

August 22, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6.07 by Amy Hein. Miss Bult led the pledges.

Roll Call: Present were: Julie Ziese, Lin Wozniowski, Linda Dillon, Nicole Kasperian, Lynette DuBord, Amy Hein, Lisa Bubala, Justin Gatlin, Jackie Gerner, Ike Essary, Marsha Essary, Debbie Nieman, Janet Kraynek, Tom Reed, Judy Dawson, Megan Bush, Rebekah Lamb, Dwayla Lamb, Shane Donovan, Michelle Humbert, Christy Long, Maggie Sever, Stephanie Neal, Claire Donaldson, Kristen Donaldson, Rachell Bult, Shelby Bult, Emily Reed, Kris Reed, Austin McNeill, Garrett Neal, Chari Hayden, Jennifer Haynes, and Julie Jones.

The secretary's report for July has been on-line. Nicole Kasperian moved to accept the secretaries report. Shayne Donovan seconded. Motion carried,

Treasurer's Report In April there were deposits of \$13,201.45 and withdrawals of \$25,015.03, leaving a balance in the bank of \$36,671.76. Tom Reed moved to accept the treasurers report. Megan Bush second. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Amy Hein indicated that quite a number of Thank You notes had been received from 4-H members for their medals and trophies, but they were not present tonight. Lin Wozniowski read a letter to the board from Lynette Dubord and Lin Wozniowski on the exit report from doing the Lunch and Learn Program with the Twin Oaks Park in Hobart.

Fair Debrief: Amy Hien pointed out that copies of the summaries of the number of projects in the various categories were available on the back table. There are summaries of both animal and non-animal projects for the Lake County Fair, and summaries of the non-animal projects from the State fair. These are just for everyone's information. There will be no voting on projects during this meeting.

Amy reminded everyone that revisions for projects need to be in by September 1. There was also a schedule of the fair judging for this past fair passed out. Everyone should look at the schedule and if there are changes that are requested these should be turned in by November 1. There were also half sheets of paper on the back table for superintendents to fill out if they had not filled out the sheets in the books during the judging's.

Amy noted that the poultry superintendents were not able to make the meeting, so there would not be any discussion of the poultry projects that night.

Julie Ziese commented that the fair went pretty smoothly. She would have liked more communication with people as she is one of the General Superintendents.

Jackie Gerner indicated the livestock went well. We managed to get the Stock the Trailer to have 9,140 pounds of non-perishable food in it thanks to Pepsi. The actual amount of food donated by 4-H clubs was estimated at about 1,000 pounds. We do not know the results for which counties won, but we know we were over the amount necessary to get \$500 and we think we might be close to the top. The food was distributed between 2 food pantries, who did appreciate getting the pop because that was something they very rarely had. It was suggested that clubs begin collecting food in the spring and then bring it into the Fair in August. The trailer worked better than last year, but it is still not ideal and we will have to find another solution to the problem for next year. It took too much of the Fair Board President's time.

Lin Wozniowski talked about the success of the STEM studio. The center got a little bit more room this year and popular as the STEM center was last year, it was even more popular this year.

Lynette DuBord extended an invitation to all Lake County 4-Hers to come to the October 12th Kick-Off at the 4-H extension office. This year the Kick-off will have a sports theme with the hope of brining in more male leaders and more male boys in the clubs. There were some problems with some of the mini-projects not being stable, but the number of mini-projects was way up and we had the enviable problem of having to figure out where to put all of them. Lynette loved the way the barns were decorated. They seemed lots fuller.

Kris Reed loved the barn food – spectacular. She hopes it keeps going. Kris was impressed with the barn communications and that there was no squabbling. She also liked the STEM center.

Tom Reed thought that overall, the fair went very well. While a few small problems popped up, everyone was able to make everything work.

Emily Reed loved the binders the kids did. She was impressed with the Dairy Goat Barn. And she loved the barn food. She would like to change the dates of the Dairy and Meat Goat shows. The request is to put the Dairy Goat show on Wednesday and the Meat Goat show on Thursday to make it easier of Friday. She pointed out that as the number of goats has been increasing, more wash racks are needed. Everyone seemed to agree. The question was raised on how the increased number of goat racks was handled when the goats were on the hill with the poultry. Emily stated that people brought their own wash racks, but now that they had moved down the hill to where the rest of the livestock were, there was no room for private wash racks. The problem of the wash racks will be ironed out by the next fair.

