

Report of SD 4-H Leaders Executive Meeting
Saturday, February 24, 2018
Via Conference Call

The SD 4-H Leaders Association Board met on Saturday, February 24th via conference call. The meeting was called to order by President Susan Karels. Also present were Amber Erickson, Donna Bittiker, Britney Kaufman, Paula Linke, Cindy Jager, Jackie McMartin, Janelle O'Connor, Vicki Vining, Karen Lambert, Ben Kotalik, Sharon Jarding, and Dawn Covey.

We reviewed the responsibilities of the State 4-H Staff as there have been some changes in the last year:

- Karla Trautman, SDSU Extension Interim Director
- Donna Bittiker, State 4-H Program Director
- Peter Nielson, Coordinator of Youth Development – responsible for legal, fundraising, grants
- Amber Erickson, 4-H Youth Development Field Operations Coordinator – mentor to county-based staff
 - <http://igrow.org/news/amber-erickson-is-new-sdsu-extension-4-h-youth-development-field-operations/>
- Britney Kaufman, Interim 4-H Animal Projects Coordinator
 - <http://igrow.org/news/kaufman-interim-sdsu-extension-4-h-animal-projects-coordinator/>
- John Keimig, 4-H Associate – coordinates Shooting Sports, liaison for 4-H Rodeo
- Amanda Stade, State 4-H Events Management Coordinator
- Kelli Larson, Program Assistant

DISCUSSION WITH STATE STAFF:

State Fair Book

- It was explained that the State Fair Book could not be published prior to April 1st because they give the committees 4 months to review their policies. Once this is complete, the information is compiled and reviewed for accuracy. It was also noted by the state staff that this is the same date the SD State Fair Open Class book is put out.
- A photography task force has been meeting to review some possible changes. They will meet again next week to finalize any changes. No major changes are anticipated this year other than clarification of rules and possibly changes to some lots.

4-H Advisory & County Support Staff Appreciation Opportunities

- Donna Bittiker asked that we look at opportunities to show our 4-H advisors and staff our appreciation. One time that was discussed is education week in November.
- Open staff positions:
 - 4-H Advisor - Lincoln Co. will be screening applications next week
 - 4-H Advisor - Hand, Hyde, Potter – interviews to be held in March
 - 4-H Advisor - BonHomme/Douglas – will start advertising the position next week
 - Field Specialist position for Youth Safety will be announced soon.

IGrow/Communication Discussion

The question was asked why there is not a link on iGrow to the SD 4-H Leaders page. The response was because iGrow is federally regulated and they need to make sure there is not anything additional they need to do for compliance if a link is added. It was decided that we should set up a meeting with the State staff to get this worked out. (meeting was March 27)

Training Opportunities for Volunteers

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of the State office creating training videos that could be posted on iGrow. These could include various judging for project areas, special foods, and others. Donna Bittiker explained that videos are very expensive to develop through the SDSU campus facilities and can run \$5,000 - \$10,000. We discussed that these videos could be created at minimal costs by volunteers, using non-professional equipment, and will be posted to the SD 4-H Leaders website.

New Youth camp in 2018

The state staff is currently working with Lutheran Outdoors. They are looking at offering a horse camp at Klein Ranch, which is north of Isabelle, SD the end of June. They are still working out the details and do not have the cost or a definite date.

- Do the State 4-H Leaders want to offer scholarships for this camp? We will consider this once we have the information about the camp.

The state staff is also working on developing an Environmental camp that would include canoeing down the river.

Review of Animal Changes

Discussion was held on the requirement on 4-H Online for a Bangs tag # for breeding heifers. Bangs vaccination is not required by the state and although most probably do vaccinate, we cannot require this.

- State staff indicated this has been changed and you can input bangs tag, USDA tag
- PLEASE SEE FURTHER DISCUSSION later in the meeting on this.

It was explained that the purpose of the animal changes was to alleviate several dates and documentation and to just have one, and also to put the responsibility on the 4-Her and their family for their entries being correct.

It was asked if hogs are still a terminal show. It was reported that that decision has not been finalized.

Activities Update:

- State Shoot - no major changes, anticipate large numbers again this year, the start time on Friday has been moved up. Volunteers are needed for all areas. April 27-29, 2018
- Horse Show – July 23-25, 2018; there will be a few changes to the schedule
- Rodeo – no major changes
- Dog Show – will be held on August 25, 2018 in Huron, no major changes
- Livestock Judging/Skillathon
 - Working on the date and hope to announce this soon
 - It will be in Brookings again this year
 - 1st Place team wins a trip to Louisville; top 4 seniors (who are not part of the 1st place team) win a trip to Denver

- It was explained that a 4-H member could join another county's team if they do not have enough for a team in their county.

Youth Council Update

- Youth council will meet on Sunday, February 25 in Pierre. They will tour the Capitol building.
- Planning for TLC is going well. TLC is June 4-8, 2018
- Advisors are Hilary Risner and Amber Erickson
- There will be a Performing Arts Camp again this year. It will be held the week after TLC at Northern State University in Aberdeen.
- Discussion was held on camp fees. Camp Bob Marshall went up ~ \$85 this year. State staff was not aware of other increases; however, if they do go up it would only be 5-10%.

