

November 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 by Amy Hein, who lead the pledges.

Roll Call: Present were: Connie Brittingham, Kristen Donaldson, Rachel Bult, Patti Nicolls, Judy Dawson, Julie Ziese, Lin Wozniowski, Christy Long, Linda Dillon, Michelle Humbert, Nicole Kasperian, Lynette DuBord, Amy Hein, Deanne Nagel, Lisa Bubala, Rebekah Lamb, and Julie Jones

The secretary's report for October has been on-line. Connie Brittingham moved to accept the secretaries report. Patti Nicholls seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report So far this year the County Committee has taken in \$70,663.86. and spent \$71,361.54. Checks for this past month amounted to \$509.00 with deposits of \$1,133.04. Connie Brittingham moved to accept the treasurers report. Deanne Nagel second. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Ken Kraft passed away in the last month and there was an earlier oversight of the passing of Don Scherringa. Connie Brittingham moved that we send a Friend of 4H donation to the Foundation Endowment Fund. Kristen Donaldson seconded. Motion passed.

The Indiana 4-H Foundation requested funds to support scholarships for Lake County 4-H members. After some discussion, Judy Dawson moved to send money for 2 \$500 scholarships, \$1,000 total to the foundation. Connie Brittingham seconded. Motion passed.

Special Discussion: Anything you want to see? Amy Hein asked if there was anything that those assembled wanted to see the 4-H program doing that was not being done. It was pointed out that nothing would ever change if we did not talk about it. No one had anything to say at that moment.

Sub Committee Reports:

Auction: Nicole Kaskperian, Janet Kraynik: Nicole Kasperian reminded everyone that there was a meeting of the Auction committee immediately following the County Committee meeting. The committee was going to come up with a specific time to meet instead of just after the county committee meeting.

Horse and Pony. Christi Long, Megan Bush, Kristina Shupryt: Christi reported that they had elected the committee officers and picked out meeting dates for the year. She also said the date for the Horse and Pony demonstrations had been pick out

Junior Leaders: No junior Leaders were present. Kristen Donaldson reported that the Junior leaders were planning a Holiday Bowling party December 7th at the Stardust Bowling Alley in Merrillville. Leaders were encouraged to have their 4-H club members in the 7-12th grades attend. The Junior leaders decorated a Christmas tree at the Welcome Center in Hammond and participated in a Chalk about it activity in front of the County Government Center

By-Laws: Amy Hein reported that nothing was happening with the By-Laws committee at this time.

Finance: Jackie Gerner reported that the report was being put off until new business with the budget report

Nominations: Julie Ziese reported that the report was being put off until new business with the election of officers

Standing Committee Reports

Achievement Night: Amy Hein indicated there was no report

Awards: Lisa Bubala, reported there was nothing to report

Ambassadors: Lin Wozniowski reported 17 4-H members accepted the invitation to become ambassadors. They attended a meeting at the beginning of November. The ambassadors indicated in what area they wanted to do their ambassador project. The ambassador advisors will be contacting project superintendents for help in helping the ambassadors plan and carry out their projects.

Banquet/Annual Meeting. Linda Dillon reported it was projected that the banquet would likely come in very close to the \$1,500 budgeted. Volunteers will be charged \$5.00 for the dinner and guests \$10.00. Invitations are being extended to the Fair Board, Council that maintain the fairgrounds. Invitations are also being extended to politicians. The banquet is on a regular County Committee meeting night, but at the 4-H building at the Fairgrounds.

Geranium/Fundraising: Lin Wozniowski stated that Henning's nursery had been notified that they had won the bid.

