

## Cumberland County 4H Leaders Association Meeting

### March 16, 2023 Meeting Gorham Public Works & ZOOM

In attendance: Marina Toby (via ZOOM), Jenn Grant, Wendy Gallagher, Allison Pollock, Connie Wood, Stanley Moreau, Ralph Clark, Pat Stack, Nicole Foster

Treasurer's Report: Checking: \$29,910.47, Savings: \$30,068.99, Susan Grover Fund: \$10,874.95, Harpswell Capitol: \$23,427.26, New account for the Paul Merrill Fund \$6,000 moved into a CD. Every 13 months the CD will be cashed then the funds may be issued and after replenishing. Chicken to Kitchen \$3,450.25 and Pleasant River Fund \$750.00. **Total:** \$100,281.60. *Connie motions to accept the Treasurer's Report. Jenn Seconds. All in Favor. Accepted.*

Paid two scholarships for \$2,000 each. (Noah Brown in Paws N Pals \$1,000 not yet heard from). No bill has been received yet from CWF of 2022. We have not yet received the past due deposits for \$50 from last July's attendees. *Connie motions to issue letters in an effort to collect the past due deposits for \$50.00. Seconded by Wendy, All in Favor.*

In December we received a \$400.00 donation to CCLA from Tom & Holly McKenney. Key Bank offers card reader for point of use sale we could use for the 4H Food Booth.

Secretary's Report: *Connie motions to accept as written. Seconded by Ralph. All in favor. Accepted.*

### Old Business

2 Resignations effective immediately: 1) Kim Bragdon from both the CCLA Board & Awards Committee. *(We are in need of someone to complete her term through the end of this year. Pat will ask Amylynn McDevitt about the Awards Committee and Nicole will ask Cat Macri about the Board).* 2) Emily Ambrose from CCLA Board.

Project Records: Connie shared a Flow Chart Allie & Jillian created for her Club members to illustrate which Project Record sheets she will be looking for this year from her Club. She also shared example Project Records and gave them to the members. Allison: Kristy Oulette requested the example Project Records for the website. New Project Records are now available on the website.

Public Speaking: Connie said there were 4 participants, and it went very well.

Fashion Review 5 participants (1 absence due to Covid). The 3 judges all agreed to return next year. Projects included several stuffed animals, a pillow and one wearable item.

CWF update: (6/24/23 – 6/30/23) Applications due 3/10 interviews will be held the evening of 3/20 6p-8:30p at the office. 5 applicants total; 4 requesting scholarship funding (1 applicant's family has offered to cover their own expense and / or to assist another applicant. The total number of applicants would like to go together if possible.) The Awards Committee is to rank applicants and once we have pricing, we will know how many youth we can send. (We budget \$3,000 for this trip in our annual budget. Last year it was estimated \$1,100 per attendee.) Allison has not yet heard how many from other Counties are attending.

## **New Business**

Pig Raffle: Stan has ordered the piglet and it is coming at the end of April or beginning of May. Pat will call Melanie at Blue Seal and Wendy will check for a youth to raise the raffle pig. Connie, Ralph & Pat will co-sponsor the piglet payment. Jenn will call Windham Butcher. It is important that everyone selling tickets understands the proceeds benefit ALL Cumberland County clubs and activities and not just the Swine Club. We ordered 5000 tickets in 2022 and 8 signs ~ this year more tickets and fewer signs. We will order 6000 tickets. We are in need of a new larger capacity Raffle Ticket Box.

June Jamboree: 6/3 Cumberland Fairgrounds most clubs will be present including Sheep, Dairy, Swine, Rabbits, Horse Clubs. Each will be holding clinics and / or shows.

Newsletter – Allison is reviewing options with the Office Admin. to send bulk emails and may move this to a List-Serve format.

4H Admin. Update: 3 applications submitted, the position is open through March 27<sup>th</sup> then they will be screening applicants with interviews beginning of April and a prospective start date of May 1.

4H Page Day: 6 Cumberland County kids will be attending. We did not fill all 22 spots, approx. 15 youth for the day.

Teen Council: 11 participants on the ZOOM Meeting last month. Allison is planning a Career Day May 13, location TBD (possibly Falmouth Public Library). The Teens have been tasked with finding one professional to attend that day. Presenters will be given 4 – 5 questions or talking points and then teens can ask questions. (Jenn shared that Katherine Paul coordinates one for GHS she may be a resource and Falmouth Public Library has offered to partner on this). They would also like to create some “no sew” blankets to donate to Veteran Centers and they may do a Beach Clean Up Day in June.

Read ME Ag Program: Allison is headed to Saco Elementary School to read to 3 classrooms next Friday. Hollis Elementary School is also looking for readers. Connie is getting her materials tomorrow and Wendy has received hers already.

Maine 4H Days: 7/21 & 7/22 Windsor Fairgrounds

VOLT Trainings: 4 currently working on completion.

There is possibly new club emerging in New Gloucester for bee keeping ,Allison is working with Sarah Sparks to gauge interest.

Jenn motions to adjourn 8:22pm, seconded by Ralph. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is in May. We will meet in June and no meeting in July.

*New Recurring Agenda Item to follow meeting adjournment: Let's Talk- open forum to chat about any club issues. Someone else may have or had same issue you have.*  
Attendees worked on using a SWOT analysis prepared by Allison.