

**4-H GENERAL LEADER MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 16, 2023, 6 PM, PENINSULA ROOM, GOVERNMENT CENTER**

- 1) Call to Order & Roll Call
  - a) Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm.
  - b) Attendees included: Candis Dart, Judeen Hanson, Jen Andreae, Theresa Kinnard, Chris Kay, Amanda Larson, Amy Moreaux, Beccah Laughlin, Kimberly Lenius, & Krissy Phillips.
- 2) Introductions
- 3) Overview of Folder
  - a) Club Map – listing of all the clubs, leader contact information, meeting times & place.
  - b) Important Information for Door County 4-H – contact listing for Executive members, Club leaders, Project leaders, 4H websites, QMAS website, Fair Facebook page, & UW-Extension website.
  - c) Club Dues (\$3.50/member, \$10 for family - payable to Club or to Extension Office) – this will cover insurance costs related to 4H events.
    - i) Sept 22 to Aug 23 had 168 members with 31 of those members being 1<sup>st</sup> year members, with a 70% retention rate.
    - ii) Top projects: ART, Cloverbuds, Horses, Swine for Door County.
    - iii) Sept 21 to Aug 22 had 176 members
    - iv) Sept 23 to Aug 24 currently enrolled 60 members, which is average compared to previous years.
    - v) Enrollment Reminder - encourage club members to complete enrollment by November to ensure proper contacts are made related to Fair projects.
  - d) Financial Assistance Form - if any family is in need, please have them fill out this form & return it to the Extension office.
  - e) Door County 4H Leaders Association Policy Statement
    - i) Reimbursement Forms – Please review to see if you can be reimbursed for any of your events per the Policy statement.
    - ii) Please inform Extension Office & the Committee of your events so we can help promote the events & possible increase attendance.
      - (1) If you have additional needs, please ask & we can see what we can help with.
      - (2) **Follow up needed – Executive Committee**: Parade, a club requests reimbursement for candy & decorations & then wins best float in the Parade which comes with money. Do the requested reimbursement funds need to be paid back since the expense will be off-set by the parade winnings?
  - f) Community Service Grants - Please review to see if you can be reimbursed for any of your events per the Door County 4H Club Community Service Grant guidelines.
  - g) Community Foundation Youth Grant – Door County Community Foundation also provides grant funds to be used for 4H projects.
  - h) State Information
    - i) Organizational Chart
    - ii) Volunteer Trainings
    - iii) Policy Updates
      - (1) **DONE** - Follow up needed – Candis - Roadside Clean-up – Volunteers must be at least 11 years of age or in the 6th grade; no exceptions. Please review as this affects many clubs. Can we have younger volunteers if the parents are present?
    - iv) State 4-H Programs and Educational Experiences
      - (1) Please review all programs & educate your clubs on everything that's available to them as a member.
      - (2) ART Camp - \$110.00 registration - this event would qualify for reimbursement under the Policy statement.

- 4) Other
    - a) Annual Financial Report Reminder
    - b) Club Charter Reminder
    - c) Fair Premium List Changes - due 11/30/2023 – any suggestions to make changes would like to be discussed at December Fair meeting.
    - d) What do each of the clubs need from the Extension Office or the Executive Committee to help each club run?
      - i) **Horse Project** – what support is offered?
        - (1) Share events on Facebook
        - (2) Website updates
        - (3) Checklist with show chairs
        - (4) Now have one gmail account for the project to help them stay organized as the leadership changes.
      - ii) **Maplewood Missiles** – more county wide activities
      - iii) **East Maplewood Beavers** –
        - (1) more involvement
        - (2) Bring Super Saturday back to get the community & 4H involvement
        - (3) Bring Speaking Contest back at the County level
      - iv) **Dog Project** – help finding a building to practice in over the colder months.
        - (1) Currently working with the Forestville Village to see if they can arrange an agreement.
        - (2) Coming up with a training schedule & communicating that to everyone
        - (3) Goal: to have 3 members in showmanship for the Fair.
        - (4) If the Forestville Village agreement falls through, ask the Door County Rod & Gun Club on Mathew Road for the Archery building. In the past, the Dog program has used that building.
      - v) **Shining Stars** – getting families to participate & get involved
      - vi) **Country View** –
        - (1) need project leaders
        - (2) More county projects &/or involvement
        - (3) Bring Super Saturday back
      - vii) Need more advertising of events related to animals & projects related to 4H
      - viii) Need programs for Cloverbuds
      - ix) How to retain our current members as we compete for time as they get older & involved in more sports or clubs.
      - x) How to create more involvement & participation in 4H to create the “spark” for the youth & adults.
      - xi) How to bring kids back into the meeting & get them involved
      - xii) How to help build 4H programs
    - e) Executive Committee –
      - i) Looking for more members on committee if anyone is interested
      - ii) Next meeting is November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Courthouse
    - f) WI Movement Pop-up Store
      - i) **Follow up needed – Candis** - Looking for more promotional 4H items that can be shared at parades or any event with kids.
- 5) Adjourn at 7:24 pm