

South Dakota State Leaders Meeting – 4/9/2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 pm by President Susan Karels.

Those present were: Amber Erickson, Paula Linke, Cindy Jager, Jackie McMartin, Karen Lambert, Ben Kotalik, Sharon Jarding, Mary Ellen Cammack, Peter Nielson, Laurie Woodward, Amy Fischer, Donna Kubik and Dawn Covey.

The minutes of the 2/15/2018 meeting were approved as presented and the minutes of the 2/24/18 meeting were approved as corrected.

Financials:

- Received a \$10 donation that was originally for the conference registration.
- Cash Balance - \$38,039.10
- Estimated Shirt Inventory Value - \$15,000
- A motion to accept the financial report was approved following a motion made by Jackie, 2nd by Cindy. Motion carried.

State Office Meeting Report (Susan, Jackie, and Paula)

- iGrow – any articles to be published should be submitted to Donna Bittiker. There will be a news article about scholarships for camps and performing arts.
 - The importance of recognizing sponsors for awards and events was discussed. They will be putting this on iGrow.
 - Those attending the meeting (Susan, Jackie, and Paula) learned how I-GROW is setup & organized. Ben suggested having 4-H separate as it is hard to find what you need on iGrow.
- Discussion was held with the State Office regarding what the purpose and role of the State 4-H Leaders Association is. We look at our group as a support role, positive communication channel, and to give input on major changes that are being considered.
 - We need to figure out how to have better communication with the State Office. One of the items discussed was meeting in smaller groups. One concern from our group is that each person on the board serves a different area and we don't want to leave out anyone from discussion.

State Events Update (Hilary, Amber, & Peter):

- State Shoot – they are trying to figure out how to accommodate larger numbers.
- Horse Show – the show guide is on iGrow and they are in the process of putting together the contestant packets.
- Dog Show – contestant packets are on iGrow
- State Fair – any updates are on iGrow
- Livestock Judging/Skillathon – this will be held September 14 & 15, 2018 in Brookings.

- Rodeo –
 - The State Office has been hosting meetings regarding Title IX.
 - Contestant packets are on iGrow and are due May 1st.
 - Meetings regarding Title IX are due to a difference in interpretation of Title IX with the USDA and US Dept. of Education. Rep. Kristi Noem has been involved and is working with the Dept. of Ag.

State Ambassadors – emails were sent out and we ask that everyone please read about the changes and new opportunities for our 4-H youth.

Livestock Industry Trust Fund – (LITF)

- LITF specifies which trips will be funded and there was apparently some miscommunication on which trips these would be during the last meeting. The LITF Advisory Board directs what 4-H programs are supported. This direction has changed over the years, as in the past they even supported Shooting Sports. 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
- In 2017, there was some miscommunication from the State 4-H office about the funding of the Louisville trip. The majority of the LITF funds for year 2017 had already been used for priorities 1 and 2, which did not leave enough money to fund the 3rd priorities in full. This trip did not have designated funds to support it, but because it was communicated that it would be funded, the state 4-H office committed to follow through.

State Staff Updates:

- Bon Homme/Douglas Advisor – applications are being reviewed. Hope to have the position filled at least a couple weeks prior to fair time.
- Hand/Hyde/Potter Advisor – made an offer to an applicant and will need to do background check
- Lincoln Advisor – reviewing applications at this time
- Animal Projects Coordinator – this full-time position is now open and applications are being taken

Other:

- YQCA training will be location based; however, will also be available on-line for all ages. The cost will be more for those who choose to do the strictly on-line training.
- Peter indicated that the State 4-H Scholarship applications have been reviewed and they will be awarding six \$500 scholarships and two \$1,000 scholarships.

- The lawsuit with the State and the South Dakota 4-H Foundation is still in litigation and unfortunately, many scholarship funds are tied up in this fund. No news as to when this may be settled.
- Ben asked why the swine show will be terminal again this year. Peter indicated that discussion regarding a non-terminal show became negative when at the superintendents meeting a large percentage still wanted to kill the champion and reserve. It was determined that if you slaughter the Champion and Reserve then it is still a terminal show. It was decided that they would wait another year to ensure that there are clear rules put in place and how they will affect each exhibitor.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Covey, Secretary