**4-H Directors Agenda**

**Date:**  10-19-21 **Location:** 4-H Exhibit Bldg. @ 7:00 PM

**Call to order:** 7:05 pm

**Attendees:** JJ Arney, Tara Brower, Kelly Cummings, Jon Casper, Mike Nowling, Kelly Ferguson, Chance Berry, Sylvia Clinton, Jane Ann Beard

**Minutes:** Copies were emailed to everyone prior to tonight’s meetings, as well as printed copies were available.

JJ Arney made the motion to approve the minutes as stated, Mike Nowling 2nd the motion. PASSED

**Treasurer’s reports:**  Copies from Eric Lane were provided at the meeting. A balance sheet, Profit/Loss sheet for the month of October as well as YTD were provided. Chance went through each sheet that was provided. A question was asked if we knew how many auction checks of the 4-Her’s were still outstanding. Sylvia is going to check with Eric on this. We have 2 checks that are currently missing, not been delivered by the USPS, 1 the family has moved but left a forwarding address, the 2nd is of the 3 siblings 2 received theirs, but the 3rd one has not.

Chance mentioned that when Eric wrote the check for DC Metal to pay the final costs for the Perdue Bldg. that money actually came out of the general fund because there was not enough funds in the Bldg fund to cover the check. What is left of the Bldg fund is ear marked for the new sound system that came through donations.

Chance reported that the fish fry that the Country Cougars put on raised $3,531.

Jon C. made the motion accept the treasurer’s report as presented, Kelly C. 2nd the motion. PASSED

**Old Business**

**Sound System** – Chance mentioned that the balance of the donations for this is roughly $11K right now. It was mentioned that the Kidding Around club may make a donation towards this as well. The bid came in at roughly $20K for the new sound system. Chance mentioned that there are 30-8” speakers that are in the quote. It was mentioned that there are a few people that are asking around for donations for this project. Tara mentioned that we haven’t really gone out to some of the local businesses to ask for donations yet, so that might be something to do. Jon asked if what we have already in the bank for the sound system would cover the cost of the materials? It was mentioned that the gentleman from Alvis Music is cutting us a good deal on the labor costs. Chance mentioned that the quote from Alvis Music includes sound dampening panels for the food court as well. Tara suggested that we wait and fund raise for the rest of the money for the sound system. Jane Ann mentioned that REMC has a fall grant cycle that we may be able to write for. Tara mentioned that there are other grants that we can write for. It was agreed that we write for different grants and start the fund raising process for this project.

**New Business**

**Community Foundation Grant Request** – Chance reported that 10 days ago that a representative from this committee reached out to Tara requesting a site visit. Eric Lane took the lead on this since Chance is also on the Community Foundation Board. Eric showed them our facility and all went well with the visit.  Locally, the foundation board will meet for deliberations, then final approval will go through the foundation alliance. It could take up to 30 days to hear back but most likely we’ll know sooner.  Jon C. made the comment that knowing we stand a good chance of getting this grant that maybe we should go ahead and move forward with the sound system. The grant money plus what we have already received in donations would cover the cost.  Tara mentioned that she was not confident that we will receive this money since the grant was written for something that we have already finished (wiring of the new Perdue Bldg.).  Chance was hopeful because they had more money to grant out this year than normal.

**2022 Mowing** – Chance is still willing to mow, but we are looking at asking the city to mow while they are in the area mowing for the city. Jon is willing to go to the Mayor to ask if this is a possibility, 4-H could make a donation to the parks dept. in exchange for them doing the mowing. Chance mentioned that it’s only about 30 min. worth of mowing each time. Chance mentioned that Bob McGuire and David Frette have both mowed the horse arena this year, so that would not be included. Chance mentioned that it was $125/mowing when Wagler’s was doing it. Tara mentioned that Jake’s lawn care mows her 1 acre area for $60/mowing. Chance mentioned that we did put it out for quotes with different lawn care businesses prior to Wagler’s. It was asked if there were any 4-Her’s with a mowing service that might want to do it. Jon will speak with Kip & the Mayor and see what they could do.

**Lights in Exhibit Bldg** – 8 currently not working. Sylvia asked if it could be put on the list to get them replaced. Jon mentioned that he talked with the guys doing the electrical work on the bldgs. outside. They looked at the lights that are currently in the bldg.. They are the old style and we cannot just replace the bulbs, the entire light fixture needs to be replaced.

**Door Locks/Keyless Entry –** Sylvia mentioned that there are only 2 master keys in the office to be signed out. The other 3 that were signed out the people say that either gave them to someone else or they do not have them. Bob McGuire had suggested that we get keyless locks put on the doors at the food court and at the kitchen door for the exhibit bldg.. This would enable each club to have their own code to unlock the doors, track who has been in/out of those doors as well as being able to assign temporary codes for those occasional renters. Bob M. mentioned that if we buy the Schlage brand his son-in-law could get us a refund of half the price since he works for the company. Chance mentioned that Tim Lents was nice enough to donate the locks and keys last year so do we turn around and undo what he has donated? Tara mentioned that not all the doors would have to have the keyless entries, just one per bldg.. It was asked what you do for the Rabbit/Poultry bldg.? Do you put a key somewhere in the exhibit bldg. so that the Perdue bldg. can be accessed as well? The locks run approx.. $250 each, Sylvia mentioned that the ones that Bob suggested may not work with this type of lock, residential vs. commercial locks. Sylvia will get with Bob and ask and if not get other suggestions.

