

**Cumberland County 4H Leader's Association
Volunteer & Leader Meeting
ZOOM
January 19, 2023**

In attendance: *Kim Bragdon, Pat Stack, Jenn Grant, Nicole Foster, Wendy Gallagher, Allison Pollack, Connie Wood, Emily Ambrose, Rachel Domin, Marissa & Karen from the horse club*

Treasurer's Report, Pat: Checking: \$30,092.50, Savings \$30,068.50, Susan Grover Fund \$10,874.95, Harpswell Capitol: \$21,987.17, Total \$93,837.14

CWF no update and is still outstanding, unpaid. The 2023 Budget was not shared for the November meeting. Stan proposes no changes from the 2022 Budget total of \$11,475. Connie motions to Approve the Budget for 2023, Kim seconds. All in favor. Approved.

Secretary's Report Connie motions to accept, Kim seconds. All in favor. Approved.

Old Business

Winterfest, Allison: 55 in attendance, 39 different awards to members totaling 115 awards

Paul Merrill Fund: Stan has confirmed there is \$6,000 available to be used.

Awards Committee: Chair- Christine Martel, Sarah Stiles has begun a new term, Jim Palmer took Becky Merriman's remaining term.

Project Records: Connie, ZOOM meeting: Jenn, Kristy, Sarah S, Rachel, Pat & Connie attended. Good discussion. The General form of the Time & Effort seem much more like what we've had and makes more sense. Some prefer the new Animal form because it provides more guidance while others do not care for it. Kristy told Connie the new project records are still on the website (Intermediate) but the new ones are currently being uploaded to the website. Some Club Leader's have already shared the new ones with her Clubs to use this year and will be combine using the new Animal and General forms this year. Rachel suggests that the Highlight should go with the Project Record and Story with the Portfolio. Wendy agrees Profit & Loss one Animal form, General and Time Management. Eliminate the Veterinary log and Animal Inventory sheets. Connie motions Time & Effort, Profit & Loss, seconded by Wendy. (This is still a pilot year.)

Leader Assistance Programs, Emily Ambrose: Emily has offered to help facilitate an open forum, where solutions can be explored. This forum is appropriate for both Leaders and volunteers. March Programing to include an opportunity for a line item of discussion. This will take at least 45 minutes. We encourage in-person attendance, but a ZOOM link may be shared.

New Business

CWF Applications: . Pat spoke w/ Heidi, CWF is happening with some constraints. Applications haven't gone out yet. Depending how many applicants they get, whether or not they can fill and secure a bus to take the kids (but cannot share with VT who isn't sending and MA has no funding so each participant self transports). Dates will depend on the availability of a bus, likely June 25-30. If kids do not attend this year due to the bussing they will be rolled over to next year. We sent 6 last year, often we send between 4-6 youth. Connie makes a Motion to approve Leader's Association support with amount TBD, Jenn seconds. All in favor. Approved.

Cammy Caruso sent Connie her CWF Delegate Presentation and Connie shared this with the group.

Public Speaking February 4 at Village Square in Gorham, no one has registered yet but Connie has some who likely will. Encourage kids, there is still time.

Fashion Review Feb 25th: A reminder has been sent out, 4 registered, judges and location have been secured.

Teen Council (ages 12-18) will be meeting on January 26. Contact Allison Pollack to help bring back some County events and activities.

Updates from Extension: Allison shared that Dr Michael Andrews has passed away in Dec 20th and has asked for donations in lieu of flowers. She has VOLT trained 5 volunteers with 3 more scheduled. She has 2 Makers Series in the works, which will be open to all (4H and community members). They will meet once per month March thru May then start again in the fall Oct thru Dec. She also is planning a summer SPIN Series with focus on teens furthering careers ie, resume building, interviewing, etc. Location or ZOOM TBD.

Jenn shared that Willie Granier who is looking for some classroom readers.

Connie motions to adjourn, Kim seconds. All in favor to adjourn meeting 8:41