December 5, 2013
Fond du Lac County 4-H Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Sue Kamphuis

Present: Denise Retzleff, Fran O'Leary, Brian Costello, Sue Buechel, Karen Holzmann, Sue Kamphuis, Ryan Stommel, Zach Doll, Allison Opheim, Jackie Luedtke

Secretary's Report - Submitted by Secretary - Karen Holzmann, Sue B. 1st, Brian Costello 2nd, approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Submitted by Treasurer - JoAnn Maedke. Brian Costello 1st, Sue B. 2nd, approved unanimously. Fran O'Leary questioned what assets in the endowment fund could be used. Denise Retzleff will bring the information to the next meeting.

Teen Leader Report - Zach Doll: 4-H family dance in January, there will be a D.J. dance will be geared to families for the first 2 hours and then to teens after the first 2 hours. Skating is planned for February. New Officers training is upcoming. Allison Opheim reported on Fall Forum on expending 4-H and diversity, she also attended a robotics seminar.


Old Business:

We reviewed the best practices of Board operation, such as Keep meetings on time and keep up the good attendance.
County 4-H Leader Organizations roles: Role of people involved, role of the organization.
Board commitment: Letter of exit interview. We need to recruit new exec bd members. Actively participate in the meetings. Members should be committed to attending all meeting unless there is a family situation that makes the excuse viable.
Jackie Luedtke will set up the exit interview of board members.

Annual Leaders Training - each club needs to send a least one representative to 1 of the 4 meetings.

Wisconsin 4-H Centennial Time Machine - See 4-H newsletter for up-dates.
New Business:

It was noticed that Allen Buechel and his wife always attend the 4-H Leaders Banquet and he expressed how 4-H contributes to the Youth of Fond du Lac County. The 4-H Executive Board thought it would be a good idea if some 4-H members could attend a Fond Du Lac County Board Meeting to express our thanks. More information will be discussed at the next meeting.

Allison Opheim agreed to send Thank You letters to various groups that contribute to 4-H.

Road Signs: The Department of Transportation sent an annual notice for renewal of road signs. Exec Bd members will check on signs to see if the 4-H road signs are in good condition. Brian Costello will check on the condition of a 4-H sign on Highway 45.

Space Camp applications: There are 4 members that are interested in attending. We will send all 4 members, Sue B. 1st and Zach Doll 2nd.

Property inventory: Denise had a list of what we own and where it is stored, she is continually adding to the list.

Feedback from volunteer survey: Are there ways to engage more volunteers? We will look into it and discuss it at the next meeting.

Fund raising chart from last meeting: How do we involve clubs who are not very engaged in fundraisers?

Board Elections: President: Sue Kamphuis  
Vice President: Brian Costello  
Secretary: Karen Holzmann

Other information: All adult leader will get a mailing on Child Protection Literature - Fulfilling Your Obligations as a Mandatory Reporter of Child Abuse and Neglect.

Next Meeting: February 4th, 2014

Meeting Adjourn: Fran 1st, and Brian 2nd.