

New Castle County 4-H Leaders Association  
February 24, 2025

President Kim Klair called the January 27, 2025, New Castle County 4-H Leaders meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

All said the 4-H and American pledges.

The secretary report was reviewed. The treasurer's report was reviewed. Our savings account balance is currently \$8970.45, and our checking account balance is \$5747.42. We currently have 3 checks outstanding: \$100 to the Delaware 4-H Foundation, \$430 for the recent Jr. Leader Weekend and \$396 dollars for the recent Leader's Forum. We received a lot of camp scholarship applications this year and we have plenty of funds to cover the applications. Our budgeted line item for this is \$1200. Our treasurer, Sarah Berninger recommends we increase that line item to \$2002. We owe nothing for the recent Favorite Foods Contest and are awaiting a bill for the recent State Teen Council

Motion made to increase our scholarship funding line to \$2002:

- Motion- Marian Harvey
- Second – Richard Melson

Motion passed.

Motion made to accept the reports:

- Motion- Linda Somers
- Second – Cindy Krantz

Motion passed.

Agent Update:

- Club Audits are due by March 1. It Must be done by each club. If you need help or have questions, please contact Kaitlin.
- Delaware 4-H Foundation scholarship applications are due by March 1. They will be accepted again by October 1.
- The application process for State and Day Camps for 2025 will open on March 1.
- Reminder there is still time to get chance tickets for the Delaware Farm Bureau Grizzly Cooler filled with goodies and games to be auctioned off on April 1. All proceeds will go to the Delaware 4-H Leaders and Volunteers. Tickets are available for the county 4-H office.
- Our second annual Club Palooza will be held on March 20. Clubs are encouraged to have their members attend.
- Registration for the Clothing and Textile Contest is March 20.
- April 5 is Camp Clean Up at Camp Barnes in preparation for Environmental and State 4-H Camps. We are replacing the wooden benches and the supports around the council circle so many hands are needed to assist with this.
- The NCC 4-H Demonstration Contest will be held in two sessions: April 10 and May 8. Kaitlin shared a 4-H Demonstration Script starter idea that club leaders can share with their 4-Hers to help them develop their demo.

- There are several Skill-A-Thon training kits for clubs to borrow. Please use them!
- Cindy Krantz shared the history and the current opportunities available at her family farm for Ag Education through 4-H. After much discussion as to the improvements needed at the facilities there, the leaders determined to go slowly and use the facility as best we can until upgrades can be completed by the county and state.

#### Old Business:

1. The State 4-H Leader's Forum was held Saturday February 1, 2025, at the Del Tech Campus in Georgetown, DE with several leaders opting to stay at the Virden Center in Lewes the night before. The Forum was well done, and the leaders gained many beneficial ideas. Suggestions to hold the entire forum at the Virden Center was put forth.
2. The annual Favorite Foods Contest was held on February 8 at the NCC 4-H office, as well as the Foods Skill-a-Thon and the Photography Contest. We had many younger 4-Hers participating and discussed that the NCC office is not conducive for so many waiting parents and participants. We may need to return to Kirk Middle School next year.
3. The LifeSmarts event at the New Castle Building at the Delaware State Fair on February 9 was a big success. The team winners will now compete in Chicago in the summer.
4. The annual 4-H Day at the U of Delaware Men's basketball game was held on Saturday February 15. 4-H was well represented at this event!
5. State Teen Conference was held on February 22-23 at Townsend Hall. We had only a few NCC 4-Hers attend.
6. Delaware 4-H Foundation scholarship applications are due by March 1. They will be accepted again by October 1.

#### New Business:

7. The application process for State and Day Camps for 2025 will open on March 1. Be mindful these events fill up quickly.
8. Delaware 4-H Foundation scholarship applications are due by March 1. They will be accepted again by October 1.
9. There will be a C3 meeting on Monday March 10 at 6:30 in the NCC 4-H office.
10. The National 4-H Ignite Conference will be held on March 12-16 in Washington, DC.
11. March 15 will be the next Horse Bowl competition. This will be a precursor to the state contest at the Delaware State Fair.
12. Our 4-H Shamrock Strut Walking Challenge begins on March 17.
13. Our second annual Project Palooza night will be held on March 20 at the NCC 4-H office. From 6:00 to 8:00pm. Please encourage your members to register and attend.
14. Saturday March 22 there will be a Woodworking Workshop at the Krantz Farm from 10:00 am to 11:30am. Please see the registration information in the March newsletter.

15. March 24 will be the Horticulture and Wildlife Skill-a-thon from 4pm-6:00pm.

16. March 24 all Litter Barrel Contest forms are due to the NCC 4-H office.

Sharing:

- The Friendship House in Wilmington needs meals. Suggest as a club community outreach having your club prepare and drop off a meal. See Sarah Berninger or the 4-H office for more information.

Motion to adjourn was made by Richard Melson seconded by Brenda Shaffer. The meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Our next regular meeting will be held on **Monday, March 24, 2025, at 7:00 pm** at the NCC 4-H office.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Marian Harvey