

New Castle County 4-H Leaders Association
February 26,2024

President Kim Klair called the February 26,2024 New Castle County 4-H Leaders meeting to order at 7:03 pm

All said the 4-H and American pledges.

The secretary report was reviewed. The treasurer's report was reviewed. Current savings account holds \$5815.34 and the checking account holds \$5782.81. The audit is completed. \$1000 was sent to the Delaware 4-H Foundation and \$460 was sent to the U of D for the Achievement Event in October.

Motion made to accept the reports:

- Motion- Linda Somers
- Second – Brenda Shaffer

Motion passed.

Agent Update:

- The Delaware 4-H Hall of Fame event is scheduled for Saturday September 21, 2024 at the Modern Maturity Center. Nominations for the 2024 Laureate class are now being accepted through April 1.
- The state Clothing Showcase is scheduled for April 14 in the New Castle Building at the Delaware State Fair. Constructed garments are due to the NCC office by April 8th.
- Club audits need to be completed if not already done so.
- Ag Day (April 27 from 10am-3pm) is fast approaching. Clubs need to register for space to have their booth/activity. The Delaware State Fair premium book is done. It will be available online beginning March 1, 2024. Exhibit registration begins April 1, 2024. A 4-Her must have a minimum of 5 exhibits or 2 competitions to receive a free week-long Fair Pass. This is a new requirement for 4-Hers 8 years old and older. This will not apply to Cloverbuds.

Old Business:

1. The Retirement Celebration for Doug Crouse was a wonderful time of reflection and thankfulness for his many contributions to help progress Delaware 4-H forward. A great celebration for a great man.
2. The recent U of D basketball game 4-H event was well attended. 4-H was well represented.
3. The recent Favorite Foods and Photography Contest were well done. Even though there was a last minute change in venue, the participants and parents shared the event was wonderful. The team is considering holding the event at the NCC office area again next year.
4. The recent State Teen Conference had the largest group of participants in history. Over 50 4-Hers from across the state attended the 2-day event. Thanks are given to the Delaware Farm Bureau for being the major sponsor of this teen leadership event.

5. The newly initiated Life Smarts Contest had only one team participate. However, the state plans to do a better marketing campaign for this life skills event and anticipate it growing into a major activity.

New Business:

6. March 1st is the opening of State and Day camp registrations.
7. Delaware 4-H Foundation grant requests are due by March 1st.
8. There will be a Countywide 4-H Project Palooza night at the NCC office area on Wednesday March 13, 2024 from 6pm till 8pm. Registrations are required and still open.
9. There will be a National Ignite Conference from March 13-17 in Washington, DC area. We have 3 4-Hers from NCC attending this leadership event.
10. March 16 there will be the Horse Bowl Competition at Lake Forest High.
11. The Shamrock Strut Walking Challenge begins on March 17. Registration is required online.
12. March 18-24 is National Drug Facts Week.
13. Egg My Yard registrations are due to the NCC office by March 22.
14. March 22, 2024 is the annual Kent County Basket Auction, which is a major fundraiser for the Delaware 4-H Foundation. The NCC Leaders discussed sponsoring a basket for auction. A motion was made to create a basket of gift cards totaling \$500 for the auction.
 - Motion: Richard Melson
 - Second: Brenda Shaffer
 Motion passed. Linda Somers and Brenda agreed to create the basket.
15. March 25, 2024 is the deadline for Litter Barrel contest registrations. If your club is in need of a barrel, let the NCC office know and they will help connect you with useable ones.
16. March 25, 2024 will be the Wildlife and Horticulture Judging Contests from 4pm- to 7pm in the NCC 4-H office.
17. There will be a Spring Into Action Walking Challenge from March 29 to April 7. See registration online.

Motion to adjourn was made by Sarah Berninger, seconded by Richard Melson.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, March 25 at 7:00 pm** at the NCC 4-H office.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marian Harvey