

4-H Issues Committee Hybrid Meeting

May 3, 2022

Members present: Donna Machala, Libby Kelly (Zoom), Lisa Nichols, Megan Eklund (Zoom), Amanda Madugno

Members Absent: Stacy Palmatier

Youth Advisors present: Jessica Coleman (Zoom), George Machala

4-H/Cornell Cooperative Extension Staff: Emily Roach, Corrine Tompkins, Jeanne Darling (Zoom)

4-H Camp Committee Advisor: Lindy Taggart

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

4-H CAMP UPDATE- Corrine:

- Some plumbing/water issues, walk through to identify issues that need to be taken care of before camp starts
- Camp property is being used for various events:
 - NYS 4-H STARR program rental
 - Volunteer Day May 14
 - June 18 STEM Camp
 - June 26 4-H Camp Staff training begins in anticipation for 5 weeks of campers.
 - Various Fall Rentals, last event of the year may be the annual meeting.
- Doing ok with finding staff: 2 dishwashers needed as well as some counselors for Day Camp
- Waitlist for Day Camp and some overnight weeks are filling up.
- Libby asked about difference in pay between Day Camp Counselors and Overnight Counselors. Day camp is \$225 and Overnight \$250 with the ability to increase pay for taking trainings for leadership positions such as life guarding or archery.
- Corrine thanked Lindy for assistance with campership selections. This was the most applicants in quite a while.

PERSONEL UPDATE-Emily:

- Subject Educator position has been filled. Kaitlyn Conklin, previously employed by CCE Sullivan, has vast animal science background. She has many certifications. This is a 40- hr. position which starts June 2, 2022. Donna spoke highly of her knowledge and was impressed with her interview.
- Team Leader description is out for review and will hopefully be approved next week. CCE can then post the position and begin interviews.

Personnel Committee rep, Libby, mentioned how much the committee wanted the Subject Educator to be full time. She also wanted to be sure the Administrative Assistant position is being monitored to be sure Justine is not overwhelmed with all the tasks assigned to the position.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE- Emily:

- 98 volunteer 410 youth up about 100 from last meeting.
- Emily is working with one family to complete registration. It was something Emily was working on before the deadline.
- Another family attempted to register 3 youth past the deadline and was denied. Family was told by Justine that the decision could be appealed to this committee but they have declined to do so.
- A new club is trying to form but communication between the potential club leader and the CCE office is one way. Nothing has been heard in a while, we are unsure of their status at this point.
- Emily said the state is aware of how difficult the registration was this year. They will be doing something different for next year.

PAST PROGRAM UPDATES – Emily & Corrine:

- Chenango Horse collaboration-Emily has asked a few times about when to meet and Chenango CCE has not responded.
- Horse Bowl and Hippology practices have taken place. Our teams did well at both
- Dairy Bowl- We had novice and senior teams. They had a great season.
- Public Presentations-numbers were down from the past. Presentations were held in April instead of February. Both in-person and virtual options were available.
- International Day-5 clubs attended. Held outdoors at Shankitunk

UPCOMING PROGRAMMING/IMPORTANT DATES

- **May 5--** 4-H Livestock committee meeting will be happening this week to discuss upcoming fair events
- **May 6-8-** STARR this weekend. State Office will be visiting
- **May 7--**Animal Crackers at Cornell University this weekend. There are 4 families attending.
- **May 7-** Horse Drill Team organizational meeting
- **May 14-** Volunteer Day at 4-H Camp
- **May 17-**Teen Council Organizational Meeting 6-7:30pm Corrinne will be working with the group. She plans an ice cream social for the meetings and wants to set meetings for the year. 13 years and older are eligible, however 11- and 12-year-olds will be sent out a survey to get input on how the group should run.
- **May 18-**4-H Quilters Meeting. The group has had a difficult time meeting due to flooding, snow storm and sickness. They are still working on quilt from 2019
- **May 19-20-** meat chickens will arrive. Members can do record books but no Poultry Round-up. Avian flu will likely impact the chicken shows.
- **May 21-** District presentations in Elmira this year.
- **June 1—**Horse paperwork due
- **June 5-** Open House for 4-H Camp
- **June 11-** 4-H Horse clinic at the Fairgrounds
- **June 11-12-** Duck Race ticket sales at Meredith Dairy Fest

- **August-**
 - Delaware County Fair
 - 4-H Parade is back! It will be held Tuesday before Heroes Parade
 - Fair book is up on the website
 - State Fair
 - “Back to normal”
 - sheep and horses under tents since buildings are torn down and not rebuilt.
 - Dorm situation is still TBA.
 - We will present projects as a District as we are one of 9 counties. Emily is concerned about keeping an eye on all projects and other safety issues.

Motion to approve the minutes January 2022 by Lisa, second from George; Unanimously approved

Motion to approve minutes from February 2022 by Amanda, second from Jessica; Unanimously approved

Motion to adjourn at 8:00pm by Lisa, second by George

Next meeting is set for August 17 at 6:30pm during the Delaware County Fair