Memory Books: Connie Brittingham indicated that a meeting had been set up to review the memory books. The original meeting had to be postponed due to ill health

Trophies: Linda Dillion had nothing to report

Promotion: Lynette DuBord announced that Hobart was getting a new club. A call out meeting is planned for Monday November 26th at 6:00 at the Joan Martin Elementary School

Welcoming: Linda Dillon & Lin Wozniowski welcomed all who came to the meeting

Old Business:

Policy on trips and awards reimbursements: Amy Hein wanted the County Committee to come up with a policy on what the County Committee would and would not pay for. A lively discussion ensued which required that some of the information that would normally have gone in the budget process be discussed during this section of the evening. Lisa Bubala moved that for the membership trips, the County Committee pay for 100% of the entry fees minus a \$25 registration fee for as many times as kids want to go on a membership trip. Patti Nicols seconded. Motion passed.

Patti Nicols moved that the County Committee pay the entry or registration fee in full including those that cover transportation and lodging, but not pay for transportation and lodging for those that are not part of the registration fee. Lynette DuBord seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

Elections: Julie Ziese presented the slate of officers from the Nominations committee:

President – Amy Hein

Vice President – Julie Ziese

Secretary – Lin Wozniowski

Treasurer – Jackie Gerner

Amy Hein asked if there were any other nominations 3 times. Hearing none, Connie Brittingham moved that the nominations be closed and the President cast a unanimous ballot for the slate. Linda Dillon seconded. Motion passed.

Conflict of Interest forms: Purdue requires the Conflict of Interest forms be filled out by the County Committee members annually. Julie Jones passed them out and requested the 2024 County Committee members fill out the forms and turn them in to Lin Wozniowski this evening so we will be in compliance.

Committee Sign-ups: Amy Hein went over the list of committee sign-ups. She requested that people not be the chair of more than one committee as possible. She requested that everyone on County Committee sign up for 3 or 4 committees only. The following are the committees and their members:

Committee	Chair	Member	Member
Achievement Night	Amy Hein	Janet Kraynick	Debbie Neiman
Ambassadors	Lin Wozniowski	Lynette DuBord	Michelle Humbert
Awards	Lisa Bubala	Linda Dillon	Rebekah Lamb
Banquet	Linda Dillon	Judy Dawson	Christy Long & Lynette DuBord
By Laws	Rachel Bult	Rachel Kohler	Patti Nichols
Geranium/Fundraising	Lin Wozniowski	Lisa Bubala	Amber Miller
Memory Books	Connie Brittingham	Rachel Bolt	Patti Nichols
Nominations	Julie Ziese	Nicole Kasperian	
Promotions	Lynette DuBord	Lisa Bubala	Christy Long
Stock the Trailer	Jackie Gerner	Nicole Kasperian	Julie Zeise
Trophy	Linda Dillon	Rachael Kohler	Judy Dawson & Lisa Bubala
Welcoming		Lin Wozniowski	Linda Dillon

Superintendents: Lynette DuBord indicated that Kris Reed was interested in joining her as a co-superintendent of the Mini Project. Lisa Bubala made a motion to accept Kris Reed as co-superintendent of the Mini project. Nicole Kasperian seconded. Motion passed.

Budget Approval: Jackie Gerner passed out copies of the proposed budget (attached) Jackie pointed out that several line items had been combined into broader categories to give more discretion to the board to deal with changing circumstances. Lynette DuBord pointed out that there was only 1 goat award in the budget but that the county actually had 2 goat awards. Jackie amended the budget. Lynette DuBord moved that the budget be accepted as amended. Connie Brittingham seconded. Motion carried.

Educator Comments:

Julie Jones indicated that there were a lot of new workshops coming up, including Meat Identification and Medical Technology and to watch the County 4-H Calendar. She also made a plea for everyone to test their broadband connections so Lake County could get their fair share of the state money being set aside to be sure all Indiana residents had adequate broadband availability.

She also indicated that there were some spark clubs that were going to be started up on Medical Technology and Animal Science. These might include trips to zoos, chats with practicing veterinarians, etc. She was very excited about all of the new things that were being planned for Lake County 4-H members.

The next County Committee meeting is Annual Volunteer Banquet on January 25th at 6:00 PM at the 4-H building at the Lake County Fairgrounds.

