

New Castle County 4-H Leaders
Minutes
Monday, August 22, 2016

Present

Kim Klair: New Castle County 4-H Leaders President, Porter Gang, Cow Pals
Kaitlin Klair: New Castle County 4-H Program Coordinator
Sarah Berninger: Cow Pals
Chris, Janice, and Richard Nelson: Meado-Larks
Dave Simpson: Junior Council
Autumn Starcher: Junior Duck Stamp Club
Jenny Trunfio: Stump Corner, Kent County 4-H Program Assistant
Blackie Wasgatt: Clover Quest
Tricia Clifton & Tina Mekilski: Equine Horse Club
Liz Piazza: Sheep
Alex and Jared: Springer Middle School Community Club

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the previous meeting were not read because the secretary was absent.

Treasurer's Report

Information about the bank accounts and financial transactions since the last meeting were not available because the treasurer was absent.

Thank You Notes

Kim passed around thank you notes written by some campers who received camp scholarships from the Leaders Association.

Agent's Update

Johnson & Johnson Photo Submission

Johnson & Johnson has joined with 4-H in a photograph submission project. For each photo submitted by a 4-H member, Johnson & Johnson will donate \$1 to the 4-H foundation. Pictures from the state fair can be submitted. The deadline for submission is October 25, 2016. More information can be found at www.4-h.org/trueleaders. Leaders were encouraged to share this information with their clubs.

4-H Links

It is estimated that one in seven adults in the United States were in 4-H. Members of the 4-H Links organization have been or continue to very active members of the 4-H organization. The New Castle County Links support events and help with financial needs in the county. The next NCC 4-H Links meeting is Tuesday, September 13, at 7:00 and will be held at the Extension Office.

Old Business

NCC Livestock Show

At the Livestock Show held on the Harrington Fair Grounds, the Links sell food at a reasonable price. The majority of the customers are the youth showing the livestock and their parents. The Links made approximately \$1,200 from concession sales. Thanks to donations, the cost of the food was minimal.

Discussions are being held to possibly move the event back to New Castle County. However the Harrington Fair Grounds have the proper facilities needed for the animals. Kim Klair offered space in her trailer for youth who do not have means to transport their animals.

Environmental Camp

This camp is for ages 8 to 12. It takes place from Thursday evening until Saturday afternoon. The cost is \$110, and scholarships are given to many of the participants. University of Delaware students teach the classes.

The camp went well. Enrollment continues to decrease. One reason for low enrollment may be the lower age requirement for the state camp. The youth who meet the age requirements for both camps choose to attend state camp.

State Camp

State Camp is for ages 9 to 18. The camp has two sessions which take place from Monday morning to Saturday evening, and is held at Camp Barnes. It costs \$310 for one session. Scholarship money is available.

Both sessions went great. There was a lot of fun and no issues or injuries. The first session had 94 participants, and the second session had 96 participants. There was a waiting list for both. There were 15 counselors volunteering at each session. Cabin 3 had to be opened to allow for the large number of attendees. Because of this and the stories connected with Cabin 3, no ghost stories were allowed to be told.

Cloverbud, Young Explorers, CIT, and Animal Science Camps

All of the camps are held for one week during the day at Townsend Hall. All camps but Animal Science are held the same week. Cloverbud camp is for ages 5 to 8; Young Explorers, 8 to 12; CIT (Camp Counselors in Training), 13 and above; Animal Science 8 to 12.

The camps were successful. Liz had one child attend the Cloverbud camp and one child attend the Young Explorers camp. They both loved it.

Shooting Sports

4-H partners with the Wilmington Trap Association and holds the camp at the Wilmington Trap Association in the Bear Glasgow area off of Rt. 40. The half day camp is held for four days. Archery and bb gun shooting are taught. In order to be allowed to shoot, the participant must be 10 years old.

There were 17 participants, the camp went well.

Colorado Exchange

In order to participate in the exchange and to travel out of state, the youth must be 14 years old. The Delaware youths are matched with youths from the other state based on age and interests.

Last year, youths from Delaware 4-H spent a week with 4-H families living in Colorado. This year, the youths from the hosting families in Colorado came to Delaware and stayed with youth who went to Colorado the year prior. Everything went off without a hitch.

4-Hers interested in participating in next year's exchange will meet on Monday, September 26, after the Junior Council and Leaders meetings.

State Fair

The number of entries was down. It is hard to plan display space until all entries have been brought to the 4-H building and the displaying process begins.

A few comments were made with the new registration. The county name should be a requirement when registering and part of the printed tag, so it does not need to be hand written on each tag. Having the name printed in larger font was helpful. Premium checks have not been received which is later than with the previous company.

It may be helpful to have the entry tags scanned when the items are checked in to speed up the process of recording awards. However, this would significantly slow down the check in process.

