October 2017

Meeting called to Order: 6:35 pm Core Niebeling

Secretary's Report: Kiley Meyer; Motion to approved by Mandi Niebeling 2nd by Maddie Roraff, motion carries

Fair Board Report: Nothing new to report, talked about how fair went.

Committee Reports:
  - Barn update: Stage 1 will be 80x200 Ft building to house hogs, goats and sheep
    - $200-$220,000 + estimated cost
    - Lazy Loper Club donated $300 towards barn project
  - Food Stand Committee: New countertop was installed before fair thanks to Eldon Polman and company.
  - Goat PDC: recapped fair and reinstalling the goat swap. The goat was donated by Travis Kingsley family

Old Business:
  - Awards Ceremony to be held Oct 7th @ St. Johns Lutheran Church. Potluck supper to begin @ 6pm awards to follow
  - State Fair Registration costs: Only 1 complaint after fair.

New Business:
  - Re-enrollment is open and please get re-enrolled ASAP especially if you are a club leader/volunteer or club officer
  - Fair Auction Discussion: discussion re: the auction process at the state level, how each Co. is responsible for coming up with auction funds for the state fair. Some counties have a “Purple Ribbon Club” that is responsible for securing funds for the State auction.
    - Discussion also Re: the auction held at the Houston County Fair in regards to donors perception that it is a “4-H” auction when in the past several years it has not been. Rebecca explained that if it were to be a 4-H Auction again that a portion of the $$ earned would go directly back into county 4-H funding, and possibly used in part for the State Auction funding. Motion was made by Neil Beckman to form a 4-H Auction Committee seconded by Kayleen Kulas.
  - National 4-H week: everyone is to spread word about 4-H in your School Any questions ask Rebecca
  - GOT: VIVA : Growing 4-H Opportunities Together: Volunteers in Vision and Action
    - Activity to bring to light some things that 4H offers and what we have here in Houston County.
  - Club Charters: Due by Oct 31
  - Secretary, Treasurer, Historian books due by Oct 31 to Extension office
  - New federation Calendars to be passed out to the club members make sure that you take them

Motion to adjourn by Kayleen Kulas and 2nd by Heidi Waldenberger
Secretary's report for the October 2017 meeting

Meeting called to Order: Kendra Waldenberger
Secretary’s Report: Cora Niebeling
Treasurer’s Report: Jenna Scanlen

Committee Reports:
- Barn committee - total is said to be around $230,700 including labor
- Auction committee - there was a scheduled meeting to talk about if they wanted work with 4-h. Youth were encouraged to attend.
- Awards committee - they talked about who was getting certain awards there were possible new awards, and award ideas are being looked at so give any ideas to Rebecca.
- Record committee - they judged the record books and there was a great turn out of books this year.

Old Business:
- Got VIVA came again. And we talked about taking priorities that were made and turned them into goals
- Regional fall volunteer and officer training
  - Clubs talked about different things they could do
  - The next training was November 18th
- Project Bowl - just another reminder that the regional project bowl invitational is February 17th this year and if anyone is interested contact Rebecca for more info.
- Re-Enrolment - please if you haven’t already on 4-h online

New Business:
- New club in La Crescent! At their 1st meeting they were gonna decide on the name
- Added 2 more clubs
  - Hearts and hooves
  - Sharp shooters
- Approved federation budget - county covers the cost for the premium book. motioned by Mike Jennings and seconded by Dian Welscher and then Colene Colsch approved the adjustment for the budget and printing the premium book seconded by Mark Jennings
- We had a vote in new adult advisory committee members where 1 term = 3 years
  - Motioned by Colene Colsch and seconded by Cora Niebeling
  - Our New advisors are dian Welscher and Tracy Johnson

Adjournment: motioned by Cora Niebeling and seconded by Hayley Carr
The meeting was called to order by Kendra W
The secretary's notes were read by Cora N
The treasurer's report was given by Jenna S

Committee Reports:
- 4-H auction committee - they meet as an auction committee, expressed concerns, and ideas for future wants and needs
- Swine PDC - discussed judges for next year and changes as of right now the same judge, discussed classes and weighing of animal

Unfinished Business:
- Re-enroll in 4-H online ASAP
- Got viva action plan - we have goals to work for throughout the year and different goals to encourage throughout each club

