February 2015

WALWORTH COUNTY 4-H SENIOR LEADER’S ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA
Monday, February 23, 2015, 7:00pm
Government Center

JOINT ASSOCIATION MEETING (with Junior Leaders)
• Space Camp Funding Requests (2015 Space Camp Participants)
• March Program Plans (Fall Forum Delegation)
• 4-H SMILES Program Presentation (Debbie/Chelsea)

OPENING ACTIVITIES
Call to order – Dan Kundert
Approval of Minutes/Correspondence – Brenda Harkness
Treasurer’s Report – Marlene Schoenbeck
Sunshine Report – Letha Kuecker
UWEX Report – Chelsea Dertz

MIXER – Whitewater 4-H

CLUB MEETING S.O.S. (Sharing Opportunities Series)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
• Open Awards Committee Positions—Need 3 more adults (Missing representation from North and Southwest)
• New District Rep Opening—Southwest
• Champion Pizza Sales Update (Geri Wells and Barb Nordmeyer)
• Music Fest Wrap-Up (Caroline Cornelison)
• First Time Shooters Day Wrap-Up (Caroline Cornelison)
• Other

NEW BUSINESS
• First Time Shooters Day Wrap-Up (Caroline Cornelison)
• Drama Fest Director’s Meeting (Chelsea Dertz)
• Key Leader Approvals
• Other

ADJOURNMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Next Executive Board Meeting – April 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Government Center (*Senior Leaders to Lead)
Next Senior Leader Meeting – Monday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Government Center
Walworth County 4-H Senior Leaders  
Monday January 26, 2015  
Government Center

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Lisa Brockman
Secretary's Report Approved through a motion by Marlene Schoenbeck and a second by Mariah Anderson
Treasurer's Report Approved through a motion by Diane Debaere and a second by Kelly Cleveland
Sunshine Report—Letha Kuecker

- Thank you cards to outgoing officers: Sandi Pillman, Diane Debaere and Bonnie Kruzinga
- Thank you to Sentry Foods, Walworth, for recognition dinner cake
- Thank you to Dan and Sally Morgan for their years of service to Elkhorn 4-H and Walworth County 4-H
- Thank you to Becky Merwin for her years of service on the Walworth County Fair Board and support of 4-H programs
- Get Well card to Judy Paul (cataract surgery)
- Get Well card and floral arrangement to Sally Morgan (knee surgery)
- Holiday Cards to UWEX, Fair Board and Office Staff
- Sympathy Card to Doc and Mary Sterken (passing of Doc's brother)

Thank you notes were read by Brenda Harkness
UWEX Report

Important Dates:

- Music Fest & New Family Orientation Registration due, January 30
- Camp counselor applications due no later than 5 p.m. on February 2; reference letters accepted until 5 p.m. February 16.
- Keys to Communication Registration and payment due: February 27
- Drama Fest Registration due: April 10
- Softball Rosters, health forms, assumption of risk forms, and payment due: April 15

Fairbook Changes
We received word from the Fair Office that no changes will be made to the Fairbook this year. The Fair Board has made the decision final. All changes that were proposed will be taken into consideration next year with the release of the new Fairbook. Thank you for your understanding.

New Family Orientation
This year’s New Family Orientation is scheduled for February 5 from 6-8 p.m. in the County Government Center. This is a great opportunity for new and recently new families to come and learn the basics about the 4-H year and get questions answered. Please spread the word about this program. Pre-registration is due at 5 p.m. on January 30. New Family Orientation II will be held on April 23 dealing with topics more relevant to the second half of the 4-H year.

4-H Officer School ‘14
Sixty-two youth participated in this year’s 4-H Officer School! In addition to workshops focused on officers’ specific roles, participants engaged in activities related to club bylaws, parts of a meeting, officers and what they do, how to make a motion, and parli-pro basics. There was also a Youth Leadership workshop for youth not currently serving as officers, but interested in helping with club leadership. As a result of the workshop, youth leaders and their organizational leader counterparts are challenged to work towards “making the best better” by putting what they learned at Officer School to use to help facilitate the most fun,
engaging, welcoming, and efficient meetings they possibly can! A nine-month follow-up survey will be conducted with officer school participants to see how they (and their clubs) have grown during this years’ experience. A big thank you goes to all of the leaders who attended with their officer teams and to the team of individuals who made this year’s program possible: Chris Jones, Bonnie Cornue, Linda Giorno, Lisa Konkel, Jodi Swatek, Alison Pickel, Devon Frederick, Beth Gallagher, Fred Noer, Nancy Lehman, and Laura Long.