Displaying the large number of photos continues to be an issue. Once displayed it is hard to find specific pictures. It was suggested that the photos be displayed by category making it easier to find specific photos. Richard made the suggestion that photos be submitted online first and judged ahead of time (as done in the Arts and Crafts building.) This would help cut down on set-up time.

To participate in horse judging, sign up is not done through the state fair but is done through the county office.

Avian bowl and consumer bowl are team events and sign up is under the team name. If the team does not have a checking account under the club name, how is the premium processed? In the past, one club was able to cash a check made payable to the club even though they did not have a bank account in the club name. Also in the past, one team had the premium made payable to a team member who cashed the check and share the award with the other team members.

New Business

2016 – 2017 Budget

The 2015-2016 budget was used to develop the 2016-2017 budget. The \$50 for Fashion Revue will stay because the fashion review program will be returning to each county this year. The \$560 for NCC Event Awards is used for the different county activities except for Favorite Foods, which has its own line item. The need for project books (Books) is hard to determine until the leaders return their requests. Parking charges were discussed (see paragraph below), and Kaitlin will investigate.

Richard moved to accept the 2016 – 2017 budget as presented. (See attached.) Jenny second the motion. A vote was taken, and the budget past.

2016 – 2017 Calendar

The calendar was reviewed. Two state-wide events will take place the same weekend every year. The State Teen Conference will always be the last weekend of January, and the State 4-H Leaders Forum will always be the first Saturday of February.

Turn out for public speaking seems to be better when the contest is held at the Brandywine Public Library. Sarah cannot book the rooms for November until September 1. She will do so at that time and will let us know if there are any scheduling conflicts.

Ideas are needed for the winter workshop day in February. The workshops can focus on crafts for state fair, science, or community service projects. As you come up with ideas, please let Kaitlin know.

New Leaders do not know what is involved for the judging contests for food and nutrition, horticulture, wildlife, photography, wood science, and clothing. It was suggested that these different judging contests be explained and demonstrated to the leaders prior to the start of the leaders meeting or during the leaders meeting. Hopefully, this will help spark interest in participation. Some junior council members may benefit from this as well.

The calendar will be revised based on the discussions.

Parking

If you club is having an event at the 4-H office, you must reserve the parking lot; otherwise, the cars will be ticketed. The cost for a club to reserve the parking lot for an evening is \$21.50. If other organizations reserve the parking lot for the same night, the cost is divided equally.

Concern was expressed that bills are not sent out in a timely manner and bills for the past year have not been sent to the clubs.

Re-enrollment

Re-enrollment packets have been sent to leaders. All membership and leader enrollment will be done on-line. If anyone has any questions on the procedures, they can call Kaitlin or Serena. Also people can come to the 4-H office and work on the computer with Kaitlin or Serena to enroll. Enrollment must be accomplished by December 31, 2016; however, the sooner the better.

Clover Quests elects and installs their club officers in May. By doing this, the officers are known and can be listed on the mandatory club forms for the new year, and the officers are ready to begin in September.

Financial Reports must be submitted by all clubs even if they do not have bank accounts. A notation to this effect should be written on the form. The financial forms are filed only for

calendar year end. Doug Crouse will send out a letter to all clubs in January, and they will be due in the office by May. The financial reports must have two adult leader signatures and two youth signatures. Kaitlin can sign as the second adult if necessary.

Achievement Banquet

Discussion was held regarding the day of the week for the achievement banquet. Other counties have had success with their banquets being held on Sunday afternoon. In the end, it was decided that the banquet will be held on Tuesday, October 18, at 6:00. Dinner will be provided by Moe's. Leaders must encourage their club members to attend this event and all events held by the county. One way to accomplish this is to have registration forms for the events at club meeting and to take time to fill in the forms.

Recognition must be given to all those who have achieved accomplishment in the various 4-H events. Some accomplishments not mentioned at the past achievement banquets include robotics and Jr. Duck Stamp. Not only should individuals be recognized but also what they did to achieve the award should be mentioned.

Science Saturday's

A flyer listing the 2016 4-H Science Saturdays was handed out. The workshops are held once a month for youth ages 8 to 12 and cost \$10 per workshop. Leaders please talk up these workshops with your members and share with your parents.

Delaware State Fair Junior Board

The age requirement to be on the Junior Board is 16 by October 1 and terms are for two years. Members are required to volunteer for 30 hours by either working at the livestock show held before the fair or volunteering at the state fair. Members attend the fair board banquet, which is a big honor. To be considered for membership, an application (similar to a job application) must be completed.

4-H State Teen Council

New Castle County has two representatives on the Council this year. Patrick Trunifo and Andrew Shaffer.

Share Time

List of Existing Clubs

The home school community would like to know of existing 4-H clubs. Serena has a list in the office. Families interested in 4-H can call the office, and Serena will help them find a club matching their interests and location. The club list is on-line; however, it is very difficult to find.

4-H Website

A request was made to introduce and explain the 4-H website at the next Leaders Association meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded.

Next Meeting: September 26, 2016, 7:00 p.m.