Shayne Donovan loved the barn food. She agreed that the goat wash racks were a problem that needed to be solved. She also felt the goats needed more space.

Nicole Kasperian had a great fair, in fact she thought it was one of the best. The auction had many records broken and she thought everything else went well.

Judy Dawson was not at the fair that much, but was basically pleased with what she saw.

Linda Dillon thought the fair looked good and got a lot of compliments on the building. She noted that the general building superintendents were planning on changing the shelving for the building for next year. She noted that we need more adults during building tear down. This year the building was torn down by the male Jr. Leaders.

Lisa Bubala thought everyone did a good job. She noted that more 4-Hers were needed in the building to host the building. Many nights the building was hosted by the Dads. She also reminded everyone that the ROAs are due by September 1.

Rebekah Lamb stated that she had gotten a lot of compliments. She thought that the comments on the Clover grams were great.

Dwayla Lamb had a great time because most of the week was cool. She lamented the lack of programs but realized 4-H had nothing to do with that.

Michelle Humbert had a great fair. She is hoping there will be more barn posters in the future and more money for more pictures. She thought the rabbit barn had done a good job.

Austin McNeil noted that someone needed to do more to spray for cleanliness in the barns.

Shelby Bult thought that everyone had done a good job.

Michelle Bult did not have anything to add.

Ike Essary thought it was a good year, all be it a short year. He noted that setting up the show arena after the pig open show required everyone to pitch in to help clean up the barn. He suggested charging anyone who did not clean up their pen/stall \$5. He got compliments on how easy it was to get the animals out by the people collecting the animals that had been purchased.

Marsha Essary had no further comment.

Janet Kraynek had no further comment

Debbie Nieman was grateful that there were no power outages during the auction. She announced that Pack Away Hunger would take place in Crown Point on October 5th with shifts from 9-11:30 and 12:30-3. The goal this year is to again pack 1,000,000 meals.

Maggie Severt did not have anything further to add.

Garrett Neal did not have anything further to say.

Claire Donaldson commented that the first part of the fair was really hot.

Christy Long noted that Horse and Pony loved being invited to the Barn Battle.

Justin Gatlin thought there were problems with some of the Thank You notes from the 4-Hers not being well stated enough. A discussion of the problem followed including some of the solutions that have been tried and the problems the solutions have brought up. She noted some problems with the sound system in the Horse arena but overall thought it was a good fair.

Megan Bush noted that there were not many kids around in the 4-H building during the fair. Adults would come up with 2 or 3 kids, but not large groups. It was noted that large clubs would split the people who came up to the building into smaller groups. Megan also inquired about an open goat show. She was informed that this had been proposed before, but there had not been any interest in it. She was further informed that she would need to contact the Lake County Agricultural Society Fair Board about this and to be prepared to chair it if she wanted to pursue it.

Chari Hayden liked the animal with cut out faces that people could take pictures with. She thought they were very good.

Kristen Donaldson said that the Jr. Leaders sold lots of ice cream. She also informed the group that Northstar donated 2 freezers to the Jr. Leaders for use at the fair. She noted that there was lots of communication between the barns. She also stated that the Senior backdrop was good.

Stephanie Essary thought that there was a need to get the goat show moved also. She noted there was a need for more help tearing down the barns as well as the building.

Amy Hein noted the barn food fund raised approximately \$12,000 and spent about \$10,000. She stated that they had purchased a freezer and some roasters. The roasters would be available for the January Volunteer Banquet if needed. She noted that the County Committee needed to purchase a trailer to store things in at the fair.

Educator Comments:

Jennifer Haynes noted that animal superintendents needed to come get the boxes of stuff for their shows well ahead of time and not wait until the last minute. There were times that these were needed in the morning before the 4H building was open or anyone was even in the building and that Linda Dillon had her own work to do and could not stop to open doors. The 4H building does not open until 10:00.

Julie Jones asked that everyone look at the numbers on the summary sheets and note that we had approximately 1,000 more exhibits this year than we had 3 years ago. She also indicated that Lake County had finally received the money from the Purdue Day of Giving. 4H raised \$1090 for the STEM Studio. The greenhouse was funded to the tune of \$960. And the county got an additional \$750 bonus. Julie and Lin are going to talk about the needs of the STEM Studio.

Judy Dawson moved to adjourn the meeting. Lynette DuBord seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Wozniwski