

New Castle County 4-H Leaders Association
March 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 \$8971.62, and our checking account balance is \$5594.42. We currently have 1 check outstanding: \$150 to the University of Delaware for the State Teen Conference 2025.

Motion made to accept the reports:

- Motion- Richard Melson
- Second – Robyn Hunter

Agent Update:

- 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.
- 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 reminded everyone about the 4-H Demonstration Script starter idea that club leaders can share with their 4-Hers to help them develop their demo.
- Brenda gave an update on the preparation for our annual Ag Day 2025 at the University of Delaware on Saturday April 26. It is our largest fundraiser, and we need all hands to help. A sign-up sheet was passed as well as posted online for sign-up times and items needed for donation.
- The Kent County Basket Auction will be held on Friday March 28.
- Delaware State Fair entry log in begins on April 1 and closes on June 1st.
- Kaitlin reviewed all the entry requirements for 4-Hers to receive a 10-day Fair Pass. A 4-H must have 5 exhibits, or 3 exhibits and 1 contest, or 2 contests to receive a full 10-day pass into the Fair. All Cloverbuds need only 1 exhibit for a 10-day pass.
- The Livestock YQCA (Youth Quality Certificate Assurance) must be completed by June 1 to show an animal this spring and summer.
- All Delaware State Fair youth Livestock exhibitors photos are due to the State Fair by July 1. These will be used if the exhibitor makes the Livestock Auction.
- The NCC Leader's Association will once again staff the Delaware Farm Bureau food booth at the Delaware State Fair on the first Saturday of the Fair (July 19) from 3pm until close.

- There is great need for support with the set-up of the 4-H Building at the Delaware State Fair. Please sign up to help.
- The Leaders discussed a possible New Castle County 4-H trip to Hershey Park in August. More information is forthcoming.

Old Business:

1. Day Camp and 2nd week State 4-H Camp and Environmental Camp all filled. First week State 4-H Camp and CIT Camp has open spaces.
2. The National Ignite Conference had no NCC participants.
3. The recent Horse Bowl was a success.
4. The Shamrock Strut Walking Challenge was a great success.
5. The recent 4-H Club Palooza event was a great success. About 35 4-Hers participated. The skills taught in the sewing session were well received. The leaders discussed how to expand the use of our sewing machines as the participants enjoyed learning how to use them. A county-wide sewing workshop is being considered.
6. The recent Woodworking workshop had 9 participants. They created trivets. It was held at the Krantz Farm barn. It worked well with the space however, all tables, chairs and lights had to be brought in. There is one large, handicapped port-a-potty is available for use on site. If a club is interested in using this space, please contact Kaitlin.

New Business:

7. There will be an Escape Room event with the Jr. Council on March 27th at the NCC 4-H office area beginning at 6:30 pm.
8. March 28th will be the Kent County Basket Auction and the Clothing Showcase Intent form is also due to the NCC 4-H office.
9. April 1 the Delaware State Fair website begins accepting entries through June 1.
10. April 5 there will be the annual State Camp Clean-up at Camp Barnes beginning at 8:30am, rain or shine.
11. April 6 will be the next Woodworking Workshop at Kranz Farm from 2-3:30pm
12. Clothing Showcase articles are due to the NCC 4-H office on April 7.
13. The first Demonstration Contest is scheduled for Thursday April 10 in the NCC 4-H office at 6:30pm.
14. Egg My Yard forms are due to the NCC 4-H office by April 7.
15. The annual Spring Dairy Show will be on April 12 at the Delaware State Fairgrounds.
16. The state Clothing Showcase will be held on April 13th at the New Castle building at the Delaware State Fair.
17. April 14 will be the next C3 club meeting.
18. Litter Barrels must be in place by April 18.
19. April 18-27 will be our next "Spring into Action Walking Challenge".
20. All hands-on deck for the 2025 Ag Day at the University of Delaware on Saturday April 26 from 10am-3pm.

Sharing:

- The Thrive Tribe 4-H Club visited a local restaurant to research skills needed for the variety of employment opportunities as well as learning restaurant etiquette skills.
- The Kindness Matters 4-H Club recently took a field trip to Arlington National Cemetery and laid a wreath of honor at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Motion to adjourn was made by Todd Harvey seconded by Richard Melson.
The meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Our next regular meeting will be held on **Monday, April 28, 2025, at 7:00 pm** at the NCC 4-H office.

Respectfully Submitted:
Marian Harvey