New Business:
- Citizen Washington Focus - trip to Washington DC great leadership opportunity
- Food stand maintenance volunteer needed - still looking to hire new maintenance manager
- Join Shooting Sports and Wildlife - kickoff meeting is coming soon contact Robecca or Rikky Witt if interested
- Looking for additional youth for the HC 4-H exchange program
- Regional 4-H camp counselor application - fill out application and go to rebecca with any questions
- SE Blue (the regional Leadership Retreat) - is coming up youth are encouraged to go
- New 4-H catalog - clover connection / pamphlet that tells about all that 4-H offers and will be mailed to all the families and will also contain info on events happening in the county
- Win A Goat Project - kingsley's have donated the goat and deadline is coming soon
- Approve new budget - shorter version that must include what is listed

Record book winners - 1st- kendra 2nd-jenna 3rd-garrett

There was a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting
Houston County 4-H Federation Meeting Minutes

The Houston county federation meeting was called to order by President Kendra Waldenberger at 6:30pm on February 4th at the CJC in Caledonia. A motion to approve the secretary minutes was approved by Elden Pohlman and seconded by Jon Kulas. Motion was approved.

The fair board gave their report. Honor clubs were recognized as being the following: Caledonia Rockets, Portland Prairie, Newhouse Norsemen.

We had a barn update and Eldon reported that they will start fundraising soon.

The youth auction committee is having a meeting to decide whether or not they want to accept 4-H's idea of having the auction under 4-H again.

PDC Reports were given for Beef, Horse, Sheep and Shooting Sports.

Old business:
- Youth need to enroll by May 15th
- Clubs should work on GOT VIVA goals in 2018.
- The 4-H Food stand is in need of a maintenance volunteer so Gordon Klankowski can retire.
- The 4-H Exchange program is looking for youth to participate in their next exchange
- Any youth interested in the goat project should apply to win a goat this year.
- It’s not too late to sign up to be a camp counselor for the 4-H regional camp.
- There are $50.00 grants available for regional camp this year. Must be submitted by April 20th.
- The Citizen Washington focus trip is coming up and applications need to be in by February 28th.

New Business:
- We overpaid premiums to the fair board in 2016. A motion was made by Rikki Witt to pay the $320.00 to the fair board. The motion was seconded by Heidi Waldenberger. The motion was approved.
- Rebecca asked if youth awards should go to the next person or be skipped if someone is ineligible. A motion was made by Pam Hendel to allow the awards to be given to the next person. Motion was seconded by Jon Kulas. Motion carried.
- Houston County 4-H will be provided 5 -$200 scholarships to seniors again this year. Applications are due April 6th.
- The horse PDC is hosting an informational meeting about Western Heritage in Rushford for anyone interested.
- Rebecca asked if anyone might be interested in a robotics kit or starting a 4-H robotics team.
- Regional project bowl is taking place on February 17th in Byron, MN
- Regional Project day is taking place on March 17 in Plainview this year.
- A new event called the Science of Ag challenge is available for youth interested in agriculture. A promo video was shown and interested youth should call the Extension Office.
- There is a new version of LQA&E training available online for $12.00. It's only good for 1 year. The in-person version will still be available and it's good for 3 years.

