

**Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association**  
**Executive Meeting**  
**Monday, April 15, 2024, 6:30pm**  
**Iron River Community Center**

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:39pm by President Caloney Mesik.
  
- II. Pledges
  
- III. Roll Call: Ian Meeker; President Caloney Mesik - Pine Creek; Vice President Cindy Luzatto - Gitchee Gumees; Treasurer Dede Maki - Friendly Valley; Secretary Maria Renz - Drummond Explorers; Peggy Golie – Gitchee Gumees; Kayla Swanson – Pine Creek.  
Attending virtually: Jena Wozniak – Drummond Explorers; Christine and Avana Beeksma – Pine Creek; Dana Benson –Friendly Valley.
  
- IV. Secretary’s Report:  
Update: Sara responded to Ian about receiving the email thanking us for being patient, but no details on payment plans.  
  
Cindy made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, seconded by Dede. Motion carried.
  
- V. Treasurer’s Report:  
Checking currently has \$3,015.02 and Savings \$20,351.76. There’s more income to submit.  
  
Cindy made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report, seconded by Maria. Motion carried.
  
- VI. Correspondence:
  - a. Avana Beeksma submitted a request for a change in award coverage.  
  
Dede made a motion to have Avanna resubmit her request with details not including mileage, seconded by Peggy.  
Discussion: Christine shared that the reason she asked to trade award trips is because of cost increase. The members would like her to think of how she will share about the trip in the future and the significance of how it’s different than last year.  
Motion Carried.
  
- VII. Reports:
  - a. Senior Scholarships: there were three well deserving applicants, the two awards were given to Brian Maki and Sam Tuttle.
  - b. Fair awards were reviewed with David Eades. The awards will now match in the book, on the judges’ sheets, list premiums, trophies, and plaques. Superintendents will get junior superintendents to help with set up and judges. Eric Maki is committed to the garden, Brian Maki will be helping Becca, and Chalee Luzzatto is with Cindy in plants.
  - c. Equine: the treasury is in limbo, sitting at the UW office.
  - d. Market Sale: Dan Bloomquist did a presentation on animal care. They requested the tax id number for purchasing new bleachers.

- e. Cultural Arts Festival: The feedback received was that CAF was smooth and went well, the food was good too. It was suggested to have more tables for entries. Possibly limit photography or have a judges table for face-to-face judging. Also, would like to find people to help promote the event. Consider a name change, possible options include Spring Fair, Mock Fair, or Arts Review. Put together a formal committee for the next event and consider the Visitor Center for 2025.

VIII. Club Reports:

- a. Gitchee Gumee – had a meeting to plan their annual roller skating, roadside clean-up, and picnic. Hosted a horse clinic that focused on horse care and hoof care. Looking into adopt a highway.
- b. Drummond Explorers – focused on hosting the Cultural Arts Festival
- c. Friendly Valley – held a demo/speech night in March. Attended a Good Thyme tour on April 1<sup>st</sup>. They are focusing on careers. They are trying to put together Friday Fun night depending on weather. In May, they will tour Houser’s Greenhouse, do their roadside clean-up, and club picnic.
- d. Pine Creek – Their clean up will take place end of April or May with a roast after. They are working on getting more parent volunteers since the club ages are spread apart. They are working on their garage sale plans.
- e. Summer Camp: Camp costs went up to \$98 a person. The leader’s association between both counties have shared the cost for the counselors and staff. Ian is attempting to figure out costs for this year. Ashland County wants to pay a percentage to cover their residents. Currently, we budgeted \$5500. Ian will do the math and share with the executive board. Rough numbers are \$100 for 4-H members and \$125 for non-4-H members. Scholarships will still be available upon request.
- f. Food Booth – Dana reached out to Kwik Trip and is receiving a \$100 donation to use in store. She’s waiting to hear back regarding cheese curds. She asked about the possibility of having a mobile food booth. Due to health code regulations, we discussed the option to have deliveries and pre-orders. Discussions to have with David Eades and the Health Department. Ian will check with David on whether walking tacos could be an option or is too close to the Fry Bread Taco stand. The Food Booth committee will consist of Cindy, Dede, Dana, Maria, Kaylie, Pat and Emmer Shields, and Pete Tetzner. Schedule a meeting soon at the fairgrounds.
- g. Summer Ideas: Ian presented the idea of hosting a rocket contest in June. The idea is well received. Look at ordering the rockets and holding one contest or separate days throughout the county. Another thought is to have fishing days for middle schoolers in areas throughout the county. Superior Adventures will be hosting events this summer as well.

- IX. Cindy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm, seconded by Dede. Motion carried.

Next Meeting date: Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

Minutes Submitted by Maria Renz