**Donna Bittiker, Amber Erickson, and Britney Kaufman left the meeting at this time.

STATE 4-H LEADERS DISCUSSION

State Fair:

- BBQ
 - It was good to be back in the 4-H area for location.
 - Changes that we made last year were good. Two serving lines (vs 4) worked well.
 - The cooler truck was extremely helpful for keeping milk and ice cream cold.
 - Food was delicious! We were close on the numbers we used for planning.
 - Families were able to sit inside Nordby to eat their meal.
- Dance
 - We moved just outside of Nordby last year (from 3rd Street), which worked well. We had to take down and put up the panels each night (done by Youth Council for a donation).
 - Youth Council sold water and expect they will want to do this again this year
 - Farm Bureau would like to provide pizza to the youth as they are waiting in line for the dance. They will provide the pizza and workers.
 - Prices will be the same this year: \$15 if you purchase a bracelet for both nights or \$10/night.
 - Discussion was held on offering a discount to 4-H members but it was decided this would be too complicated to carry out.
- T-Shirts
 - T-shirt and other apparel sales went very well. We will pursue adding hats this year.
 - There will be information on the logo contest coming out soon
- T-Shirt Quilt Raffle – The drawing for this will now be held Saturday of the State Shoot around lunch time.

2019 Leader Conference – We discussed future planning for a Leader Conference.

- Spink/Beadle counties have offered to do it again, but would like to do a fall meeting – Option 1
- A 4-H advisor in West River has interest in hosting the conference – Option 2

- Do not have a conference – Option 3
- Discussion was held and it was the consensus that a fall conference would be good, preferably in October. Also, if Spink/Beadle is willing to do it we would go with them.

Officer Elections

- Susan Karels is in her first year of a 2-year position as President. No election needed.
- There was a nomination for Ben Kotalik as Vice President and Dawn Covey as Secretary. It was moved and seconded that a unanimous ballot be cast for Ben and Dawn. Motion carried.

Other Discussion:

- The board requested that Paula post a news summary of our meetings on our website.
- It was also recommended that each board member get a headshot picture of yourself to Paula to be used on the website with our board listings.
- A suggestion was made to make up a display board with these same photos to be used at State Fair and other events.
- It was asked if State Leaders have input regarding changes. It was explained that we sometimes have input on changes, but often the changes are brought forward through assigned committees made up of staff and volunteers. A main focus for us is trying to help understand the changes, anticipate concerns and questions from our 4-H Leaders and families, and help to clearly and simply communicate the positive reasons for the changes.

Executive Secretary Review

Executive Secretary, Paula Linke, left the meeting at this time. Her performance over the past year was reviewed by the board.

More Discussion:

- Discussion was held on how we can get more leaders to help with various events such as the BBQ and dance.
 - We need to do a better job of informing counties, 4-Her's, and families the money that has been given for scholarships, camp fees, grants, and other projects from the State Leaders Association
 - Susan is going to make sure there is something on the information that is put out that indicates this and that help with the State Leaders projects and events is a way they can help.
- What is the status of the lawsuit between the State and the former 4-H Foundation? What can we do about the money for scholarships that is tied up by the lawsuit? Susan was going to try to find out more information on this.
 - *Follow-up after meeting:* The lawsuit is ongoing. There is nothing that can be done about the money for scholarships that is tied up. We expect that the kids who had received a scholarship that was multi-year should get their scholarship when this is all done, just as we would expect that the money that belongs to various counties will be paid out.

- A discussion was held regarding money for the Livestock Judging trips that is provided by the 4-H Livestock Industry Trust Fund (LITF). LITF specifies which trips will be funded and there was apparently some miscommunication on which trips these would be.
 - *Follow-up after meeting:* The LITF Advisory Board directs what 4-H programs are supported. Their priorities are to fund leadership and livestock. The money is disbursed to State 4-H on January 1 for the calendar year. They give a specified amount of \$ and today their direction has been as follows:
 - **1st priority** – Western Round-Up, Denver (about 75% of the funds go here)
 - **2nd priority** – National 4-H Conference, Washington DC
 - **3rd priorities** – with what money is left...World Dairy Expo, Madison WI and Eastern Round-up, Louisville KY. Note that the State 4-H Office does seek out other sponsorships to help with funding these two trips.
- Discussion was held again regarding the requirement for two types of ID for breeding beef only. There is not a requirement for a second ID number for any other species. Won't this create more problems? If the tattoo number does not match the registration paper, will it then be allowed to check the other ID number and if it matches, they are okay. All agreed they would like more discussion on this item with the State Staff.
 - *Follow-up after meeting:* The bottom line on this is that it was put in place to try to prevent kids from having their breeding beef disqualified from showing when they could not read the tattoo. You could think about it this way... the market animals have 2-3 forms of ID. You have a 4-H tag, DNA, and tattoo or registration # for purebred animals. Basically, they added the second identifier for the commercial breeding cattle who were only using one form of ID when entering in 4-H and then losing that form of identification (bangs tag). Unfortunately, those individuals did not get to exhibit at the State Fair last year, because they had no way of tying the animal to the information in 4honline. They will **only** look at the second form of ID when an issue presents itself such as lost ear tag or unreadable tattoo. If it comes down to a second form of ID the committee will meet and make a decision as to whether they move to the commercial show or don't show at all. Commercial heifers are required to have a 4-H green tag and list their Bangs/USDAsilvertag/or herd tag. Purebred heifers are required to list registration #, tattoo, and Bangs/USDAsilvertag/or herd tag.
- Discussion on YQCA was held. This will be available in various locations for on-site training, as well as available for on-line training for all ages.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 9th via conference call.