

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H LEADERS' COUNCIL**  
**Monday, May 17, 2010**  
**Goodells County Park**

Present: Jessie Aguinaga, Steve Aguinaga, Dale Avery, Jackie Avery, Denise Czostkowski, Jenny Fox, Raemi Kunath, Rebecca Kunath, Al Leone, Cindy Leone, Connie Murray, Kim Newberry, Linda Pakulski, Jenn Putney, Chris Ruemenapp, Jeff Schelske, Ashley Sebastian, LaDonna Shier, Donna Sill, Betty Stephens, Rob Usakowski, JoLee VanTroostenberghe, Jodi Veldman, Lori Warchuck, Tim Warchuck and Tom Whitenight

Excused: Peggy Gregg and Linda Theume

- I. Call to Order – Raemi Kunath called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda – Rob Usakowski moved the agenda be accepted, Jenny Fox seconded, motion carried.
- III. Secretary's Report/Correspondence – The minutes from the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were distributed. Corrections were made to the date and the Treasurer's report. Cindy Leone moved the minutes be approved, Jessie Aguinaga seconded, motion carried.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Cindy Leone distributed copies of the Treasurer's Reports. The beginning balance on March 15, 2010 was \$24,948.14. Income for March and April was \$11,040.61 from March interest, transfer from MSUE, Spring Achievement Concession, April interest, Larry Kunath/Scholarship/Shooting Sports Refund and Day Camp/Registration \$424.50 and Raffle \$224.00. Expenses for March and April included a National 4-H Council/State Misc./Members Rec. Book, Auction Tax, Day Camp expenses, Scholarships, Bus for Exploration Days, Spring Achievement Expenses, Transfer money to Council Savings Account, and Council Member badges totals equaled \$28,497.01. Balance on May 17<sup>th</sup> was \$7,491.74. Cindy also distributed a revised 2009/2010 budget detailing line items for all incomes and expenses. Cindy stated that MSU owes us money for Exploration days and Day Camp registration. Lori stated that money that came to the Council from Shooting Sports, Animal Mania and Day Camp can be obtained by requesting the money from Cindy by giving her proper documentation of expenditures. Connie Murray moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted, Jessie Aguinaga seconded, motion carried.
- V. Staff Report – Lori Warchuck distributed a listing of the MSU officials responsible for various 4-H activities. Cheryl Booth is the contact person for Children, Youth, Family and Communities, Georgia Peterson is the State Leader for Natural Resources, Scott Loveridge is the State Leader for Community Economic Development and Larry Olsen is the State Leader for Agriculture. Lori also distributed 4-H Leader Manuals to all Council members. Lori distributed picture from Day Camp. Day Camp this year focused on Electrical, Dog Rally, Outdoor Challenge, Horticulture, Photography, Vet Science, Poultry and Horse Projects. Lori thanked all that helped during this event, especially those that worked the concession stand. They fed over 200 people during the lunch break. The Times

Herald was there and focused on the 4-H restructuring. Lori stated that there are 61 members registered for Exploration Days and there are 13 getting State Awards – one in Horse Projects which is the first one in 10 years and there are two Mark of Excellence Awards. Lori has been visiting local classrooms doing lessons on life cycles of a chicken and eggs. She said some of the kids are really impressed because they have never seen a live chicken before. Chris mentioned that in the past we have given flowers to all the State Award winners. Tim Warchuck moved that we give flowers to all the State Award winners, Steve Aguinaga seconded, motion carried. Lori also stated that Big Lots is having an event on Memorial Day Weekend and any 4-H Club that wants to do demos or have a fundraiser should contact Lori.

VI. Fair Board Report – Raemi announced that the Fair Book is out and the web pages get updated regularly.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Auction: no report.

B. Awards: no report.

C. Fair Fun Night: Jackie Avery stated she renewed her Sam's Club membership so she can now go there to purchase the candy for the event.

D. Spring Achievement: Kim stated the numbers are down from the last few years. There were more sewing projects that took longer than expected. Art also took a long time because they only had one judge and had to recruit an extra judge at the last minute. There were too many judges for a couple areas. There were about 225 kids participating and quite a few Clover Sprouts. There was a discussion about Food Preparation needing to be changed. The book states that a sample must be provided for the judge to taste, but none of the judges tasted the food. Lori stated that it is health issue for the judges to taste the food so she will check the Spring Achievement requirements and make the change. The Concession stand made \$458. We had to pay the school \$300 this year. It was suggested that next year the price will increase and that we should check out a new venue for Spring Achievement.

