'Brown County 4H Leaders Association
November 3, 2026 @ UWGB STEM Center

In attendance: Nicki VanDeurzen (Happy Valley), Lois VanZeeland (Suamico Beavertails), Angela Wiese (Wrightstown), Anne Zalubowski (Friendly Fields), Carrie Ostroski (Lost Dauphin), Casey Ostroski (Lost Dauphin), Mary Van Dyck (Rockland), Amy Soquet (Rockland), Cindy Ossmann (Morrison 4-H), Heather Novak (Denmark Red Lightning), Leo Gerrits (Lost Dauphin), Katie Soquet (Rockland), Lydia Muelemans (Wrightstown), Trixi/Nicole Drevs (Lost Dauphin), Jennifer Langhoff (Denmark), Trisha Muelemans (Wrightstown)

The meeting was called to order by Carrie O @ 6:05 p.m. Pledges were recited.

The meeting opened with a *Two Truths and a Lie* icebreaker, allowing attendees to get acquainted.

Treasurer's Report

- Two months of reconciliations and an updated budget were presented.
- Several payment discrepancies were identified, including duplicate insurance and raffle payments, checks mailed incorrectly, and a $3,500 Space Camp/American Spirit payment discrepancy.
- Outstanding issues will be investigated, including possible refunds and a $15 insurance late fee.

Decision: Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, with outstanding items to be resolved, passed.

Budget Approval

- The proposed budget reflects planned expenditures exceeding projected revenues; however, the prior year ended approximately $2,000 positive.
- Budget allowances include potential additional trip requests, financial assistance, and unanticipated expenses.
- Reimbursement forms are available through the county website.

Cindy O. made a motion to approve the budget, Jennifer L seconded. Motion to approve the proposed budget passed.

4. Old Business

- **Committees:** Additional volunteers are needed for the Budget and Bylaws Committees. A county-wide sign-up email will be distributed.
- **Bylaws:** Final revisions are underway to incorporate Extension equal opportunity language. Approval anticipated next month.
- **Glenmore Club:** Outstanding fair checks remain pending confirmation of current club leadership.
- **Donation Recognition:** Clubs are encouraged to create thank-you cards for donors. Thank you to Morrison for their contribution.

5. Leadership Day "Elevate Your Impact"

- Lydia Muelemans and Alivia Wiese are organizing a leadership training opportunity for junior members, third grade and older on Sat January 30th 9:00 - 11:00
- Activities will include a mock meeting, team building, and leadership development.
- Advance registration will be required; participants will receive a T-shirt.

Cindy O made a Motion to approve approximately $200 for T-shirts and training materials, seconded by Trisha M. Motion carried.

Follow-up: Clarify parent drop-off and supervision expectations on the registration form. Alivia Wiese to update with the county.

Creative Arts Festival March 20, 2027 – Wrightstown High School

- No changes to categories, rules, or event format.
- Clubs are encouraged to increase participation in speaking, demonstrations, reader's theater, skits, and plays.
- Resources and assistance with selecting performances are available through the Extension Office and Wrightstown, Stephanie Bartosch.
- Registration link is currently inactive and requires follow-up by Amy Soquet.

7. Upcoming Events

- **Shooting Sports Meetings:** November 7 and 12
- **December Leader's Meeting:** Cookie/snack exchange, if interested
- **January Meeting:** Scheduled as usual; virtual option if canceled due to weather
- **Game Day Bean Bag & Basketball:** February 20, Wrightstown Middle School; entries due February 1.
- **Creative Arts Festival:** March 20
- **Foods Review:** May 2
- **County Fair:** August 18–22
- **Tri-County Volunteer Summit:** October 9, 2027
- **Auction Committee:** Educational kickoff planned for January; date TBD

Summer camp waitlists are open.

Tailwaggers Dog Project continues to seek leader support.

8. Member Graduation

- Discussion held regarding moving senior graduation away from fair week due to low attendance and scheduling challenges. April and May were identified as possible alternatives.
- A survey of graduating members was recommended before finalizing arrangements. Angela Wiese to review.

The meeting was adjourned, motion by Cindy O. Seconded by Casey O and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Wiese
Secretary