Leo Privet made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Garrett Waldenberger 2nd the motion. The motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Kayleen Kulas
The Houston County 4-H Federation meeting was held on April 2 at 6:30 pm at the CJC. The meeting was called to order by Kendra Waldenberger. The secretary's minutes were read by Cora Niebeling, there was a motion and a second to accept the minutes as read and the motion was carried. Treasurer's report was read by Jenna, there was a motion and a second and the motion was carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Fair board report was given by Elden Pohlman and Emily Johnson. The fair board is working with local businesses to get donations for the grand stand this year.
- 4-H auction committee update, our offer was declined. There was a meeting the 9th and you were encouraged to bring new ideas.
- Dairy PDC picked awards regarding the show.
- Dog PDC discussed judging options and practice dates and an upcoming fun show with other counties.
- Goat PDC discussed judging options and an upcoming workshop. Also Sammy Witt won the "Win A Goat" contest. Congratulations!
- Rabbit PDC discussed judging potions and how to tattoo your rabbit. They also discussed a rabbit jumping workshop.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Remember to re-enroll in 4-H online by may 15th. Youth need to sign up for their fair projects by July 5th. There are step-by-step instructions on the website if needed.
- Food stand volunteer needed! Gordon Klankowski is retiring from his almost 20 years as the food stand maintenance volunteer.
- Looking for additional youth for the Houston County 4-H exchange program. We only have 4 youth so far and we need more. We are exchanging with Wisconsin and we will travel there and they will travel here.
- The 4-H regional camp will take place on June 18-22 this year. Camp for youth in grades 6-8 is June 18-20 and youth in grades 3-5 have camp on June 20-22.
- Houston county 4-H has ordered a robotics kit, if anyone is interested in using it contact the extension office.
- Congratulations to the Houston county dairy project bowl team for winning first at not only the invitational in Byron but also in Hastings.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- LQA&E will be available on Saturday April 21 from 9-11 am at the St. John’s Lutheran Gymnasium. To sign up please contact Extension Office by Ap. 16. Online option available at a cost of $12 and is good for 1 fair season.
- Food Review & Cake Decorating contest will be Saturday April 21 at 1pm at St. Johns Lutheran Gymnasium in Caledonia with decorating categories of Traditional, creative and cupcakes, give it a try.
- Share the fun: no club will be participating as far as Rebecca P. knows.
- Houston County Day Camp Counselors youth in grades 8 and up are encouraged to Sign-up by May 1 by contacting Rebecca at the extension office to help with Day camp this year. Wild West theme camp will take place Wed. June 27 8-3pm. May 28th is the first planning meeting at 6:30 at the Extension Office.
- Dog Project Fun Day is planned for Sat May 19 starting at 10am at the Fairgrounds. Cost is $5 before the date or $10 the day of. Concessions will be available and all are welcome.
- Sheep and Goat weigh in will be Sat May 5th from 9-12 at the Houston County Fairgrounds. All shee and goats participating in rate of gain class in 2018 must be weighed in this day. Ear tags will be available for the cost of $2.
- Shooting Sports and wildlife is still welcoming in new members if interested please contact Rikki Witt or the extension office. 1st practice will be Saturday at the fairgrounds.
- 4-H General Livestock team has one interested participant as well as a leader (Brad Harguth from the Caledonia FFA) and looking for more participants. Any youth 6th grade and up interested please contact The Extension office.
- Fair packets will be handed out at the next federation meeting! Fair entry and premium book changes were explained by Rebecca. There will be no liquid milk will be sold at fair this year (changed from previous years). Livestock ID deadline is May 15 and Fair Entry is due by July 15.
- Reminder horses Coggins test needs to be turned in by August 1.
- Other Fair updates, Rebecca handed out a sheet with new updates and rules.
- Richard Car motioned to adjourn, motion passed.
Houston County 4-H Federation Meeting

May 7, 2018 – 6:30pm
Criminal Justice Center
Caledonia, MN

The May 7th Houston County 4-H Federation Meeting was called to order by Kendra Waldenberger at 6:33pm. The secretary was absent and so no report was given. The treasurer’s report was given by Kendra Waldenberger.

- Elden Pohlman and Mark Jennings gave an update on the new barn plans. They said not a lot has changed. They are waiting for fundraising to begin. They hope to send out fundraising flyers in July and have a fundraising event on September 22nd at the fairgrounds.

- Rebecca gave an update about the Horse PDC. They recently had a safety clinic and have put together their show committee for the year.

- Rebecca also gave an update on the Dog PDC. They are excited to have 9 dogs and youth attending practices. They are planning a dog fun show on May 19th at 10am at the fairgrounds and are having an agility equipment building day on May 12th at 9:00am at the fairgrounds.

- Rebecca also gave an update on the Horse Drill team, saying that they are practicing and having a lot of fun.

- Rikki Witt updated everyone on SS&W. She said it’s been a slow start because of prom, sports, and snow. But the program is doing well. They were thankful for a generous donation from Whitetails for $2,800.00.

Unfinished Business:

- The May 15th deadline for re-enrollment and animal ID is coming up soon.

- The food stand maintenance volunteer is still needed. We hope to fill this role by June, which is coming up soon.

- This year there were 10 youth that entered the cake decorating contest and 4 youth that entered the food review judging. It was held at St. John’s Gymnasium on April 21st.
  - Champion Traditional Cake: Kendra Waldenberger
  - Res. Champion Traditional Cake: Maren Kulas
  - Champion Creative Cake: Garrett Waldenberger
  - Res. Champ. Creative Cake: Kayleen Kulas
  - Champion Food Review: Kayleen Kulas
  - Res. Champion Food Review: Kendra Waldenberger

- There were 9 Senior Scholarship winners this year. The final 5 youth who receive the $200 scholarship include: Dylan Beneke (WSL), Hannah Borreson (WG), Maya Reichenbacher (MBRS), Maria Schieber (CR), and Brooke Stemper (MBRS)
• This year’s day camp will be on June 27th and the theme is “The Wild, Wild, West”. We are still looking for a couple more Day Camp Counselors.

