

## Minutes of 4-H Camp Financial Committee Meeting

11/17/2020 7:00PM

7:00 Meeting called to order.

In attendance: Chris Smith, Rae Wellnitz, Ann Goers, Eileen Horn, Tyler Sievers, Ellen Andrews

7:05 - 7:10 Introductions: Who, what do you do for your club, and why your interest in Camp.

7:10 Chris Smith volunteers for secretary

7:12 Rising costs of Camp.

- Rate increases for camp not linear and are rapidly curving up
- Part of reason for increase is move from 3 day to 4 day camp
  - Kids have time to interact and bond, w/each other and counselors
  - More time learning, not as rushed
  - Allows youth counselors to grow and leadership qualities to grow with them
  - Also shifted because Upham changes arrival times to after 2:00pm
- Addition of a county park trip to help counselors and campers to bond and trust one another
- 2019 first year Green County 4-H could fully control costs

Transition to Rolling fund from Adult Leaders Committee

Budget for 2020-2021 is \$0

Earmarked \$2300 for counselor training and Camp deposit

Camp for 2021

Overnight camping unlikely. Most likely day tripping, makes bussing almost impossible as the up and back would break the budget. Most likely "pod" based, where there would be little interaction between the pods.

Parents would most likely have to provide the transportation to and from Upham if camp is a go.

Camp for 2022

Commitment by Feb/March of 2021

Next Steps of Committee Planning:

Ellen: Suggestions is camp 3 or 4 days; Is camp an immediate yes or no or are there other alternatives

Eileen: How firm is the 2021 commitment?

Tyler – What other options besides Upham Woods are there? What are the (4-H Camp Financial) Committee’s responsibilities to determine?

Ellen – UW provides a checklist that facilities must meet for their approval for camping, Upham has experts on hand so that she can provide more in the way of planning and facilitation other than administration – which would be needed if the camp was not fully staffed, like Upham. i.e. Food Catering, Life Guards, etc.

Tyler – Could a 3<sup>rd</sup> county be added to help offset costs

Ellen – Costs are \$/body after a minimum of 90. Green/Columbia had 110 Youth and Adult counselors in 2019, with dining facilities being maxed at 150. Had enough to fill one bus, not quite two. Bus costs in 2020 would have been covered by an anonymous donor, are there other opportunities to pursue these types of sponsorships.

Ann - What would be the cost of Day camps

Ellen – If local cost reduced to \$10-\$20 a person, Camp Counselor training at Upham is all virtual this year so that MAY free up some money and allow us to repurpose the \$300 set aside for counselor training.

Rae – Could the money be rolled to next year?

Ellen – Speculating- yes. No word about not being able to roll money to following year, there is a possibility we would lose the money if the UW says that camping is a go.

Rae – Day camping (at Upham) out of the question, because of cost and distance.

Ellen – Day camping would be done locally

Ann – Shift focus to fundraising for 2022 and look to 2023 if there is to be a change of venue, relook at the 3 day camp for 2021

Rae – Can we get back into Upham at a later date (if we forgo 2022)

Ellen – Upham controls dates and if opt out may not be able to get the booking we want, or our dates again if another county or an Open Enrollment Camp is put in place. Open Enrollment is pulling in more campers, but fewer counselors – so little benefit to Green County

Tyler – Supports the idea of residential (overnight) camp over a day camp

Rae – Seconds Tyler about overnight camping, supports looking at other venues for 2023, but acknowledges that they are daunting, asking if we have the capacity in leaders and how long do we have that capacity

Tyler – Seconds Rae on looking at 2023 for a possible change in venue.

Ellen – Upham to inform the counties further in April about plans.

Rae – Supports continued use of Upham (for 2022)

Ellen – Change of venue means looking at other factors, i.e. catering, lifeguards, licensure, etc.

Chris – Catering event becomes a major concern

Ellen – Can we commit to 2022

Ann – Commit and get a jump on fundraising, by looking at those businesses that want to pad/close out books by year end.

Ellen – Need to work with fundraising committee so as not to work at cross purposes, proposed meeting with Fundraising committee after Thanksgiving (all agreed that would be a good idea), and the (4-H Camp Committee) needs to find a Financial Secretary to work with Lana and Adult Leaders to work the funds back and forth.

Rae – Additional ideas of Cheese Days and other local festivals.

Ellen – Endowment has increased, but if 2019 levels are maintained endowment would be broke in 5 years. Stressed looking for additional ideas to relieve stress on the endowment.

Adjournment at 8:07PM 11/17/2020