

4-H Issue Committee Hybrid Meeting

January 6, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Megan Eklund (virtual), Libby LePinnet-Kelly (virtual), Donna Machala, Amanda Madugno (virtual), Lisa Nichols, Stacy Palmatier (Virtual)

Teen Representatives: Jessica Coleman (virtual), George Machala

4-H Educators/Extension Staff: Jeanne Darling (virtual), Emily Roach, Corrine Tompkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Morgan George

Election of Officers + CCE Board Reps

- Chairperson –
 - Donna Machala was nominated by Amanda with second by Lisa
 - Role call vote was held and **unanimously voted Donna Machala as the committee Chairperson**
- Vice Chair–
 - Donna nominated Lisa Nichols as vice chair, Jess seconded the motion
 - Role call vote was held and **unanimously voted Lisa Nichols Committee Vice Chair**
- Secretary –
 - Donna nominated Megan Eklund as secretary, Lisa seconded the motion
 - Role call vote was held and **unanimously voted Megan Eklund as Committee Secretary**
- Long Range- Lisa Nichols
- Finance – Donna Machala
- Personnel – Elizabeth LePinnet-Kelly
 - Megan nominated Donna Machala for Finance committee representative, Lisa Nichols for Long Range Planning Committee Representative and Libby LePinnet-Kelly as Personnel Committee Representative. Amanda seconded the slate.
 - Role call vote was held and **unanimously elected Donna Machala for Finance committee representative, Lisa Nichols for Long Range Planning Committee Representative and Libby LePinnet-Kelly as Personnel Committee Representative.**

MILEAGE FORMS

- All members were asked fill these out and return them as soon as possible

SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING

- Members paused meeting to watch the video.
- Once, the training video was complete, members were asked to sign a form to attest their training was completed

4-H PERSONEL UPDATE

- Corrine Tompkins was hired as the Resource Educator
- Interviews were held for the part-time Animal Science position.
 - A candidate was offered the Job but declined.

- The position will be reposted as Full-time position: part of the time Animal Science and the other part Website Development, Mass Media, Marketing.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE

- Follow up on Out of County Response
 - Emily reached out the family who had requested to join from Chenango County with an interest in Gymkhana Horses. The family was disappointed with our response, but Emily explained that our Horse Educators are very interested in partnering with the Chenango County Horse program.
 - Emily will reach out to Chenango County to set up joint programming.
 - This may help us enhance our English Riding program and we can help them with Gymkhana. A Win-Win for both counties!
- Out of County Request
 - A family in Pennsylvania reached out to see if a 4th grade boy could join Delaware County 4-H since the boy will have the opportunity to attend Hancock Central School, (a Delaware County School) in 4 years when he is in 8th grade. He currently attends school in Preston, Wayne County PA.
 - The current 4-H membership policy was reviewed and discussion of the current request was held
 - Emily reached out to the Hancock Central School administration to see if Preston, PA schools were considered part of the Hancock District. She was informed that it was not, and that students in Preston may choose Hancock or a few other schools to attend when they reach the 8th grade.
 - George made a motion to maintain the 4-H membership policy as written. Stacy seconded the motion.
 - Roll call vote was held by President Machala and **unanimously voted to uphold the current 4-H membership policy**, therefore denying the boy membership. He may, however, apply if and when he does attend Hancock Central School.
- Current Enrollment
 - Volunteers: 92
 - Members: 366 (down about 100)
- Late Requests
 - Discussion was held around the new re-enrollment process which included a new registration deadline and a new registration process which included the use of an on-line registration and using Adobe Sign.
 - Many members supported the idea of a “grace period” for those who have yet to enroll or need to complete the registration process.
 - Emily noted that due to some technical difficulties with Adobe Sign, CCE will mail paper forms or e-mail forms to some families that need to complete the re-enrollment process.
 - Emily stated some people that are still on the renewal list have actually renewed their memberships, but accidentally created a new profile and are really duplicates. Emily will go through the list to sort it out this week.
 - Amanda asked if club leaders can pre-populate the projects for club members to choose from? Emily made note to find out

