

4-H Full Board  
Parents and Leaders Association  
Date: January 15, 2018 @ 5:30 PM

1. **Call to Order** – 5:42 meeting was unofficially started-not enough members to have quorum. In attendance: Monica Lobenstein, Kelly Brasda, Deb Johnson, John Ross, Nat Cogswell, and Amy Carriere
2. **Pledges** were recited
3. **Agenda Revisions** or Agenda Items added from the floor – None
4. **Committee Reports**
  - a. Small Animal-There is an all-new officer board for the committee. Dave Dobson is President and Kelly Bakken is Secretary. They have some new ideas but are getting settled in and getting a feel for how things run before changing things up. They will be adopting Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) in place of previous MAQA requirement
  - b. Dog-No update
  - c. Horse Project-No update-Heather Gjerseth is the leader of this committee
  - d. Dairy Project-Monica will be attending their meeting tonight (1/15) at 7:30 to review and answer questions about YQCA. The Dairy Project is considering participating in YQCA
  - e. Shooting sports-Just completed their 2<sup>nd</sup> week and the participation numbers are high. There are a lot of left hand/left eye dominant shooters so they are looking for more left handed bows for youth to use. Also, Trempealeau County will be offering an Air Rifle/Air Pistol course and is opening it to Jackson County participants. It would potentially be the last Sunday in February.
  - f. Livestock-Beef Weigh in is at the end of the month and they have a full year of workshops lined up for participants. They will be using the YQCA as the replacement for the previous MAQA requirement.
  - g. Cloverbuds-have not started yet and no update
  - h. Fair Park-Next meeting is Feb 5 and the last meeting was in October. John will bring up discussion from the Food Stand Committee regarding the walk in cooler at the fair. It is expensive to fix and are proposing changing it over to a dry storage and using portable coolers.
5. **Secretary's Report** – Because not enough members to have a quorum, suggestions for the changes to the November secretary report will be done by Monica/Alex and submitted to the executive board for an E-vote for acceptance.  
Changes include: Bottom of the report should say the next meeting is Jan 15, 2018 (date correction from Nov 5 at noon), amend the numbers of the items (Old Business to 9, New Business to 10, Staff Announcements to 11, and Adjournment to 12)

- An update: Items 5,6,8 E-vote items have all been approved by E-vote. The Plat book was purchased and to the plat book advertising representative
6. **Treasurer's Report** – Because not enough members to have a quorum, the Treasurer's report will be submitted to the executive board for an E-vote for acceptance. No changes noted. Notice there are already Plat book Ad sales coming in
  7. **Election of Vice President** – Because not enough members to have a quorum, the elections will take place in the February meeting. Tricia Waffle has been nominated for the position and there is still time for additional nominations.
  8. **Election of Secretary** – Kathy will return for the second year of her two-year term this is not a year of election for position of Secretary.
  9. **Old Business** –
    - a. Fundraising Discussion-
      - i. Fundraising Committee needed-discussion around low participation in meetings and committee meetings. Ideas of how to include more project leaders and club leaders who make funding requests to attend and help.
      - ii. Plat Book-Deb will solicit for photos to be used as the cover photos, Monica will work on the sponsor info page and the club location information needed for the book, 200 Ad letters went out in January and they are already receiving phone calls and emails inquiring about ad sales. This is more than in the past and the response is positive. The hope is to have the Plat book ready to be out by July 1, 2018.
      - iii. Community Donors – Monica and Alex did a phone survey a few months ago and have info to share regarding this to the fundraising committee when in place. They have the info but not the manpower to go further at this point. More discussion around who could be asked to help serve on this committee.
      - iv. Raffle-6-7 years ago the 4H community held a raffle and it has funded the project grants for the last 7 years. Board needs to decide if future grants will be fundraised for again, or if they will come out of the general fund. The hope was to do another Raffle this Spring pulling the results during the Fair, however, they are worried about doing this the same time that the Livestock Judging team is talking about doing one. There was some hope that the two could work together on the raffle.
    - b. Any other Old Business -Another discussion item was around trying to reach out to the Ho-Chunk Nation Intern program for a summer intern to develop materials for new families about the opportunities to be involved as a family in order to support 4H as the bigger picture within the county. The hope is to get more new families involved in countywide committees for sustainability.

## **10. New Business –**

- a. Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) support – This is the program in place of the MAQA requirement for small animals and livestock. The cost is \$12 per child. If families should need assistance with this cost, scholarships are available as any other programming those families can apply for scholarships in order to participate.
- b. 4H Annual Calendar Approval- Copy provided at meeting-tis is approved annually and is sent to the insurance so they are aware of the activities participants will be involved in. It is a fluid calendar. Monica will send this annual calendar to the board for an E-vote approval.
- c. Food Stand –
  - i. Structure/remodel-John will bring to the Feb 5 Fair Park Meeting
  - ii. Start search for Manager-Food stand committee will put an ad in the paper to recruit. Monica will send them the ad outline used in the past. The committee will meet on Feb 13 at 6:00 to review applicants and bring to the February Full Executive Board meeting.
- d. 4H Treasurer Position – Cat will be leaving the position. She has graciously said she will stay on for a few months for the transition to occur. There will be an add put in the paper as is done traditionally for all positions. There has been one letter of interest from Lori Janke. Monica will request a resume. The interview team (consisting of John, Nat, and Monica) will review applicants after Jan 26 deadline and set interviews for after.
- e. Any other New Business-None

**11. Staff Announcements** –A transitional support document was provided at the meeting outlining what each Monica and Alex will help support until the hiring of a new 4H Leader for Jackson/Trempealeau county is done. There is some news that this may happen as soon as April 1 but transition document lays out support through July 1.

**12. Adjourn**-7:05 the meeting concluded

### **Next Meetings:**

- Full Executive Board in order to vote in new board members needed. February 19, 5:30 PM at UW-Extension
- March 19, 5:30 PM is the following months meeting. It will be decided at the February meeting if this will need to be Full or just Exec Team.

Respectfully Submitted in Lieu of the Secretary by Amy Carriere