Connie Brittingham moved to adjourn the meeting. Patti Nichols seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Wozniowski

Lake County 4H Club Committee, Inc
2024 Preliminary Budget - 11/16/2023

	Board	Auction	Horse&Pony	Total
Beginning Balance	38,747.83	16,623.04	5,228.76	60,599.63
Income				
Auction Income		180,000.00		180,000.00
Horse & Pony Income			7,750.00	7,750.00
4-H Handbook Income	250.00			250.00
Achievements & Recognition				
Ambassador Awards	1,800.00			1,800.00
Annual Meeting Banquet	500.00			500.00
Citizenship Achievement Award	250.00			250.00
Entomology Achievement Award	500.00			500.00
Goat Achievement Award	500.00			500.00
High Point Ambassador	250.00			250.00
Home Environment Award - HS	250.00			250.00
Home Environment Award - MS	250.00			250.00
Horse & Pony Achievement Award	200.00			200.00
Jr Leader Achievement Award	200.00			200.00
Leadership Achievement Awards	250.00			250.00
Livestock Achievement Awards	500.00			500.00
Member/Leader Completion Pins	700.00			700.00
Royal Ambassador Awards	1,000.00			1,000.00
Science Achievement Award - HS	250.00			250.00
Science Achievement Award - MS	250.00			250.00
Total Achievement and Recognition	7,650.00			7,650.00
Fund Raising Income (Geraniums)	35,910.00			35,910.00
Endowment Fund Income	-			-
Trips & Conferences				
4-H Round-Up	250.00			250.00
4-H Camp	750.00			750.00
Purdue 4-H Academy	125.00			125.00
State 4-H Band/Chorus	75.00			75.00
State Jr Leader Conf	75.00			75.00
Total Trips & Conferences	1,275.00			1,275.00
Total Income	45,085.00	180,000.00	7,750.00	232,835.00

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Expense	Board	Auction	Horse&Pony	Total
Auction Expense		196,623.04		196,623.04
Horse & Pony Expense			6,900.00	6,900.00
4-H Handbook	2,500.00			2,500.00
Achievement and Recognition				
10 year & Tenure Members	400.00			400.00
Ambassador Awards	1,800.00			1,800.00
Ambassador Board Misc. Expenses	1,500.00			1,500.00
Annual Meeting Banquet	1,750.00			1,750.00
Citizenship Achievement Award	250.00			250.00
Goat Achievement Award	500.00			500.00
Entomology Achievement Award	500.00			500.00
High Point Ambassador	250.00			250.00
Home Environment Award - HS	250.00			250.00
Home Environment Award - MS	250.00			250.00
Horse & Pony Achievement Award	200.00			200.00
Jr Leader Achievement Award	200.00			200.00
Leadership Achievement Awards	250.00			250.00
Livestock Achievement Awards	500.00			500.00
Member/Leader Completion Pins	700.00			700.00
Royal Ambassador Awards	1,000.00			1,000.00
Science Achievement Award - HS	250.00			250.00
Science Achievement Award - MS	250.00			250.00
Total Achievement and Recognition	10,800.00			10,800.00
Adult Volunteer Training				
County Leader Workshop/Training	200.00			200.00
State Volunteer Conference	250.00			250.00
Total Adult Volunteer Training	450.00			450.00
Educational Materials/Supplies (4H Promotion)	800.00			800.00
Geranium Expenses				
Club Payments	2,268.00			2,268.00
Plant Purchase	18,900.00			18,900.00
Total Geranium Expenses	21,168.00			21,168.00
Member Leadership Development				
Area Activities	200.00			200.00
County Workshops/Activities	750.00			750.00
National Activities	1,000.00			1,000.00
National Conference/Congress	8,000.00			8,000.00
State Activities	1,500.00			1,500.00
Total Member Leadership development	11,450.00			11,450.00
Member Trips & Conferences				
4-H Round-Up (10)	2,000.00			2,000.00