- Libby noted how it would be helpful for parents to have a list of options to choose from, perhaps a drop-down menu so they have a better idea of what is available. Again, Emily made note to look into the issue.
- Lisa made a motion to extend the request for re-enrollment to January 31, 2022 and extend the new enrollment deadline to March 31, 2022. Stacey seconded the motion.
 - Role call vote was called by President Machala and unanimously voted in favor of the motion.
 - **The new enrollment and re-enrollment will be evaluated at the next meeting.**

AUCTION BEEF UPDATE

- Current numbers for 2022 – 19 exhibitors w/29 animals which is up from 2021 which had 15 exhibitors w/19 animals.

CAMP SHANKITUNK UPDATE

- Staffing plans have begun with interviewing last year's staff.
- Budget has been submitted.
- Staff Recruitment is also underway, with plans to reach out to schools, local colleges and BOCES
- Camp Shankitunk Fund had a good showing for giving Tuesday with \$2,000 raised. Still a way to go to reach the \$10,000 goal.
- Camp enrollment is open! Between 30-50 kids are currently signed up
- Moving back to 5 weeks this year. Last year the 6 weeks didn't have enough enrollment to make it financially prudent.
- Due to feedback from last year, paper registrations will be mailed out in addition to the online forms.
- Last year no payment was required and then there were no-shows to camp. This year, payment is required in full for online registration, or a deposit can be made with paper forms
- Campership/Scholarship options are available and there are a few that are new, like Day-campers enrolled in 4-H get a \$50 discount. Campership Applications due on March 1.
- Planning to continue the Cohort system and reduced capacity since it worked last year and there were no cases of COVID at camp.
- Camp Director position is open: must be 25 preferably experience with youth and live on site for 6 weeks.
 - An ad will be run in the paper.
 - Some internal candidates have expressed interest.
 - Position description will be reviewed and approved at next CCE BOD mtg

UPCOMING PROGRAMMING/IMPORTANT DATES

- Snowflake Community Service Opportunity Sunday, Jan 9 1-3pm at 4-H/CCE Office
 - Kits are available at the office for those that cannot attend.
 - Completed kits will be donated to Delaware Opportunities to give out with the meals.
- 4-H Quilters 6-8pm at CCE/4-H Office Jan 10, Feb 14, Mar 14, April 11, May 9, June 13
- Teen Recognition Night 6-8pm CCE/4-H Office Jan 21
 - This committee is invited,
 - Not a full meal this year. Instead, it will be celebrated with desserts and fruit.

- About 16 record books came in.
- Thinking Outside the Nest(Box) Sunday February 27 1-3pm
 - Participants will learn about birds, life cycle of birds and build a bird house
- 4-H Growing Contest Info Saturday, March 12 1-2pm
 - Seeds will be distributed that day
 - Prizes for the largest pumpkin, most warty pumpkin, longest red and green bean:
 - Green & Red bean contests will be held at fair
 - In October will be a 4-H Open House and the pumpkin portion of the contest will be held then.
- 4-H Pheasant and Meat Chicken Orders due March 15
 - emails have gone out
 - participants must take a minimum of 35
 - Poultry round up discussion will wait until the Animal Science position is filled
- District Dairy & Horse Bowl Competitions Saturday, March 19-
- Public Presentation Workshop Saturday, March 26 9-11am
 - Public presentations will take place in April
 - Emails will be sent
- District Hippology & Horse Communications Event Saturday, April 2
- 4-H International Day (night) at 4-H Camp Shankitunk Sunday, April 24 2-4pm
- STARR May 6-8 at 4-H Camp Shankitunk
 - This is a teen leadership program

MEMBER ISSUES

- Megan inquired whether the Personnel Committee had approved someone from the Camp committee to join our committee.
 - Emily reported that she was working on wording in order to make the position on this committee official. This will be presented to the Board next week.
- **Meeting for the year were set as follows:**
 - **April 19**
 - **August 17**
 - **October 11**

Motion to adjourn made by Libby at 7:48pm with a second by George