

Brown County 4H Leaders Association July 7, 2026 at STEM Center-UW GB

In attendance: Nicki VanDeurzen (Happy Valley), Lois VanZeeland (Suamico Beavertails), Casey Ostroski (Lost Dauphin), Carrie Ostroski (Lost Dauphin), Amy Soquet (Rockland), Katie Soquet (Rockland), Leo Gerrits (Lost Dauphin), Trisha Meulemans (Wrightstown), Lydia Muelemans (Wrightstown), Madelyn Muelemans (Wrightstown), Heather Novak (Denmark Red Lightning), Alex Novak (Denmark Red Lightning), Zach Langhoff (Denmark Red Lightning) Erin Wittig (Glenmore) Cindy Ossmann (Morrison), Hollie Eichhorst (Brown County Fair), Lisa Hubbard (Legacy Builders), and Ava Hubbard (Legacy Builders)

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Carrie O. Pledges were said.

Ice Breaker Activity: How do you get engagement in your clubs?

- Post on Social Media/Club App: where and what club will be doing
- Emails for reminders
- Consistent Meeting place and date
- Complete Activity at every meeting
- Food brings people together
- Get parents involved
- Continue to invite and keep trying to get them to come
- Incentives for working at events/community service=club pays for fair wrist band

The June secretary report was not sent or available. We will approve at the August meeting.

The Treasurer's report was given.

- Bills from Food Stand
 - A motion was made by Cindy O and seconded by Katie S.
- Jon was not present, no report given.

Zach Langhoff Update from Nebraska National Shooting Sports Competition

- Shared expense report (detailed breakdown)
- Meet lots of new people
- Pin trading to get to know people
- College recruiters were on hand
- Other state coaches gave pointers
- The weather was crazy. Wind and weather, hot and cold temps.

Carrie O. made a motion to reimburse \$1000.00 for Zach's out of pocket expenses for the week.

Cindy O. seconded the motion.

T-Shirt Updates

- Not back yet-Soon!
- Angie will reach out to club leaders when they are ready to distribute.

Open Positions and Nominations

- Lydia M made a motion to nominate Leo Gerrits for youth member at large.
- Leo G. accepted the nomination
- All nominations are due September 1st for awards

General “Old Business”

- **Thank you cards for the Huth Family are needed.**
 - Pictures are great to include with the thank you card.
 - Two cards were turned into Lois tonight from Denmark Red Lightning
- **Committee update for accounting and computer**
 - New computer ordered. Switching over from old program (QuickenBooks) to new spreadsheets (Using MS Suite)
- **September 1st Due dates**
 - State wide volunteer award
 - Record books
 - Reminder Bylaw/ Budget committees present in September

New Business

- **Fair entries due July 15th** - club leaders encourage members to read department instructions before signing up. Ask club leaders if they need help.
- **Hollie E. Report** -on July 16th she will be collecting reports with member names and projects they entered. Will email club leaders to verify members and projects.
 - New club leaders make sure Hollie E. has your current contact information.
 - FYI-”Rabbit” people-make sure you bring your supplies in a plastic tote for storage under cages. Due to the new blacktop, water leaks into the barn. This was discovered during a dog event in June.
- **Camping reservations:** Money (Check) and Form to Carl on June 17th. July 18th for people who need a new spot. 7:00 AM line up at fairgrounds. Using the Lottery System. Make sure to list exhibitors' names and animals. (Large animals will get preference.) It wouldn't hurt to list the number of animals too.
- **Graduation at the Fair**
 - Thursday at 5:30 PM
 - Chicken Tent

- Water and Cookies will be provided
- Lois brought white T-shirts for anyone to take. Left over and she wants gone. Perfect for projects.

Fair Food Stand

- Have office place a reminder for clubs to sign up in the weekly newsletter
- Looking for Champions for the day
- Shifts are still open
- Cindy will send out an email to club leaders and shift leaders about training

August 4th Cashier training-at meeting

- Cashier and Shift Leader MUST attend training this year.
- If unable to attend, another training will be offered August 17th at 6:00 PM at the fair grounds.

Worker Wrist Bands

- Email Cindy O. on or before July 31st
 - Number of Worker passes (single entry, no rides)
 - \$12 prepaid advance tickets
 - She will bring to the August 4th meeting
 - Cost for worker bands will be determined at the meeting

Committee and Club Reports

Educational Experiences

- Amy S. reported for Mary:
 - Trips and applications available online
 - Application Due: October 6, 2026
 - Interview on October 20, 2026

Tailwaggers: Ending year soon. Still looking for a replacement leader. **Shooting**

Sports: Competition May 31st. Still looking for replacement leaders. **Club**

Reports:

- Cindy O-(Morrison) reported they have participated in petting zoos, children's museum, and Breakfast on the Farm.
- Wrightstown reported participating in breakfast on the Farm and will be helping with the local fireman's picnic.
- Everyone agreed that their club is in "Fair Mode" right now!

Denmark Red Lightning has snacks for the next meeting on August 4th.

A motion was made by Nicki V to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Casey O.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully
submitted,
Heather Novak,
Member at Large

