

Brown County 4H Leaders Association

May 5, 2026 at STEM Center

In attendance: Nicki VanDeurzen (Happy Valley), Lois VanZeeland (Suamico Beavertails), Angela Wiese (Wrightstown), Casey Ostroski (Lost Dauphin), Carrie Ostroski (Lost Dauphin), Amy Soquet (Rockland), Katie Soquet (Rockland), Madelyn Muelemans (Wrightstown), Anne Zalubowski (Friendly Fields), Heather Novak (Denmark Red Lightning), Alivia Wiese (Wrightstown), Jennifer Langhoff (Denmark Red Lightning), Cindy Ossmann (Morrison), Mary VanDyck (Rockland), Hollie Eichhorst (Brown County Fair)

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Anne Z. Pledges were said.

The April secretary report was reviewed; then approved by Cindy O, seconded by Nicki V. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was not available, will be reviewed and approved in June.

Jon was not present, no report given.

Brown County Fair Updates

- Fair entries open June 1st - club leaders encourage members to read department instructions before signing up
- Camping reservations moved to July 18th (not June) to allow time after entry deadline
- New judging sheets for booths, scrapbooks and flower pots
 - Flower pots must be exactly 18 inches round (deductions for other sizes)
 - Ranking system changed to 1-5 categories
 - All entries due by 1 PM for proper judging process
 - Club entries can be made by paper form, no entry fee
- Booth competition clarifications needed
 - Current rules specify 5ft high x 3ft wide x 3ft deep plywood construction
 - Trifold displays have been allowed but aren't technically in rules
 - Fair exhibits officially to add trifold as acceptable option in fair book
 - Educational and promotional judged in the same category
- Billboard contest, judging sheet and requirement sheet are aligned per Hollie.

Food Stand Volunteer Coordination

- Two shifts still need volunteers
- Contacted Kewaunee County for potential help - awaiting response
- Clubs can sign up for their shifts immediately
- After July 1st, anyone can fill any remaining open spots on shifts
- Planning meeting scheduled May 26th, 5:30 PM at Culver's (GB location near Costco)
- Trailer, cash register, and cheese donations already arranged

American Spirit Trip Funding Decision

- Trip cost reduced by \$300 due to meals no longer being included
- Motion made to Provide \$300 to families who paid full \$1,800 for their meal expenses by Carrie O, seconded by Nicki V. Motion Carried.
- Money to be distributed before trip departure to be used for meals, Lois to coordinate with Mary V

- Some families already received partial refunds - will be reconciled in final accounting

General Updates

- T-shirt ordering system launching soon through online store
 - Angela W to pick up all orders, club leaders can pick up from her or monthly meeting
 - Green and black options available (crew necks, hoodies, t-shirts)
 - 40 item minimum required
- Insurance policy review ongoing - molestation/abuse coverage question referred to John
- QuickBooks software needs updating (current 2018 version no longer supported)
 - New monthly subscription online to be reviewed
- Game Day went well! Youth that attended had a great time, looking for ways to encourage more to attend.
- Key Award and I Dare You Award deadline extended to June 1st (was May 1st)
 - Leaders can nominate eligible youth through normal process

Upcoming Events

- Clover Buds meeting: May 19th, 5:30 PM at Wiese Bros Farm
- Breakfast on the Farm - volunteers still needed, clubs should sign up

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Wiese
Secretary