4-H Educational Board Meeting

March 17, 2025

6:30-8:00 pm

Meeting was called to order by Scott Hamker

Roll Call

Name	Attendance	Excused	Name	Attendance	Excused
Emma Berthold	X		Teagon Rambo	X	
Jenna Calfo	X		Anthony Zifcak		X
Jeff Chenoweth	X		Tammy Zifcak	X	
Scott Hamker	X				
Dawn Handrosh	X		Annabelle Breisch	X	
Rich Hardway	X		Jeanette Crawford		X
Amy Lake	X		Emma Lewis		X

Motion to accept the February minutes as submitted was made by Jenna and 2nd by Dawn. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Open House: Lots of new families and lots of cloverbuds. Great location change at the lodge.

Brunch with a Farmer: Scott, Jenna, Jeanette attended.

Advisor Training: Jenna, Dawn, and Scott attended. Scott talked about animal book judging updates and fielded some questions about the dog SPIN club.

New Business:

Sponsor Letters: Sponsorship deadline modified to April 12th. Dawn is prepping 35 letters to send to last year's sponsors. The letter is available for the rest of the board to send to new sponsors for this year.

Areas of Focus for Skill-a-thon 2025:

- Small and Large Animals will have Feed or Feed Tag ID, Body Parts ID and Feet and Leg ID. Cat and Cavy will have Breed ID.
- Shooting Sports: Ammo ID needs updated, Rich will work on this Adding range commands section. They can choose Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Crossbow and Shotgun and will give an overall award.
- Nutrition: Stay the Same as last year. MyPlate, Kitchen Equipment, Measuring
- Sewing: Tools and Notions, Fabric ID, Pattern ID. Amy and Emma will work on the pattern ID section.

Tie Breaker 2025 Skill-a-thon

- Written test; 50 multiple choice questions for the Sr. Level (14 and up) 25 multiple choice questions for the Jr. Level (13 and under)
- Rich will work on the Shooting sports tests, Emma and Amy will work on the Sewing and Nutrition

County Requests

- Champion Drive - Leah Coyle, pairing kids with learning challenges with 4-H member mentors to help them participate in and show a variety of animals. This would be held on the Friday of the fair. No funding request from the board. Motion was made by Dawn to approve the request as submitted and 2nd by Emma. Motion passed.
- Lorain County Youth Equestrian Royalty Contest - Written test, Interview, Makeup date and Awards Ceremony. No funding request from the board. Motion was made by Jenna to approve the request as submitted and 2nd by Dawn. Motion passed.

Awards for Skill-a-thon

- Dawn organized all categories to receive a different award, so that if there are any repeat winners they will get a different prize. Overall winners would receive a larger prize, that will be the same for every category. Every winner will get a banner. Tabled for the April Meeting while we get more sponsors.

Animal Schools---Aligning of Staff and People

- Small Animal, Tammy has Dog, Rabbit and Fowl is covered. She is still in the process of getting Cavy staffing.
- Large Animal, Dawn is working on getting coverage for that.

Animal Schools Give away Bags...Swag Bags ideas Donations

- Jenna wrote letters for TCS, Rural King, Centera, 511 Feed, Spencer Feed and Supply, Ag Credit, R & R Feed and other businesses. Motion was made by Amy to approve the letter and Tammy 2nd. Motion passed.

Shooting sports program needed some supplies. Rich is asking for reimbursement for $202.34. Motion has been made by Jenna and Jeff 2nd. Motion passed.

Bill to be paid to the office for supplies and badges for $30.00. This was approved at the last meeting and the amount did not exceed the previously approved amount.

Other—Working with Friends of Jr. Fair - Looking to do a food truck event as a fundraiser. They are looking for help working the events.

Office Update:

- We all need to re-enroll in 4H ASAP
- Project area recourse contacts have been sent out to the advisors to field some of the questions.
- Endowment is making some improvements in how funds are requested and they are looking to streamline how we are going out and looking for funding.

Motion was made by Annabelle and 2nd by Teagon to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.