program Director is Dr. Rosie Nold. She is adding this to her list of responsibilities so asks we be patient as some things may take longer at the state level. We are seeing this with Shooting Sports training and there may be slight delays for paperwork to be signed based on Dr. Nold's availability, but they are doing their best.
 - The livestock projects manager position is also vacant.
 - Timeline for hiring: First up is the Extension Director and Associate Dean – nationwide search to replace Karla Trautman THEN 4-H Program director THEN livestock projects manager
- Town Hall- 4-H Livestock Review scheduled for Thursday, December 4 at 6 pm in Nordby Exhibit Hall, Huron, SD watch for more information
- Bluetooth speakers – I am working with an audio tech to look at the current equipment and what will be the most compatible option for us. The cost depends on the size of the speakers. Hopefully I'll have options for consideration at the next meeting.
- Thank you to the dedication of our volunteers. Approximately 3700 hours donated to our program valued at \$25 per hour for a Return on Investment of \$91,000. WOW!"

13. State Leaders Association (Amy Fischer): no report

14. Junior Leaders Report (Robin Dorsett): We met on Sunday, October 12th at 6:30 at L&L Lanes. 12 kids and 5 adults. We discussed the DCF and what they would like to do next year. They would like to do the planters again. There was an idea of having a dance or a cornhole tournament for the Jr. Leaders age kids. New business included a motion to donate \$25 to Courthouse Christmas and Election of Officers: President: Kelsy Fischer, Vice President: Gage Wik, Secretary: Ava Bjerke, Treasurer: Macee McGregor, Reporter: Carlee Wik. The group would like to have a Christmas event. The plan is to meet at Hot Rod Garage on Monday, December 29th. Everyone enjoyed bowling and pizza after the meeting.

15. Old Business:

A. Recognition Event was Sunday, November 2 in Webster. It went smoothly. Robin reported about the cookies and milk that were ordered from Mike's and what was left over. Ordered: 17 dozen cookies, 100 cartons chocolate milk and 50 cartons white milk.

(Cookies: 6 doz chocolate chip, 5 doz M&M, 3 sugar, 3 English toffee) Leftovers: 6 dozen cookies, 86 milk (56 chocolate and 30 white)

B. 4-H Online: Please remind all Volunteers and club members to re-enroll by December 31. 4H online officially closes on May 31, but all youth are encouraged to follow the December 31 deadline.

C. Election of Officers: Nominations (Nominated by/Second). Sam Hubsch, Missy and Robin volunteered to collect and count the votes.

a. **President**: Merrie Atherton (Allison/Curt), Jaime Larson (Angela/Amy). Motion nominations cease (Missy/Brandon). Merrie elected.

b. **Vice President**: Brandon Zubke (Vince/Curt). Motion nominations cease and a unanimous ballot cast (Jaime/Andy Paulson).

c. **Secretary**: Robin Dorsett (Amy/Angela), Jessica McGregor (Kristi/Sam). Motion nominations cease (Amy/Brandon). Robin abstained from helping collect and count ballots. Jessica elected.

d. **Treasurer**: Allison Gaikowski (Cindy/Kristi), Amy Fischer (Jaime/Andy). Motion nominations cease (Andy/Curt). Amy elected.

e. **Reporter**: Kristi Gaikowski (Cindy/Curt), Misty Hemmingson (Amy/Sam). Motion nominations cease (Allison/Andy). Kristi elected.

Adjournment of the old board and now the new board begins.

15. New Business:

A. Designation of Courthouse Christmas funds: Motion by Kristi to donate the funds to the Mark Ermer family. Second by Angela. Discussion: Mark was in a recent hunting accident where he sustained substantial injuries to his back. Motion carried.

B. Constitution and By-Laws: Motion by Misty to leave the Constitution and By-Laws the same. Second by Nathan Fischer. Motion carried.

C. Annual Charter Renewal and Civil Rights Assurance Statement: Jennifer handed this paperwork out to a Leader from each club. Each club present tonight should fill this out and turn it in before you leave.

Motion by Jaime to have the Exec Board meet and go over the proposed budget to submit with the Affiliate Renewal by December 31, 2025. Second by Misty. Discussion: We need to stay compliant. Motion carried.

D. Authorized signers: Motion by Cindy that the Authorized Signers will be President Merrie Atherton, Vice President Brandon Zubke, Treasurer Amy Fischer, Food Booth Manager Missy Bartelt. Second by Kristi. Motion carried.

17. Other Business:

Motion by Curt to get a gas card for the Mark Ermer family. Second by Vince. Discussion produced an amount of \$500 and Jamie second that. Both motions carried. Other discussion: Treasurer Amy Fischer will take care of this.

Motion by Jessi Wik to give \$1000 to the Jr. Leaders. Second by Jaime. Discussion: The Jr. Leaders will use the funds to help create a budget and plan events similar to how the Leaders do it. Motion carried.

18. Next meeting: Motion by Nathan that the next meeting should be on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 7 PM at the Courthouse. Second by Jaime. Motion carried.

19: Adjournment: Motion by Angela to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 PM. Second by Brandon. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Robin Dorsett, Secretary