

Green County 4-H Adult Leaders Minutes -- Unapproved

February 3, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Ann Goers at 7:30pm.

Michelle Monson moved to approve the secretary's minutes, seconded by Liz Niemeier. Motion passed.

Adult Leader's Treasurer's report was given by Correna Storkson. Ending Balance as of January 2025: \$60,137.57. Michelle Monson moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Eileen Horn. Motion passed.

Business:

1. Organizational Planning

- a. 4-H Executive Board Elections in April, seeking self-nominations for:
 - President Elect (2-year term)
 - Member-at-Large (2-year term)
- b. 4-H Financial Committees Elections in April, seeking self-nominations for:
 - 4-H Budget Committee
 - 4-H Audit Committee

2. Raising & Managing 4-H Funds

- a. Michelle Monson moved and was seconded by Barb Buetow that the large 2024 donations from Colony Brands (\$3,383.80) and Heidi's Happy Acres (\$1,600.00) should be allocated as follows:
 - Move \$2300 to the Club mini-grants (\$5/youth per club)
 - Leave the rest (\$2,683.80) in the general fund (help offset other expenses)

3. Market & Promote 4-H

4. Countywide Program Support – *Need help promoting...*

- a. 4-H (& BTC) Project Day – April 5 – Need presenters & room monitors
- b. 4-H Communication Contest – February 21 (register by Feb. 17)
- c. 4-H Project Workshops...
 - 4-H Foods Workshops – Gr. 3-4: 2/8 & Gr. 5-12: 2/15 (register by Feb. 6)
 - 4-H Horse Open House – February 8
 - Green County Pork Producers Show Pig Workshop – February 15
 - 4-H Cloverbud Book & Cookie Decorating – Feb. 22 (register by Feb. 17)

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- 4-H Cake Decorating Workshop – March 15 (register by March 3)

5. County Level Recognition

- 4-H Travel Scholarships/College Scholarships/Awards
 - Applications due – Wed. March 5
 - Interviews – Wed. March 19
1. Need 2 enrolled adult volunteers not related to applicants

4-H Educator Report

11. Resources & Policies for Supporting Safe & Positive Spaces...
 - Report injury & incidents to 4-H staff immediately (Cell: (608) 492-3364)
 - Carry accident insurance on all 4-H members and approved 4-H volunteers
 - All 4-H programs/meetings/activities must be supervised by 4-H staff/volunteers, and if in custodial care of youth, must meet 1:10 supervision ratios
12. Update on Extension Green County Staffing – please be patient
 - Jayne Butts is now County Treasurer
 - Sam has accepted the Office Manager position and is still supporting 4-H
 - Olivia Roth, New office assistant, starting tomorrow (2/4/25)
 - New Human Development Educator starting in Mid-February
 - Hiring for Summer Intern, Ameri-Corp and student assistant are in hiring process
13. Update on Wisconsin 4-H Foundation
 - The WI State 4-H program and WI 4-H Foundation are in the process of being reorganized. Our funds are still in the same place and are secure. These changes should allow us to get quicker updates and get fund reimbursements faster.
14. Every club in Green County was sent a donation from Fall Nationals this week. Please make sure to send thank you notes for this generous donation.
15. Current 4-H Enrollment
 - Approved Youth Members = 521
 - Approved Adult Volunteers = 116 (missing training/background check = 32; not yet enrolled = 9)
16. Reminders of 4-H Member in Good Standing Requirements

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- a. Youth can always enroll in 4-H at any time of the year.
- b. Youth can add or change 4-H projects at any time of the year.
- c. To represent Green County 4-H at the County Fair, at state or national 4-H contests that require county authorization, or to be eligible for recognition from the Green County 4-H in the form of a county 4-H award or 4-H scholarship....
 - i. Enroll by the 4-H enrollment deadline (Re-enrolling: Nov. 1st; New Enrollment: Jan. 15th).
 - ii. Attend at least four (4) 4-H meetings, events or workshops, between September 1, 2024 and April 21, 2025, with at least two (2) being 4-H club meetings. (In early April, one Organizational Leader in each club will be sent a link to a Qualtrics Survey to report their club's 2025 Attendance Requirements. **Leaders MUST respond by Tuesday, April 22nd.**)
 1. If you attend a county 4-H meeting, event, or workshop that you would like to count toward this attendance requirement, it is the responsibility of the member and family to notify the 4-H Club Organizational Leader.
 2. Members who have graduated from high school and who are enrolled in post-high school educational opportunities outside the area will be waived from this requirement. However, when home, these members should make every effort to attend scheduled project and club meetings.
 - iii. Pay membership dues (unless waived) and have no outstanding 4-H bills.
 - iv. Complete a 4-H Record Book (either County, Club, or Minimal level record book) on the 2024-2025 4-H year to be eligible to represent 4-H at the County Fair or earn 4-H recognition in 2025-2026.

17. Green County Fair

- a. Pre-Fair Events
 - i. Foods Revue (March 1st) – Register Feb 10-25, 2025 using the FairEntry link on County Fair Website
 - ii. Cake Revue (April 5th) – Register March 17-28, 2025 using the FairEntry link on County Fair Website
- b. Junior Class
 - i. Read the General Rules AND each department document the member plans to exhibit in
 - ii. Fair Entries: April 22 – May 22, 2025

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- iii. Adult Leaders wishing to be eligible for discounted season pass MUST be approved by 4/22/25
- iv. GCF again requires that all youth exhibitors (or their family) volunteer for the Fair.
- c. YQCA – Youth for the Quality Care of Animals – MUST register, pre-pay, do pre-test & post-test online
 - i. In-Person Option – Saturday, April 5th, 8:45-9:45am at BTC (cost \$3)
 - ii. Web-Based – Anytime (Cost \$12)
- d. Meat Animal Auction
 - i. **NEW 2025** – due to staffing and program changes, County Fair and Auction participants will NOT receive individual reminders from the Extension Office staff of auction requirements or deadlines. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor and families to be aware of and fulfill all requirements.
 - ii. March 24, 2025 - April 11, 2025–SWINE ID
 - iii. April 7th, 2025 - April 18th, 2025–LAMB & GOAT ID
 - iv. May 22, 2025 — (1) Complete YQCA Certification BEFORE entering fair entries, (2) Fair Entries Due Online, (3) Auction Entry & Photo Release Form (2 sided) due to Green County UW-Extension
 - v. June 27, 2025 — (1) Buyers Auction Cards, (2) HORIZONTAL Photos with kid & animal, and (3) SWINE Tyson Form due to Green County UW-Extension

Michelle Monson moved to adjourn, seconded by Liz Niemeier. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm

Next Meeting: Monday, April 7, 2025 7:30-9:00pm (In-person & Via Zoom)

Submitted by: Dawn Smith

Attendees:

- Michelle Monson
- Eileen Horn
- DarLyne Schneider

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- Liz Niemeier
- Debbie Myers
- Correna Storkson
- Ann Goers
- Barb Buetow
- Tyler Sievers
- Dawn Smith
- Ellen Andrews
- Amy Krajeck
- Mike Marean
- Allison Bradt
- Rachel Wenzel
- Valerie Wymer