

**Minutes of the Tripp County
4-H Leaders Meeting
Courthouse Community Room
September 19, 2023**

President Kim DeMers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Leaders Present with voting rights:

Nichi Brinda, Jean Clark, Marie Condon, Dawn Covey, Kim DeMers, Ross DeMers, Tara Fenenga, Rhonda Gilchrist, Heather Heying, Scott Hollenbeck, Bonnie Rutten, Jill Sell, Connie Shippy, Debbie Steinke, MJ Waters, Melissa Wonnemberg **Non Voting Member:** Holly Larson, Sherri Mayes, Barb Watzel

Office Staff with Voting Rights:

Office Staff without voting rights: Nichole Richie

Guests:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jean Clark, 4-H pledge was led by Tara Fenenga

Next Meeting: The next meeting was set for January 16th starting at 6:00 pm with January 23rd as a snow date. Jill Sell made a motion, 2nd by Holly Larson, motion carried.

Conflict of Interest Disclosures:

Dawn Covey – Sponsorship for the Tripp Co. Prospect Show
Melissa Wonnemberg – Scholarship

REPORTS:

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the Tripp County 4-H Leaders Corporation meeting of the previous meeting, were sent out through email to be read prior to the meeting. One typo correction on the flag pledges. Motion to approve minutes as corrected by Dawn Covey. Seconded by Jill Sell, motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Scott Hollenbeck presented a report as of September 18, 2023

Checking Acct: \$6,111.54

Office Checking Account: \$439.63

Premium Sale Acct: \$70,766.24

Improvement Savings Acct: \$327.28

Scholarship Savings Acct: \$5,539.73

CD: \$58,873.92 – Now in a 24 month CD for better rate of return.

CD: \$6,000.00 – 10 month CD (from Improvement and mostly from August Banner Sales)

Endowment Fund: \$53,258.01 (6/15/2023) (\$4,672.35 available to spend)

Debbie Steinke made the motion to approve, Jill Sell 2nd. Motion Carried

Treasurer, Scott Hollenbec requested reimbursement for \$200 of home office supplies he has used for handling the leaders treasury.

Dawn Covey made a motion to reimburse \$200 to Scott, MJ Waters 2nd, motion carried.

Concession Stand: Made \$1,375.32 from the Fair, Rodeo and Concert concessions

Silent Auction: \$2,422.00; **Ice Cream Sales:** \$146.03

Ice Cream Social: \$249.00; **Pie Auction:** \$3120.00

Bake Sale: \$71.00

Fair Wrap Up:

Kim DeMers reported that the Dog show judge did not come – parents volunteered and everything came out OK.

Jill Sell reported that the north storage room needs cleaned up and organized since the fair. Clothing things will go back in the silent auction room. Plan to get organized into totes with a shelving unit and then take pictures and laminate and hang them when it's organized, to help everyone who assists with putting things away will know where they go.

Bonnie Rutten reported on animal shows at the fair. Swine show was good, beef numbers were down some, Bucket calf rules needed clarification. The Tripp County 4-H Handbook states that the weight limit for the bucket calf class is 300 pounds. Calves entered in the bucket calf class that exceed that weight limit will be moved into the Feeder Calf class. Bucket calves will need to be weighed to know which class they will fit into.

Judging Contests: Livestock judging needs someone to head it up. Maybe Rhonda Schroeder would be willing to do it. Trent Kubic could be the official. CDM Contest was handled by Ryan Sell (office staff)

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Set Recognition Event Date: Rhonda Gilchrist made a motion to hold Recognition on Thursday November 16 at 6:30. Ross DeMers 2nd. Motion Carried. It will be a desert pot luck. We will discuss Recognition Event dates for next year at the January meeting.

Hunters Breakfast: Dates are October 21st and 22nd. Sheri Mayes will order food/supplies. Hamill Hustlers club will do advertising and other kids can help. They will do table tents, flyers and windshield flyers.

October 1 All Club Meeting: Nichole Riche told us of her plan to have an all club meeting to kick off the new 4-H year. It will be held at the Pix Theater and they will have a meeting and a movie. Use of the theater for the group is \$100.00 and attendees will be able to purchase their own concessions. Dawn Covey made a motion to spend \$100.00 on the theater and up to \$50.00 on Door prizes. Holly Larson 2nd. Motion carried.

4-H Week: Dawn Covey made a motion that Tripp County 4-H week will be November 12-17 to coincide with Recognition. Motion 2nd and Carried.

Child Care at November 20 Grossenburg Implement Ladies Night: Heather asked if the leaders and older 4-H members would be interested in assisting with Ladies Night by watching kids while mom's shopped for Ladies Night. Grossenburg Implement would be willing to pay or set up a free will to go towards 4-H. The group decided that they would be able to do this and would do it for free to thank Grossenburgs for all the support they provide for 4-H.

Shelving at the 4-H Center storage room: Dawn Covey made a motion to designate up to \$500.00 for shelving in the north storage room, Nichi Brinda 2nd. Motion carried. Dawn, Nichi Debbie and Jill will be working on getting it organized.

Tripp County Prospect Show: Dawn requested the same donation as previous years: \$200.00. Scott

Hollenbec made a motion to give \$200.00 to the prospect show. Marie Condon 2nd . Motion Carried
Executive Board Elections: Nominations: Debbie Steinke and Audie Larson. Bonnie Rutten moved to cease nominations, Holly Larson 2nd . Motion carried.

As there were two positions open and nominations closed with 2 candidates there was no vote. New Executive Board members are Debbie Steinke and Audie Larson.

As Scott Hollenbec is stepping down as Treasurer, nominations opened for the position. Dawn Covey and Sheri Mayes were nominated. Debbie Steinke made a motion to cease nominations, Heather Heying 2nd. Motion carried. Dawn Covey is the new treasurer, Scott will remain on until January to ensure a smooth transition.

Set Date for Award Nominations: September 25th at 5:00pm

Audit Committee: Starting January the Committee will be Dana Kaup, Rhonda Gilchrist and Tara Fenenga.

Project Enhancement Scholarship Applications: West River Leadership Fall Conference. Cierra Chelsea Clair Bordeaux and Elizabeth Wonnensburg will be attending. Rhonda Gilchrist made a motion to give each of them \$160.00. Debbie Steinke 2nd. Motion carried.

A reminder was given that Leaders Dues will need to be paid by the end of December.

Dawn Covey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Hollenbeck 2nd . Motion Carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm by President, Kim DeMers

Respectfully submitted, Heather Heying – Secretary