

March 4, 2024

The Aurora County 4-H Leaders met on March 4, 2024 in the Courthouse basement. Those present were Cheryl Dethlefsen, Randy Olivier, Todd Clark, Ashley Howard, Becky Moore, Tina Kieffer. The meeting was called to order by President Todd Clark. Flag pledges were recited. The secretary's report was given by Cheryl and approved. Cheryl gave the amounts in the checkbooks for Ashley. \$4,186. 69 in Checking; \$3,908.85 in premium; and \$10,337.83 in savings. There was a bill to pay for \$30 for 43 registered volunteers to the state office.

Old business: Ashley is reaching out to judges for achievement days. The going rate is \$500.00 for livestock judges. An updated list of 4-H enrollment was given to the leaders. The Ronnie Ehlers' family is ready to donate for scholarships or poultry exhibitors. Becky will talk to John. Camps will be coming up and each family is responsible for registration online when it becomes available. Poinsett-(8-12yrs)- June 3-5 or June 1-12; Poinsett going beyond-(12-14yrs)-June 10-12; and Storm Mountain (8-12 yrs)-June 16-19.

Don't forget about the statewide community service project: Clover care kits. Project completion is August 1st. Clubs and families need to keep count and report donations to office. Don't forget to come up with a recipe for the Ramen Noodle challenge and Mise en Place activity. Or members can also do special foods.

If a member is planning to show horse/livestock in 2024, they need to be watching for approved LL or HL events. Horse needs to be completed by June 1 and Livestock by July 1.

New Business: Cheryl has a solution for water at the wash rack for Achievement days. Agtegra will bring a tank of water and has a special nozzle that will allow more than one hose. It was decided to do the t-shirt design contest again this year. There will also be an early project completion drawing on May 20th and June 20th with 5 drawings at each for \$10.

County 4-H scholarships are due by April 15th. The state horse show will be July 8-10 and summer spotlight will be July 24-28th in Huron. Teen Leadership conference (now SkillsX by 4-H) will be June 3-7. There are new updates for Rodeo. Please talk to Tina if you are in Rodeo.

The Best of the West showcase will be August 11th. Membership is \$200 and must be received by May 10th. Cheryl made a motion to pay with Ashley seconding the motion. Motion carried. Central Electric supper will be Monday, June 10th. Cheryl made a motion to serve the meal again with Becky seconding the motion. Cheryl will make the contract.

Club requirements for IRS reporting 990-N. A refresher course on chartering was handed out. There is a new procedure for 4-H event reporting. Handbooks will be handed out and training will follow adjournment of meeting. This is new for all club and county events.

Other business discussed was weigh in on May 20th from 4:30 to 5:30pm with a meeting at 6pm. CDM/Hort judging will be set up. Public speaking/fashion revue date was set for June 25th and Top chef for June 27th. Meeting adjourned.

May 20, 2024

The Aurora County 4-H Leaders met on Monday, May 20th at 6pm at the Ag building with Todd Clark, Tara Bush, Tina Kieffer, Randy Olivier, Ashley Howard, Becky Moore, and Cheryl Dethlefsen present. The meeting was called to order by President Todd Clark. Becky Moore led the flag pledges. The secretary's report was given by Cheryl. Ashley gave the treasurer's report with \$10,349.43 in savings; \$4119.10 in premium; and \$4599.69 in checking. Bills paid were AIL-\$131 for insurance. The checks to deposit were \$600 from Agtegra donation, \$43 from County Kids for insurance, and \$43.50 from Stickney Eagles for insurance.

Old business: It was noted that we need to put some poison in the barn for critters. Tina will check with commissioners about getting more traps from Pest control. It was asked what progress has been made on collecting premium. Stickney Eagles has turned in \$575 to date with no other reports. 4-H enrollment ends May 31, 2024. As of the 20th, there were 50 members and 7 cloverbuds registered.

An application will have to be drafted for Ehler's scholarship for poultry assistance for next year. It needs to have a reason they want to show and Ehlers will decide who and how much. Randy made motion with Ashley seconding it. Kyza Johnson is signed up for the SkillX by 4-H camp on June 3-7.

For the community service project, Tara noted not to buy combs. They have plenty at the store she can pack with the kits. Keep track of amounts and let office know. If a member wants to do the Ramen noodle challenge or Top chef, they need to register in fairentry. There are updates to Special foods and participating members would need to follow guidelines. Check the newsletter for a link to the Zoom session that was held recently.

Reminder of Livestock and Horse literacy being completed by deadlines. Cheryl will check with Agtegra on confirming we are still on for water for the wash stand. There were entries submitted for the t-shirt design contest and winner was Bristol Nydam. The five winners of the early project completion drawing were: Connor Strid, Cali Howard, Brooke Howard, Bristol Nydam, and Alexis Moore. Lexie Faulhaber was the recipient of Joyce Ehlers scholarship. Jill presented it at awards night. Reminder of the state horse show on July 8-10th and Summer spotlight on July 24-28 in Huron.

The Central electric supper is set for June 10th. Todd will slice, Kelvin Prien will make pork and sauce, Cheryl will make sure we have plates, etc and order the food. It was decided to have Ron's Market make the salad, buns, and cookies. Meal will be at 6:30pm. Setup will be after 4:30pm on Monday.

Don't forget to report any 4-H event to Tina at least 2 working days before the event and include the type, location and what it is, date, time and age range, and number of staff/volunteers and youth. This is a rule that was put in place April 17th and all SD 4-H volunteers need to comply with the new youth protection policies.

New Business: All animals MUST be entered into 4-H online by midnight June 1. Horse literacy must be completed by June 1. Livestock integrity pledges must be signed by July 1 and Livestock literacy done by then as well. Aurora County received an award from the state office for the 2022-23 program year for having the 3rd most participants in the leadership outcome pillar activities as a percent of eligible enrollment in the state of SD.

This year's Land O'Lakes foundation award check has been submitted to the state 4-H office. Aurora Co was awarded \$600 this year. We have several funds available in this account. When we are ready to be reimbursed for these funds, the state office will need to verify how they were used. All paid receipts need to be submitted for this grant. If you have future expenses in mind, please provide a detailed estimate and they will review and forward the money in advance. Receipts must be provided to verify use of the funds. Tina will submit a request for the day camp coming up. The leaders have also received a check from Agtegra Co-op to match the funds from the LOL grant.

There will be a 4-H day camp on June 3 in Stickney from 9-3pm with ages 6-13yrs. Senior members are welcome to help along with any adults. Stickney Eagles will again be hosting this event. The theme is based on Nature this year.

Achievement day planning was discussed. Sue Faulhaber would like to decorate the cream of the crop display and would like assistance with the cost. She projects it to be about \$150. Tara will visit with Sue and ok the plan. All bills must be submitted before payment up to \$150. Tara made a motion with Becky seconding it. There is a sewing workshop on June 27th at 1:30pm. A drawstring bag and wristlet strap will be made.

Other business: A motion was made that ALL livestock must remain on grounds until AFTER the Ag Olympics. If animals leave, the consequences will be as follows: Awards for any competitor that takes their animals before it's time, will not be awarded their awards or premium money for the year. We need to promote 4-H and this is written in the Aurora Co. 4-H policy. Becky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be June 25th at 6:30pm at the Ag building. Meeting adjourned.