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	Board	Auction	Horse&Pony	Total
Member Trips & Conferences cont				
4-H Camp (30)	6,000.00			6,000.00
Purdue 4-H Academy (5)	1,000.00			1,000.00
State 4-H Band/Chorus (3)	600.00			600.00
State Jr Leader Conf (3)	600.00			600.00
Trip Contingency Fund	500.00			500.00
Total Member Trips & Conferences	10,700.00			10,700.00
Mini 4-H Expense	300.00			300.00
Miscellaneous Expenses				
4H Building	100.00			100.00
Audit	500.00			500.00
Bank Fees	50.00			50.00
Contingency Fund	900.00			900.00
County Committee Operating Fund	800.00			800.00
Indiana 4-H Foundation Senior Scholarships	1,000.00			1,000.00
Memorial Donations	200.00			200.00
Memorial Donations Holding Acct	3,670.00			3,670.00
Mileage	450.00			450.00
P-CARET	75.00			75.00
Postage	120.00			120.00
Secretary of State	22.50			22.50
Sponsorship Forms	500.00			500.00
Stationery	400.00			400.00
Tax Preparations	800.00			800.00
Technology	250.00			250.00
Misc Expense (Program Fee Scholarships)	100.00			100.00
Total Miscellaneous Expenses	9,937.50			9,937.50
Project Sponsorships Expense				
Barn Battle	2.60			2.60
Barn Maintenance	1,181.14			1,181.14
Beef	1,333.03			1,333.03
Dairy	1,501.59			1,501.59
Dog	411.38			411.38
Goat	1,999.94			1,999.94
Livestock General Fund	734.30			734.30
Livestock Scale Fund	2,634.13			2,634.13
Poultry	1,327.98			1,327.98
Rabbit	1,166.07			1,166.07
Sheep	150.53			150.53
Swine	86.05			86.05
Non-Animal Projects	2,314.06			2,314.06
Total Project Sponsorships Expense	14,842.80			14,842.80
Total Expense	82,948.30	196,623.04	6,900.00	286,471.34
Ending Balance	884.53	-	6,078.76	6,963.29

Auction 01/01/2024 to 12/31/2024		
Event	2024 Budget	2024 Actual
Starting Balance	\$ 16,623.04	\$ 16,623.04
Income:		
Auction	\$ 180,000.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income:	\$ 180,000.00	\$ -
Expenses:		
Sponsorships	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Advertising	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Bond	\$ 260.00	\$ -
Buyer Thank You Gift	\$ 250.00	\$ -
Check-Off - Beef	\$ 20.00	\$ -
Check-Off - Lamb	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Check-Off - Pork	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Computers/Printers	\$ 350.00	\$ -
Total Checks to Kids	\$ 172,800.00	\$ -
Printing:		
Auction Passes & Flyers (300)	\$ 850.00	\$ -
Banners	\$ 350.00	\$ -
Auction Supplies:		
Animal Loss Fund	\$ 10,672.28	\$ -
Auction Supplies	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Barn Battle	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Contingency Fund	\$ 6,070.76	\$ -
Hospitality	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Postage	\$ 300.00	\$ -
	\$ 196,623.04	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ 16,623.04
		This is the bank balance

Horse and Pony Budget 2024		
Income	2024 budgeted	2024 Actual
Beginning Balance	1,484.24	1,484.24
Awards Donations	5,000	
Other Donations	1,000.00	
Fundraiser	500	
Ad book	1,000	
Miscellaneous		
Fundraiser Show	250	
Total Income	9,234.24	
Expenses	2024 budgeted	2024 Actual
Beginning Balance Achievement Award Fund	3,744.52	3,744.52
Awards Expense	5,000.00	
Ad Book Expense	600	
Demo	350	
Miscellaneous Fair Expenses	350	
Miscellaneous	150	
Banners	200	
Mock Show	100	
Fundraiser Show	100	
Education/workshops	50	
Total Expenses	6,700.00	
H&P Achievement Award Expense	200	200