

May 22, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 by Amy Hein. Elaine Berrones & Nathon Jamroze lead the pledges.

Roll Call: Present were: Connie Brittingham, Lin Wozniowski, Christi Long, Linda Dillon, Lynette DuBord, Amy Hein, Justine Gatlin, Jackie Gerner, Judy Dawson, Nathan Jamroz, Elaine Berrones, Patti Nichols, Rebekah Lamb, Amanda Woodsworth, , Lisa Bubala, Ike Essary, Marsha Essary, Debbie Nieman, Stephanie Neal, Kris Reed, Tom Reed, Nicole Kasparian, Baebara Hinton, Kasey Wilhoit, and Jennifer Haynes.

The secretary's report for November has been on-line. Lynette Dubord moved to accept the secretaries report. Lisa Bubala seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Deposits for April were \$80,630.810 and withdrawals were \$4,912.10, leaving a balance in the bank of \$75,210.71. Nicol Kasperian moved to accept the treasurers report. Linda Dillon second. Motion carried. There was no endowment report.

Correspondence: Jackie Gerner reported receiving a request for a \$75 donation from C.A.R.E.T, Since this is a line item in the Budget, this was just brought to the group's attention.

Special Discussion: Amy Hein reminded everyone that if any information needs to go in Clover Connections, the information needs to be sent to Roz, so she can get it in.

Sub Committee Reports:

Auction: Nicole Kasparian, Janet Kraynik: Nicole Kasparian reported that the auction committee was meeting after the County Committee meeting

Horse and Pony. Christi Long, Megan Bush, Kristina Shupryt: Christi reported the Horse and Pony plans were going along well.

Junior Leaders: Elaine Berrones and Nathan Jamroz. Nathan Jamroz and Elain Berrones reported that the Junior built the wash pack tables for the Urban Agriculture group. The Junior Leaders worked the Annual 4H Foundation meeting. They demonstrated the STEM equipment. The Junior Leaders did Tie Dye projects at their last meeting.

By-Laws: Rachel Bolt, Rachel Kohler, Patti Nichols. Patti Nichols reported that there a committee met to propose amendments to the By Laws. The committee proposed that the Junior Leader terms be changed to September 1st to August 31st instead of the calendar year terms that the rest of the committee follows. This change would require the amendment of 2 articles. They further proposed that the Junior Leaders be exempt from the only one person on the County Committee per family rule. Lastly they proposed. that motions and seconds be allowed from the County Committee membership in general and not only from the County Committee Board Members.

Linda Dillon moved that the last change be amended so that not only could County Committee Boad members and 4-H Leaders of at least 1 year experience be allowed to make motions and second them, but they also be allowed to serve as committee chairs. Rebekah Lamb seconded. The committee was charged with writing the amendments to allow this.Motion passed.

Finance: Julie Ziese, Amy Hein, Jennifer Bisig, Jackie Gerner, Lin Wozniowski reported that the audit on the Horse and Pony Committee had been successfully completed.

Nominations: Julie Ziese, Amy Hein, Nicole Kasperian. Amy Hein indicated there was nothing to report.

Standing Committee Reports

Achievement Night: Amy Hein , Janet Kraynik, Debbie Nieman. Amy Hein reminded everyone that the new date for the Achievement Night was Sunday July 27th at 5:00. It was suggested that this be advertised more.

Awards: Lisa Bubala, Linda Dilon, Rebekah Lamb, Judy Dawson, and Connie Brittingham. Lisa Bubala reported that the Ambassador's got their applications in and the interviews went well. The committee had received the applications for the other awards as well. The committee was looking for sponsors for the awards.

+Ambassadors: Lin Wozniowski, Lynette DuBord, Michelle Humbert. Lin Wozniowski reported that all of the Ambassadors had completed their Ambassador projects. .