Mandatory Leader Training ‘15
Each year, the state requires every chartered 4-H club or group to send at least one adult leader to participate in mandatory leader training. This year, our county will be offering this training on Tuesday, March 10, and Wednesday, March 25. We will be following a "Meetings That Move!" theme to go over concepts that were covered with youth leaders during 4-H Officer School ’15. Adults and teen leaders (particularly those who did not attend 4-H Officer School ’15) are invited to participate together! Training will be held in the County Government Center from 6:30-8:30 p.m. both nights. Pre-register for the date of your choice is at least three business days beforehand. These trainings will be fast-paced, information-packed, and even fun!

4-H Record Book Workshop
The 4-H Awards Committee will be hosting a record book workshop on May 19 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This workshop will be designed for any 4-H families interested in building their understanding and skills related to completing record forms, building record books, and becoming eligible for special awards. More details will be coming later this winter.

4-H Camp ‘15
4-H Camp ‘15 is scheduled for July 5-8 at Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. Camper applications are available on the county website. This year’s chaperones will have the opportunity to serve as mentors to our 4-H Resource Counselors throughout training, providing support as outstanding camp activities are planned. Adults interested in becoming a part of the chaperone team are asked to fill out applications ASAP so that we can match them up with counselors in time for the start of training. Contact Debbie if you, or someone you know, is interested in completing an application.

4-H Awards Committee News
The 4-H Awards Committee is still in need of members, particularly from the SW and northern parts of the county. If you know of adults who are interested in joining this group, please let Debbie know. The group has been working really hard on new, user-friendly grade-based project record forms which will be implemented this year. They will be available in WORD and fillable PDF versions on the county website, there will be one record for all project areas. These records will not apply to beef, sheep, swine, dairy, goats, rabbits, or poultry for 2015. Get the scoop now by talking to a 4-H Award Committee member! Full details coming in February!

4HOnline.com Update
Any re-enrolling 4-H member whose behavior agreement has not been turned into the Extension office will be receiving a letter later this week. That letter will inform them that if their agreement is not in the office by Monday, February 9 at 5 p.m., they will be limited to club only membership for 2014-2015. This is in compliance with the 4-H Executive Board discussion on January 14. 4-H club leaders are reminded that new member behavior agreements are due in the Extension office no later than April 1. Please remember, club managers should not be approving membership enrollments in 4honline unless they have a behavior agreement and enrollment fees in hand for each member.

Arts Council
They are willing to travel to your club meetings to gain interest in Drama Fest. Call Chelsea to schedule a presentation.

New Volunteer Orientation (aka Youth Protection)
The next New Volunteer Orientation of the program year will be held on March 23 at 5:45 p.m. in the Extension office. If you know of new volunteers who need to complete screening, please help spread the word about this opportunity. This is the last scheduled training of this program year. Future trainings will be set if the need arises.
**District Responsibilities**

Southeast: Awards Packaging and Distribution Prep
Northeast and Central: Senior leaders from district: Banquet Planning, Junior Leaders from District: Decorations
Northwest and Southwest: County-wide Cloverbuds/Exploring Workshop

**Girls' Science Activities**

The Girls’ Science Outreach Team (GSOT) is in the midst of planning for 2015 and 2016. In addition to the annual summer day camp for younger girls, the group is coordinating site-based mini-workshops and seeking funding for more intensive science opportunities for girls in middle school and early high school. *Girls' Science Explorers’* events have resulted in 78 youth contacts during the past two years. Evaluative data shows that 100% of the girls who completed event surveys (n=57) agree that the programs have shown them that girls can do science and 96% are more aware of science careers than before. Parents who completed recent impact surveys shared that their girls’ demonstrate greater confidence and interest in science and have benefited significantly from their peer interactions at the events. As one mom put it, “All three of my girls have shown more interest in science in school as a result of their participation in Girls’ Science Explorers events. They are also eager to come up with their own ‘experiments’ at home.” As stated by another, “I find it interesting that we can expose girls to jobs they would never consider doing if these programs weren’t in place for them. Very important!” Any teen or adult females interested in joining the GSOT are welcome! Just let Debbie know.

