

New Castle County 4-H Leaders Association
October 20, 2025

President Kim Klair called the October 20, 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 \$11,606.19 and our checking account balance is \$4,868.50. We currently have two outstanding deposits of \$285 in cash/checks and \$134.86 Venmo from the Achievement Celebration

Motion to accept the secretary's and treasurer's reports:

Motion – Joanne S.

Second – Richard Melson

Motion passed.

Agent Update:

- Public Speaking Contest will be held on December 3 at the NCC 4-H office. The November newsletter has the registration information. Age categories are as follows:
 - o Beginner One – 8 yrs.- 9yrs.
 - o Beginner Two – 10yrs. – 11yrs.
 - o Jr. - 12yrs. -14yrs.
 - o Sr. – 15yrs. -19yrs.
 - o Extemporaneous 15yrs. – 19yrs.
- National Conference applications are due online by Dec. 1. National Conference will be held April 10th – 15th, 2026.
- Reenrollment is open! All 4-Hers and volunteers must be reenrolled by Dec 1 to participate in any Delaware 4-H event.
- Life Smarts is being led by Rebecca Johnson. She is willing to train team leaders for both middle school and high school teams. The contest is scheduled for February 8.
- Please sign up for a club meeting visit by Kaitlin.
- This year, the State Leader's Forum will be on November 21-22 at the University of Delaware Virden Center in Lewes, DE. A Leader Recognition program will be held on Friday evening November 21. A variety of workshops are planned for Saturday and will encompass something for everyone from brand new leaders to well-seasoned ones. Our NCC Leader's Association will fund any NCC 4-H leader who wishes to attend.

- Our annual Quarter Auction fundraiser is scheduled for November 7, 2025, at Cedar Lane Elementary. Doors will open at 6:00pm with the bidding to begin at 6:30. Each club is being asked to donate an auction item. All donated items must be at the NCC 4-H office by October 31, 2025, unless other delivery arrangements have been made with Kaitlin's approval. ALL NCC 4-H CLUBS are requested to donate an item for the auction such as a themed basket. Please have all donated items to the 4-H office by November 3 unless you are bringing them directly to the Auction site.
- This fall, we will have the County Archery Shoots at Kranz Farm and a Sewing Workshop. See the newsletter for details.

Old Business:

1. The Delaware 4-H Foundation Grants have been awarded. The next requests for Delaware 4-H Foundation Grants will be in March 2026.
2. It is becoming very difficult to find locations for our 4-H Window Displays. There was discussion of moving towards using Banners rather than the usual full window displays.
3. Everyone must re-enroll for the 2025-26 4-H year by December 1, 2025. Check the NCC 4-H website for re-enrollment information.
4. Our Achievement Celebration went well and was well attended. The committee will consider another venue for our 2026 Achievement Celebration as it was a lot to set up/take down at the Kranz Farm.
5. The 4-H Week Walking Challenge was well done. The next Walking Challenge will be in December as a Holiday themed walk.
6. Our Links needs help with the Pumpkin Contest on Sunday October 26 at the Kranz Farm

New Business:

7. Officer's training will take place on October 22, 6:30-8:30pm
8. Red Ribbon Week will be October 23-31. The theme this year is *Life is a Puzzle; Solve It Drug Free!*
9. The Pumpkin Contest will be held on Sunday October 26 at the Kranz Farm from 3:00 – 4:30pm.
10. October 27-31 will be the NAE4-HYDP Conference which Kaitlin and Jenny will attend.
11. November 2 is the County Archery Shoot at Kranz Farm at 2:00pm
12. November 7 Hippology registration is due via 4- online.
13. November 10 there will be a C-3 (Camp Counselor Training) meeting at 6:30 – 8:30pm
14. November 11 is our next NCC Links meeting via ZOOM at 7:00pm.
15. November 15 will be the Sewing Workshop at the NCC 4-H office.
16. November 16 will be second Archery Shoot at Kranz Farms at 2:00pm.

17. November 21-22 will be our annual State 4-H Leaders Forum at the Virden Center in Lewes.

18. Dec 1st is the deadline for reenrollment. NO EXCEPTIONS.

19. December 13th is our scheduled Winter Fun Day, sponsored and facilitated by our NCC Jr. Council.

Sharing: Kindness Matters Club recently visited the Tri-State Bird rescue and had a very informative tour and presentation.

Motion to adjourn: Richard Melson

Seconded: Brenda Ebling

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Marian Harvey