• If any youth are interested in being on a General Livestock Team, contact Rebecca.

• AMPI is no longer picking up milk at fairs. Thankfully, milk will get picked up in Houston County this year. We were able to find a different buyer for our milk.

New Business

• The 4-H Auction group had a meeting on April 9th. Fifteen people attended. They shared their ideas, frustrations, and concerns. They came up with a final list of things they want to see changed: 1. How can 4-H help increase # of buyers? 2. Move auction to the evening? 3. Have a purple ribbon fund. 4. Allow animals to be in the auction and go to state fair. 5. Meal before auction be held by 4-H. The (non-4-H) Youth Auction Committee members were invited but no one attended this meeting.

• Fair board president, Elden Pohlman, and Fair Board Secretary, Emily Johnson said that at the last fair board meeting the board talked for a good half hour about the auction. Fair board members were upset that the auction committee wasn’t willing to work with 4-H. They also wanted to know why there was no communication between them and the auction committee (financial reports, agreement, etc). They discussed the fact that they want to support 4-H because we both need each other. The fair board usually doesn’t have anything to do with the auction but wants to know if or how they can support 4-H.

• Rebecca asked the federation what they thought and what they wanted to do. One person didn’t think the federation should make the decision without more market project families present. Someone suggested maybe this could be a goal for next year. Another person said we don’t want to wait until next year. Emily Johnson asked if we had enough people willing to help to make it happen this year. Rebecca said it was doable but wanted the decision to come from the Federation as they needed to be the ones who make the final decision. Others said that it’s been difficult to work with the auction committee and the fair board may be the only way to accomplish this goal of taking over the auction. Another said that we’ve talked to this auction committee but they know that there is nothing that we can do so they just want to sit on it and do nothing because they don’t actually want anything to change. Discussion was talked about the fact that 20% comes out of auction checks if under 4-H but that it’s up to the Federation to decide what that 20% gets used for. Rebecca asked Emily if the fair board would be willing to sign an agreement with 4-H saying that 4-H was the only ones allowed to have a livestock auction at the Houston county fair, because that is what we would need in order to do this. Emily said that it would have to be voted on at the next fair board meeting, but she was sure that the board would vote in favor of helping 4-H. Jon Kulas made the motion that “4-H should take over the auction.” It was seconded by Rikki Witt. The motion passed 12 yes and 2 no (4 didn’t vote). Emily suggested we write an email to the current auction committee and cc the fairboard’s email on it. Rebecca reminded her that Franklin Hahn (the chair of that committee) doesn’t have email. Emily suggested that we send a letter. Rebecca offered to personally call Franklin Hahn and Tom Renk.

• Because a lot of time is expected to plan the auction, the project day, which was talked about at a non-livestock committee meeting (but wasn’t announced), will be postponed from June to a different time of year (maybe January or February).
Kiley Meyer (youth fair board rep.) has resigned from her position due to too many time commitments. Dianne Welscher moved to not fill the position this year. It was seconded by Heidi Waldenberger. Motion passed.

There was a motion to change the officer position from Fair board Rep to Historian/Reporter for the August election. Motion passed.

Fair packets were handed out to club leaders and everything in the packet was reviewed by Rebeccca.

Rebecca handed out portfolio notebook gifts and cards to club leaders in appreciation for their work as club leaders.

Program updates and announcements were read by Kendra Waldenberger.

Other Business

Rebecca shared that a county government leadership day is being planned for July 10th. Youth will learn leadership skills and have the opportunity to discuss ideas about issues facing the county and present their ideas to county commissioners. It will be for youth in grades 7th and up.

Rebecca shared that MN 4-H is focusing on New Members. One idea that clubs can do to help new members is provide mentors for them.

Rebecca said that she will be contacting clubs to find out if any youth want to share their stories. Youth stories will be highlighted on facebook and website.

Adjournment

Kayleen Kulas moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Eva Welscher. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Minutes submitted by Haley Jennings

Additional auction notes made by Rebecca Paulson.
Federation Meeting Minutes - June 4, 2018

The June 4 Houston County Federation meeting was held at the CJC in Caledonia. Kendra called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Secretary's report was given by Cora and treasurer's report was given by Jenna.

