

New Castle County 4-H Leaders Association
February 1, 2016
(Rescheduled from 1/25/16 due to weather)

7:03 pm:

Meeting called to order by President Kim Klair.

There was no secretary report as our last meeting was the training for Stewards of Children.

Treasurer's report yielded \$2882 in our checking account and \$4551 in our savings account.

Agent's Report:

1. The Leaders were saddened by the news of the passing of Rhonda Martell. Kim made a motion for the Leaders Association to honor Rhonda. Robyn Hunter 2nd the motion. Passed

Janice Melson made a motion the Leaders Association make a \$50 donation in her name to the DE 4-H Foundation.

Chris Melson 2nd the motion. Passed

2. The Mark Manno NCC Camp Scholarship applications are due by February 15, 2016.
3. The State Leaders Forum is Saturday February 6, 2016. They are still accepting registrations.
4. The deadline for reenrollment through 4-H Online is March 1st. A current 4-Her must be enrolled by this date to exhibit/participate in the 2016 DE State Fair.
5. Mallory reviewed the procedure for the 2016 Club Audits. Club leaders should have received their audit forms. Mallory reviewed the annual audit report access on the U of D Extension website. Most club expenses will be under the "club supplies" heading. Please do not use other headings unless you first talk with the county office. Break each fundraiser apart into separate events. The audits are due to the NCC office by March 1, 2016. The account/auditor is coming to the state on March 15, 2016. Mallory further explained that the website has many explanatory resources for the club audits. If leaders have any questions just call and ask. All audits should be completed electronically, printed out and signed with the needed signatures. The original should be submitted by March 1, 2016 to the NCC 4-H office and a copy of that original should be kept by the club for their records.

Old Business:

1. The Stewards of Children training was very informative and alarming.
2. Winter Fun Day was a success. The participants made several crafts and prepared healthy snacks.
3. The State 4H Ice Skating event had about 150 participants and was well received. The State Teen Council did a great job of planning the event, which also included a craft activity for making dog treats for a local shelter.
4. There was no update on the Jr. Duck Program available at this meeting.
5. The NCC 4-H Garden Club is changing their meeting dates to the 4th Tuesday of each month. The leaders are networking with a connection at the Delaware State Grange. They are hoping this partnership will open up many opportunities for regional and national events in which our 4-Hers may participate. The leaders of the Garden Club are also seeking a network with the NCC Master Gardeners.
6. The Sewing Club is going well. They are presently working on creating items for exhibit at the DE State Fair as well as possible ready made wear for the Fashion Review on April 9.
7. Kelsey Arrisman participated in the National Agri Science Summit. The event was very well done. Plans are for the DE team to bring back the knowledge gained to further Agri Science in Delaware 4-H. The National 4-H Council as well as DE 4-H is working diligently to have more high school 4-Hers participate in these national leadership opportunities.
NOTE: Suggestion from the leaders: if we make more of an effort to showcase the State Winners at our Achievement Night, this may incentivize others to take advantage of the numerous leadership opportunities.
8. Favorite Foods has been rescheduled for Saturday February 20, 2016 at Kirk Middle School beginning at 9:00am. Currently, there are only 3 adults registered for the adult casserole contest. The NCC Leaders Association will provide coffee for parents during the waiting time of the event. Food Smart Families group is also planning to have a craft event during Favorite Foods. Help with this would be welcomed.
9. State Teen Conference was held the weekend of January 30, 2016. It was well received. The participants made wellness packages for a local homeless shelter. Programs were very current and included speakers on Drug/Alcohol Abuse, Bullying and the dangers of Social Media.

New Business:

10. The State Leaders Forum will be on February 6, 2016 at the Del Tech Campus in Georgetown. Several leaders are planning to attend.
11. Horse Bowl Contest entries are due on February 12, 2016 to the NCC 4-H office.
12. There will be a Healthy Living National Youth Summit in Washington, DC on February 12-15, 2016. Cameron Ernst from NCC will be attending.
13. On February 25 there will be a Meet and Greet with the NCC Links Association. It will be held at Timothy's on the Waterfront beginning at 6pm. All leaders are encouraged to spread the word to those they know to be Links. The leaders discussed ways to increase active membership and were encouraged to complete the online survey regarding the activities and meeting times of the NCC Links.
14. The leaders were reminded of the many upcoming Winter Workshops to be offered on February 13th, 20th, and 27th. All presently have openings. Leaders were reminded of the location of each workshop.
15. The NCC 4-H Exchange group is hosting an event at Launch in Newark on February 25th from 4pm – 8pm. All leaders are asked to spread the word to their club members. The NCC 4-H Exchange group will receive 25% of all the proceeds for that time frame.
16. The DE 4-H Foundation will be holding its bi-annual DE 4-H Hall of Fame on Saturday October 1, 2016 at 6:00pm at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover. Nominations for the Class of 2016 Laureates are now being accepted.
17. Dr. McCrae will be holding a poultry event in NCC on February 23, 2016 to increase interest in the Avian Bowl. Any one wishing to help her with a NCC team should contact her.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting - Richard Melson
 Second by Robyn Hunter
 Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Next meeting will be February 22, 2016 at 7:00pm in the NCC 4-H Office.

Respectfully Submitted:
 Marian Harvey
 Secretary, NCC 4-H Leaders Association