**Scholarship Donation for IN 4-H Foundation** – In the past, the 4-H Association has given $500 towards the scholarship fund for Daviess Co. 4-H members. It was agreed to support this again this year. Chance made the motion that the Association continue with the $500 towards the scholarship donation, Mike N. 2nd the motion. PASSED

**Jane Ann**

**4-H club and BOD account audits in progress/update –** it was mentioned that the club audits are currently in progress. Jane Ann is to get with Eric to get the Association audited as well.

**Set dates for committee meetings – By Laws, Budget, etc. –** Jane Ann suggested that these committee’s get together with Chance to start looking at the by-laws, etc for the upcoming year.

**Livestock committees\* –** would like for these committee’s to meet prior to next BOD meeting, asking 2-3 youth, grades 7-12 to review Livestock info from handbook, esp the county related items like showmanship, and asking them to come to the next meeting and participate in the discussion/review of county guidelines, will include in the notice to livestock committees the notes and topics from the Evaluation meeting.

**Christmas decoration/s for the 4-H Grounds –** Jane Ann asked about putting up some Christmas lights/decorations during the holidays to go along with what the park has. Kip K. said that if we order from the same place that they do down in TN that they would be willing to pick up our order when they pick up theirs. Those prices start around $600 and go up from there. Jane Ann asked for other suggestions of how we could decorate. Kelly C. is willing to help with this. Lots of ideas where discussed and Kelly is to get back to the office.

**Thank You booklet –** The review book is complete, waiting on Country Pines to email back a quote for the book. It was agreed that we might send it to the auction buyers and publish it for the families online.

**BOD membership/terms –** coming up in December, by-laws update/revisions, thoughts to open up BOD membership vs. tie to township residence only/leaning toward committee/area of role on the BOD. Chance went over the different terms of those on the BOD. In 2022 there will be more people going off the board.

**BOD volunteer update/re-enroll –** Jane Ann asked that everyone get their volunteer training completed before next Board meeting, asking leaders/volunteers to be completed before first meeting, new videos for the volunteer training. Jane Ann reminded everyone that you cannot click through the videos this year, must let them play out. Jane Ann asked if there was any interest in doing an in-person training vs. each individual volunteer doing it online. Jane Ann mentioned that if you are dealing with kids, keys or money then you need to complete the process. Most agreed that they would do it online. There are some on the livestock committee’s that would need it in-person. It was suggested that we do it prior to the meeting.

**Dog Agility Equip. –** Tara asked if the dog club has paid back for their agility equipment that they bought. Sylvia is to get with Eric to find out the exact cost of the equipment and how much was donated towards the equipment. Kelly F. said he would mention it to Kensey/Kristen. It was suggested that maybe try to get more clubs doing fundraisers towards the 4-H.

**4-H project/activities update/handbook** – Jane Ann mentioned that the State guidelines for projects have changed drastically. Instead of the having all these requirements in the handbook there will now be a link to the State 4-H projects page for them to get the most up-to-date information from. For instance, one of the changes is Farm Scene and Construction toys will now fall under Arts & Crafts; Construction and Architectural Replicas.

**Choice award $ back to BOD –** $140 for 2021 was donated back to the Association. Jane Ann asked those kids what they would like their donation to go back towards. Only 2 responded, one was put his donation towards scholarships and the other wanted her to go towards Horse & Pony announcers stand.

**Recruitment** – Jane Ann asked the question as to how we get more kids involved in Spark Clubs, or get a livestock judging team together. Would like the BOD to come up with some ideas. New families in 4-H, get kids to attend Academy, Round-up, etc. Another avenue might be some fee-based programs. Would like to see additional volunteers as well. It was suggested that maybe we could contact some of the local teachers to see if there are some kids in the specialty programs in the schools to maybe help (Art, woodworking, etc.) Tara suggested that maybe we could get some of our 4-H parents involved a little more.

Chance would like to get shooting sports revived this year. It was suggested that maybe we get someone from outside the organization to volunteer. Rick Tribbey (sp.) from the ND area led the archery at ND, maybe he would be interested. Chance suggested that maybe we could get with One Time Hunt Club, or Graveyard Hunt Club involved. JJ said that she would contact Rick to see if he would be interested. Tara said that her dad, Joe Singleton, might be interested. It was suggested that Jared Smith or Brent Baker might help.

Next blood drive will be on Nov. 30th from 1-7 at the 4-H Exhibit bldg..

**Fundraising Committee** - Tara mentioned that we have not heard back from GPC, should be by the end of the year.

**Grounds Committee –** Chance mentioned that we need to get the drainage figured out around the Perdue Bldg. so that grass seed can be sewn.  Brent thinks that Helena will donate the seed and Brent can hopefully get the erosion blankets from his work.

It was mentioned that we are still on track for the county to pave the new parking lots. They are currently paving at Boggs Park and Chris Winkler told Chance their plan was to start at 4-H when they finished there. Last conversation Chance had with Nathan, they discussed the possibility of getting the road repaved too and going all the way up next to the new sidewalk on the westside of the swine barn since the equipment would already be here and it would be easier to do that entire area all at once.

JJ made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Tara 2nd the motion. PASSED

**Next Meeting** – November 9, 2021