**4-H Ag Technology Day Results**

Initiated last year using *BP Fuelling Community donation* funds from Rote Oil Company, 4-H Ag Tech Day strives to build 4th and 5th graders’ awareness of the intricate ways in which agriculture impacts their lives on a daily basis. In the process, it provides them with opportunities to learn about ag-related careers and the role of technology in modern agriculture. A number of Walworth County 4-H Project Committees and volunteers have been involved with program delivery, along with a growing network of agricultural professionals from the community. To date, the program has resulted in a total of 651 youth contacts including youth in 3 protected audiences (Hispanic—52%; Black/African American—2%; and Asian—1%) and is meeting its goals as shown by evaluative data collected from the students, teachers, and presenters involved. As stated by one participating teacher, “the day provided our students with a breadth of understanding of how agriculture is important in Wisconsin, but also how many different things there are in the realm of agriculture.” In the words of another, students benefited from the “knowledge base” about agriculture “which is important to develop a workforce for the future.” Huge thanks goes to everyone who has helped make this program a reality during the past couple of years.

**Club Meeting SOS**—Chelsea and Nancy Lee have been working on it. There is information in mailboxes

**Mixer**—Sugar Creek 4-H---Balloon popping game with questions for leaders

**Jr/Sr Leader Banquet**—Diane Debaere—Lots of food and guests, went well.

**Silent Auction/Quilt Raffle**—no one here to talk about it

**Open Awards Committee Positions**—all districts except Central and Southeast. No one interested yet

**Fall Forum Recap**—Caroline and Bonnie: Was a great event. Very special to see Letha inducted into the Hall of Fame

**Pizza Sales**—Delivery at Subway in Walworth from 7-9 am on Saturday, February 28th. Geri will check with Jim to see if he will be providing awards for the top 5 sellers

**Bowling Wrap up**—Chelsea: 128 bowlers, went very well, prizes are in mailboxes

**Exec Meeting Highlights**—Lisa Brockman: HOP Funding still being discussed also approved 5 members for late enrollment. Need to add something to bylaws about if a member comes from a different county are they considered new or re-enrolling members. There is a committee to look at the wording; they will be meeting in mid-February.
Wizard of Oz Arts Council Trip—Caroline: Went to Irving Young Auditorium at UW-Whitewater. It was played on the big screen and was an interactive, sing a long presentation. They have done Grease and Sound of Music in the past, hopefully next time will be another good, family movie. It was a great time.

Music and Drama Fest plans—Caroline: Three entries for Music Fest so far. It is February 15th at the Elkhorn High School at 1:00 p.m. Typically lasts about two hours.

Kids College—118 youth signed up, only three didn't come, was a good day.

Key Leader Approvals—NONE

Next Senior Leader Meeting is February 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Betty Baerwald and a Second by Lisa Konkel

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Harkness, Secretary

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Attendance
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**JUNIOR LEADERS' ASSOCIATION AGENDA**

ICE BREAKER (Oliver Kozak)
Call to Order (Kendel Gustisha)
Pledges (Amelia Hayden)
Secretary’s Report (Leslie Reinke)
  - Program thank you note
Treasurer’s Report (Devon Frederick)
UW-Extension Report (Debbie Burkman)
Committee Reports
  - *Bowling Committee*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- Meeting Icebreaker/Mixers Sign-up (fill missing slots)
- Music Fest Wrap-up
- House of Pork/Trip Funding Discussion
- Awards Committee (Lillie Cauffman)
- New Family Orientation Report
- Other

**NEW BUSINESS**
- Brat Hut Sign-up for April 19
- Why Not Project Leadership Conference Report (Lillie, Braden Kundert, Amelia Hayden, Savannah Siegler)
- June Meeting, Election Discussion
- Sugar Creek Club Presentation Opportunity (Lillie and Caroline Cornelison)
- Club Reports
- Other

**ADJOURNMENT**

**PROGRAM: VALENTINE'S BINGO** (Brandan Constable)

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