- Fair board- Emily told us that they were working on fliers and making sure everything for the grandstands is on track.
- Dog - there was a fun show and many people came. Fun training games were played and money towards the new equipment was made. There were also plans to look into other county fairs.
- Food stand update- rebecca reported that at the last meeting they decided to add a breakfast. Discussed prices and decided that they would stay the same.
- Day camp update- the theme was wild wild west! Shirts and activities were discussed. They also decided on materials that would be needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Rebecca told us that Brad Harguth (the FFA advisor) offered to take a General Livestock group to the 4-H state fair competition this year. There is a possibility of 3-4 teams and/or individuals if any youth are interested they are to contact rebecca by June 15th.
- There was a letter sent out to all 4-H families and volunteers explaining about the auction situation. It also explains how the topic is on HOLD until OCTOBER. It will be revisited at the october meeting.
- 4-H regional camp reminder. The camp is happening June 18-22 if your youth is going there will be a letter sent out in mail or via email.
- The Houston county cloverbud day camp is in winnebago springs the theme is Wild Wild West!
- First time, Citizen leadership event taking place July 10th. Youth who have completed 6th grade and up are encouraged to attend. Great idea for youth who have ideas to share!

NEW BUSINESS

- Fair entry is open and every one can now login into Houston.fairentry.com with their 4-H online ID and password to begin registering projects for the Houston county fair it closes at 11:59 pm July 15th
- This year stalling should be signed up for fair entry. It's listed under the division of STALLING with a CLASS breakdown of each species.
- The swine show time changed to get the animals in the barns earlier to prep them for the concert Thursday evening.
- New Houston county T-shirts! Examples were shown at the last meeting and we discussed how it come be a fundraiser if 200+ are sold.
• Reminder that dairy production and genetics contest forms, horse coggins, and poultry statements of origens papers are all due to the extension office by Wednesday August 1st
• Federation officer elections will take place at the August meeting. We will be voting in new federation officers for the 2018-2019 year county fair
• Volunteer sign up, 10 weeks away from the county fair and volunteers are needed to make it happen. We will need judges and volunteers for kids day.
• Fillmore county LQA&E will be June 27 incase u still need to complete it
• Fall award nominations will be due in September so it's not too late! We discussed changing the date in order to get more nominations and attendance. Bob Scanlin made a motion to move it to the second week (13th) and the motion was seconded

OTHER BUSINESS
• We talked about plans for the year 2020 and how its the 100th year of Houston county 4-H talked about how to celebrate and the idea of making a committee was also thrown out there
• All stock knowledge bowl members needed
• Discussed changes and suggestions to the awards banquet (awards list is in monthly newsletter)
• Talked about how the auction will stay the same this year

Elden motioned for the meeting to be adjourned and cora seconded
August 6th meeting minutes

The August 6th 2018 meeting was called to order by Kendra at 6:38 pm at the CJC. The secretary's notes were given by Cora and the treasurer's report was given by Jenna.

Fair board/barn updates:
- They were working on last minute things for the fair
- All grandstand ticket sales go to barn found

Committees:
- Beef: at their last meeting, a professor came to processing and an ultrasound. There was also a Beef, Sheep, and Goat carcass scanning.
- Goat: there was a clinic with some people from La Crosse and they have been meeting every week to work on showmanship in preparation for the fair.
- Swine: they got a new digital scale

Unfinished Business:
- Fall award nominations are due Monday September 17th. The Fall Awards Ceremony will take place on Saturday October 13th
- Cora and Lexi attended the Dani Wilson Horse clinic and said it was very educational. They each learned a lot and had fun.
- PDC workshops- Kendra reported for the dairy. She said that there was good attendance. They went over genetics, nutrition, and got judging practice.
- Dog show- Cora reported that it was a fun experience and that everyone did really well.
- Rebecca gave some fair reminders/updates- goats/sheep are in the horse barn again, don't forget fair packets, state fair meeting Sunday of fair, keep wash racks clean in barns
- The food stand added breakfast to the menu this year on the Saturday of fair, Pancakes choice of meats and drinks

New business:
- New class- Minnesota Meats grilling contest, it's state fair qualifying, bring your own spices meat is provided
- State fair springboard event- a chance for new families who have little to no experience in 4-H to get more comfortable with 4-H and the state fair. They will visit the grounds and get a feel for what it's all about. They will be able to bring a project and go through the judging experience
- Security at county fair- there will be added security due to the concert event in the grandstands. Their unsure of how many people will attend or
what will happen throughout the night. They have ambulance on standby and police with radios to patrol the grounds.

Other Business:
- T-shirts came in
- Dog equipment needed moving

Election of officers:
- President- Kendra Waldenberger
- VP- Cora Niebeling
- Secretary- Alaina
- Treasurer- Jenna Scanlan
- Reporter- Kayleen

Jenna motioned to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded and passed and the meeting was adjourned.