E. 4-H Royal Court: Kim stated there were no applications for King this year. The first activity is a parade on July 13<sup>th</sup>. They will start working on the float after graduation.

F. Leaders' Banquet: Raemi stated we have reserved Fore Lakes again for this year.

G. Participation Fee: No report. Lori stated that Cathy Hale was going to provide guidelines, but didn't get to it. Cindy suggested we need a committee meeting. We should suggest the need for guidelines on the website. Each

application needs to state what they are applying for on the form. It was also suggested that clubs should be limited to \$250. The committee members are: Tom Whitenight, Cindy Leone, Raemi Kunath, Chris Ruemenapp, Al Leone, Connie Murray and Rob Usakowski. The Committee will meet at 6:00 before the July meeting.

- H. Budget – Dog Development, Forest to the Table and Shooting Sports should contact Cindy for checks. Each of these groups now has a line item in the Council's budget. All money will go to Cindy and she will make the deposit. Day Camp and other events have money go to MSU and MSU will cut a check to Cindy to deposit. MSU sends reports to Lori regarding money received and distributed to our county. Lori announced she received ten \$40 scholarships and that many kids didn't know they could apply for them. Lori will distribute the money evenly to all those that applied until the money is gone.
- I. Nominating Committee: no report.

VIII. Old Business. There was no old business to discuss.

IX. New Business

- A. Scholarship Requests: Guidelines state that individuals are limited to one scholarship request per year per project area. Lori provided the following Scholarship Requests. There were four requests for scholarship
  1. Jerry St. James (Teen Leader Member) for Outdoor Adventure Challenge Leader Training requested – total cost of \$150 requesting \$37.50. Cindy moved Jerry St. James receive \$37.50, Rob seconded, motion carried.
  2. Jerry St. James (Teen Leader Member) requested scholarship money to attend the 2010 National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational in Kerrville, Texas. The total cost is \$3,000 to \$4,000. The cost covers the cost of travel, lodging and ammo. Jerry is representing the State of Michigan at the event on June 28-July 2. Discussion ensued regarding granting this request. Dale and Al stated that when they went for Leader Training contributions were collected to assist kids for this event. They wondered if money was available to Jerry from that collection. It was suggested that money could come from Shooting Sports and to have Jerry check with the VFW for additional money. Denise Czostkowski moved we defer the request to the Shooting Sports Committee, Al Leone seconded, motion carried.
  3. Julie Ruemenapp (Teen Leader Member) for 4-H Teen Citizenship, Leadership & Service Conference at the Kettunen Center – total cost is \$52.00, amount requested is \$13. Jeff Schelski moved we pay \$13 for Julie request, Denise Czostkowski seconded, motion carried.
  4. Chris Ruemenapp (Leader) for 4-H Teen Citizenship, Leadership & Service Conference at Kettunen Center) – total cost \$52.00 plus \$50 for

mileage – amount requested is \$76. Jeff Schelski moved we pay Chris \$76 for her request, Denise Czostkowski seconded, motion carried.

- B. Donation to 4-H Foundation. Cindy stated we received a request for a donation to the 4-H Foundation. The Council stated a donation was already made for State Awards and we declined making another donation to the 4-H Foundation.
- C. Cindy stated that we had budgeted to allow \$175.00 to be spent for a banner at the Fair for John Tomaschko. The Council agreed to keep this on the budget and send the Fair Board the money for the banner.
- D. Lori announced the Carl Kruckenberg memorial money came to the 4-H office. Lori spoke with the family and their wishes were that scholarship money goes toward Shooting Sports and Challenge Club, Council and the Fair Board. The Fair Board decided that they will spend \$200 for a bench for Goodells Park. Lori will ask the family if they will agree to money being spent on new props for the Fair and a memorial picnic table. The family wishes that money should go to kids that can't afford to go to Explorations day or participate in Shooting Sports.

XI. Announcements/Adjournment – Jessie Aguinaga moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 pm, Denise Czostkowski seconded, motion carried.

**The next meeting will be Monday, July 19, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Community Building at Goodell's Park.**

Respectfully submitted,

Raemilee Kunath  
Council President

Donna Sill  
Secretary