Banquet/Annual Meeting. Linda Dillon, Judy Dawson, Christi Long, Lynette Dubord: Linda Dillon said there was nothing to report

Geranium/Fundraising: Lin Wozniowski, Lisa Bubala. Lin Wozniowski reported the profit from this year was \$12,470.0

Memory Books: Connie Brittingham, Patti Nichols, Rachel Bult. Connie Brittingham there was nothing to report

Trophies/Sponsorships: Linda Dillon, Lisa Bubala, Rachel Koehler, Judy Dawson. Linda Dillon reported that the non-animal trophies were ordered. The animal trophies have not yet been ordered. Kasey Wilhoit reported that the medals were already in.

Promotion: Lynette DuBord, Lisa Bubala, Christi Long. Lynette DuBord reported that they had gotten a lot of good help on Sunday for the 4H Foundation Annual meeting. She was pleased that she had gotten pictures from every club in Lake County except 1

Welcoming: Linda Dillon, Lin Wozniowski Amy Hein thanked Linda and Lin for the food provided for the County Committee.

Stock the Trailer: Jackie Gerner, Nicole Kasperian, Julie Ziese. Jackie Gerner reported Stock the Trailer was ready to go and they were hoping that everyone would do their part.

Old Business:

Budget Issue for 4-H Academy: Jackie Garner brought out that the budget allowed for money to send 5 people to Academy at \$175 each. Lake County had 13 people apply and the cost per person went up to \$225. While it is wonderful to have more people want to go to Academy, it was not budgeted for. Jackie indicated that there were other funds in the travel budget, it was earmarked for other things. Lisa Bubala moved to reallocate the money to cover the funds needed for Academy. Rebekah Lamb seconded. Motion passed

Roz-what she can do and can't do: Purdue has some new rules on what the employees can and can not do. Roz can no longer open County Committee mail. This means that a County Committee member will need to come to the office on a fairly regular basis to open the mail, get the checks, let Roz copy the forms, and put the checks in the County Committee box for Jackie to pick up. After much discussion, Lisa Bubala and Linda Dillon agreed to split the duties.

Internal Audit: Report given previously

4-H Building Improvements: Linda Dillon reported that all of the new shelving for the building had been purchased from Merrillville's JoAnn's Fabrics. It was to be picked up on the last day of May. It is still not clear what will need to be done about the broken showcases.

Indiana 4-H Foundation Annual meeting: Over 100 people RSVPed for the luncheon. People attending were very impressed with the Junior Leader and Ambassador turnout.

Committee sign-ups: Amy passed out a sheet for people to sign up for committees. Everyone was encouraged to sign-up for at least one. People who were already working on a committee that carried over from the previous year were automatically continued on the committee.

New Business:

Fair Entry is now open: Families are encouraged to sign up at the same time so they do not have to wait for approval to sign up more projects.

Tiebel's Scholarship: The money that was thought to be allocated for the Auction Committee was determined to be meant for a scholarship. Details were a bit sketchy due to the time factor of when the misinterpretation was discovered. Lynette DuBord moved that we table any action on the proposed scholarship until more details can be determined. Patti Nicholls seconded. Motion passed.

Educator Comments:

Jennifer reminded people that 4-H members wishing to exhibit livestock had to attend either the free in-person QLC training sessions held in Lake County or pay for the on-line YQCA sessions put on by Purdue. Only option 2 is now available as the in-person sessions are done. Jennifer also encourage everyone to get their animals registered ASAP

The Mini 4-H Program plans on letting 2nd graders show animals at the Fair, if they want to.

Good of the Order:

Linda Dillon announced that help was needed to pick-up the new display materials from JoAnn's when they close at the end of the month. /the exact date will depend on when JoAnn's will let us pick them up. Anyone able to help is encouraged to let Linda Dillon or the office know so they can contact volunteers on the exact date.

Jennifer reminded everyone that to get a Fair Pass, they needed to register in 4-H On-Line.

Barn Battle sign-up is now available in 4-H On-line. Sign-ups are due by July 1.

Junior Leaders are having a Blood Drive on Friday June 13th from 12-5. Please sign-up in 4 H On-line.

Ike Essary indicated the sheep shearing went well.

Nicole Kasperian moved to adjourn the meeting. Debbie Nieman seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Wozniewski