

Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 1, 2026, 6:30 pm
Zoom Meeting

Present: Judy Bertram, Cindy Holzmann, Tracy Keifenheim, JoAnn Maedke, Austyn Mallowney, Beth Schaefer, Deb Senn, Ryan Stommel

Excused: Kate Miller

Call to order: 6:35 pm by Cindy Holzmann

Secretary Report: Moved to approve Judy Bertram, Ryan Stommel seconded

Treasurer Report: Moved to approve Judy Bertram, Ryan Stommel seconded

- 4-H Educators Update:
 - 2026-2027 4-H Enrollment & Volunteer Re-enrollment
 - All youth members and adult volunteers must re-enroll via 4H Online
 - Re-enrollment due Nov 1, complete training/background check by 12/1
 - New volunteers may enroll anytime, approval required before working with youth
 - Youth showing at fair must be enrolled by Feb 1(FdL County Fair policy)
 - Current enrollment: 209 youth, 38 volunteers (goal to exceed last year's 605 youth, 142 volunteers)
 - Fall Kick-Off:
 - 67 youth and adults planning to attend
 - Gaming theme, will have project stations again
 - Celebrate National 4-H Week: Goosechase Experience
 - Goosechase Virtual Scavenger Hunt will again be used. This is a virtual scavenger hunt, a free app-based adventure, that lets teams complete missions by snapping photos, submitting answers or using GPS tags. All to win great prizes!
 - Kick-Off will be Sunday, October 4
 - Ends on Sunday, November 8
 - How to register is in the FdL County, 10/2/26, 4-H Friday Newsletter
 - New Club Leader Crash Course
 - Held: Tuesday, September 29 at 6:30 pm
 - Open to anyone new to club leadership
 - Covers everything to start the new year with confidence: how to navigate 4HOnline, use Digital New Club Leader Kit, key resources, important dates, and tips for a successful year
 - 9 signed up, 3 excused - will follow up to get information to them
 - 4-H Learning Labs - Introducing 4-H Project Learning Labs
 - Kick Off session - September 24
 - Register at <https://forms.gle/9fegDx335wcpYWhv7>

- Held on:
 - Wednesday, October 21; Topic: Animals
 - Thursday, November 19; Topic: LEGO
 - Wednesday, December 16; Topic: Art
 - Thursday, January 21; Topic: STEM
 - Thursday, February 25; Topic: Leadership Check-In
 - Wednesday, March 24; Topic: Cloverbuds
 - Monday, April 19; Topic: Communications
- Club Officers and Bylaws
 - Must be reviewed annually and approved by the 4-H Educator
 - New members should receive copies and expectations
- Club Officers and Leadership
 - New officer names and contact information to be sent to Ext. Office for county training invite
 - Officer training will be Nov 7, 9:30am -12pm at FdL County Campus, Rm 205/206
 - Club secretaries must submit monthly meeting minutes
 - Notify Tracy of any leadership or meeting changes
- Tri-County Science Expedition
 - Wednesday, November 4, 7:30am - 5:30pm at UW Madison Campus
 - Youth grades 6 and up will explore cutting edge science through hands on labs in am and pm interactive sessions
 - Transportation is provided
 - Space limited to 20 youth and 2 adult chaperones from each county
 - Registration open 10/1/26
 - Pending: Bus will depart approximately 8:00am and return 4:30pm from FdL County Campus parking lot
 - Letters to excuse youth are available from Tracy
- Winter Leadership Camp: Snowball Effects: Building Leadership from the Ground Up
 - January 15-17
 - Spencer Lake Camp, Waupaca, WI
 - To level up leadership skills, tackle team challenges & connect with teens across WI
 - Registration open 10/1/26 on 4HOnline.com
- New Family Orientation
 - Held January 13, 6:00-7:30pm with 2 additional sessions in spring/summer
 - For families enrolled less than or equal to 2 years in 4-H
 - RSVP: <https://go.wisc.edu/904ppy>
 - Volunteers are needed to help facilitate
- Family Learning Day
 - Seeking presenters with creative project areas
 - Submit proposals by 12/1: <https://go.wisc.edu/605ez9>

- Club News & Highlights
 - Submit minutes, reports, and photos via email or a Google Form
 - Content is shared in newsletters and on 4-H Facebook page
- Insurance Update on FdL County Adult Leader 4-H Trailer:
 - Cost to insure through Immel Insurance, \$225 per year
 - Trailer needs to be stored at a board members residence
 - Can not be stored at Isaak Walton League of America, Fond du Lac
 - Will need to be emptied and refilled each time contents used and returned to board members residence, that day
 - All drivers of the trailer need to fill out an insurance form through the 4-H office a month in advance to insure insurance coverage is in place. Good for one year.
 - JoAnn Maede made motion to pay insurance coverage of trailer for one year, Ryan Stommel seconded, board voted - all members in favor except one, motion passed
 - Will follow through to be able to fill, transport trailer and store
- Achievement Program:
 - Invites are sent out
 - 63 registered to attend, register at 12:30
 - Sunday, October 18, 2026 at the Rolling Meadows Dairy Barn
 - Meat, table settings and drinks provided, bring dish to pass
- Friend of 4-H Campaign:
 - Yvonne Greenfield is writing the letter
 - Motion for Adult Leaders to pay for print expenses and mailing made by Deb Senn, seconded by Ryan Stommel, approved
 - Envelopes will be assembled and stamped at the General Adult Leader meeting in November
- Board member seats up for re-election:
 - Beth Schaefer stepping down, District 1
 - Ryan Stommel stepping down, District 2
 - Judy Bertram 2 terms expiring, District 6
 - Seek to fill the 3 seats in these districts or by county leaders. Let Tracy know of any interested leaders
 - New Teen Leader seats to be filled:
 - 3 teens are possibly interested
 - Vote for adult seats at November meeting
- New possible County Workshops:
 - One per month
 - Register online 4Honline
 - Possible upcoming workshops:
 - Fairy Garden/Succulent Garden
 - Plant Based with food allergies in mind
 - Quilting/Sewing
 - Ceramic Workshop for older youth

- Teen Leaders piloting a trial run
- Any other business:
 - Promotional supply inventory is depleting, how much budgeted for promotional supplies
 - \$1000 budgeted

Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm

Next General Adult Leader meeting: Thursday, November 5th, 6:30pm at FdL County Campus, Rm 205/206