

Thursday, January 15th, 2026 Leaders Association Meeting

Laura Gierach called to order at 7:36 pm.

Pledges

***To comply with the Ozaukee County 4-H Leaders Association Bylaws there must be representation from at least 8/11 (a quorum of $\frac{2}{3}$) clubs in the county.**

Roll Call

Cloverleaf - 4

Covered Bridge - 7

Deckers Corners - 0

Holy Cross - 1

Jay Road - 1

Knellsville - 5

Lakeview - 1

Lindenwood - 7

Little Kohler - 0

Town & Country - 1

Waubeka - 6

**Shooting Sports is no longer a club

Approval of the Secretary's Report from November 20th, 2025

Corrections proposed to the November 2025 Secretary's Report: None

Amy Gierach moved to approve the secretary's report. Jody Brzezinski seconded; unanimously approved.

Approval to file treasurer's report as of January 15th, 2026:

Business Checking PWSB: \$ 87292.26

Business Money Market PWSB: \$62850.98

Notable expenses: Haunt expenses, Camp Lakota down payment, volunteer hours

Deposits of note: None

Lisa Fellenz, new Treasurer, shared there are some outstanding checks; she will reach out to those clubs.

Jody Brzezinski moved to file the Treasurer's Report. Brenda Mueller seconded; unanimously approved.

4-H Program Educator Update - several reminders provided by Abi Quinlan

- Foundation & Haunt scholarships coming up due
- Trip applications are due soon
- Key Award applications are due soon
- Summer Camp staff applications are due Feb 6th

- New outreach program with Cedarburg High School: starting with a book read! Youth can sign up and choose a book to join a Book Club. Resume workshops in February. In Cedarburg School District elementary schools, Abi will be doing reading & literacy programming and STEAM.
- If an adult volunteer got notified back about their leader registration or trainings, they did not complete something correctly or did not finish something.
- The new 4-H Online computer system went live this January; email issues were happening; hopefully now resolved. Abi apologized for any IT related issues.

Committee Reports

- **Countywide activities**
 - Thank You Event - Danielle Gettelman; waiting for a few businesses to provide how many certificates were used. Questions were raised about the timing of when the certificates could be used. Could the timeline be extended? Could the certificates be given out at the fair, at the 4-H table?
 - Mr. and Miss Ozaukee - Dorothy Parchim, Nicole Simon. No update.
 - National 4-H Week - Erin Puro; No report.
 - Pinewood Derby - Sue Dowe; dates have been confirmed
 - 3/28/26 - Build Day, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 - 4/11/26 - Physics Day, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 - 4/12/26 - Race Day, 12:00 - 3:00 pm
 - Youth Tournaments - Becky Assmann/Mary Hamm; date has been set; located will be confirmed
 - April 18th, 2026 volleyball tournament at Port High School or Oz High School; more info to come
 - Dance - Dorothy Parchim; Dorothy is calling for assistance this year. She is stepping back from some of her committees due to personal reasons, due to her husband's health concerns. The 4-H Dance will be Saturday, 2/21/26, from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.
 - Fundraising - Brenda Mueller; a new fundraiser opportunity has been brought to Brenda. It is a Little Caesar's Fundraiser. We receive \$6 per item sold. It can be completely online. Items can be shipped directly to the buyer. Customers can also buy a voucher for a hot meal. Brenda will look into it. Flower Power: this will run through May 15th. Kwik Trip: we have many cards still available. Sales have been slow for December and January. Brenda will look into how many to purchase. Clubs could also purchase some Kwik Trip cards to have on hand to sell at meetings. Jody Brzezinski made a motion to order 20% less Kwik Trip cards this year. Deanna Lee seconded it. Unanimously approved.
 - Travel Experience Scholarships - Danielle Gettelman; applications due at the end of the month. Additional high school students can apply for the Key Award, not just seniors.
 - 4-H Leaders' Association Facebook page: please send the page a message to get something posted; ensure you "Follow" the 4-H Leaders' Association Facebook page also
 - Jellybean Jamboree - Sue Karolczak, Nicole Simon; Sign Up Genius coming up
 - Prep night: March 20th, 2026 at Circle B
 - Jamboree: March 21st, 2026 9:00 - 12:00 at Circle B
 - Lemonade Stand - Deanna Lee/Erin Puro/Lisa Fellenz/Laura Prah; no updates
 - Open House - Jessica Heller, Sarah H.; reservations made and dates are confirmed
 - 9/8/2026 North Open House
 - 9/9/2026 South Open House
 - T-shirts - Nicole Simon, Deanna Lee; thank you for purchasing clothing
 - Food Stand - Dorothy Parchim/Steve Wilke; Dorothy will be stepping away as coordinator for personal reasons. Her husband Ron previously did a lot of delivery, lifting, etc. and will not be able to do it anymore due to health issues. Amy Gierach and her sons can help with Clover Cafe this year.

- Clothing Review - Dorothy Parchim; Carol Boehlke is willing to take on youth from other clubs that don't have a leader. Contact Carol if interested.
 - 2026 date will be Tuesday, May 26th, 2026
- New Family Fairgrounds - Carol Boehlke; date has been set
 - It will take place June 9th, 2026
- Key Award ceremony - Danielle Gettelman; Apply! Applications due soon
- Leaders Recognition Banquet - Lori Hosseini, Amy Kohlwey; No updates
- Volunteer Hours - Mary Hamm; No updates
- Activity Area - Sue Karolczak/Nicole Simon; No updates
- Business Awards - Lori Hosseini; No updates
- Silent Auction - Amy Gierach/Laura Prah; No updates
- Parade of Champions - Heather Hamm; No updates
 - 10th Anniversary this year
- Meet the 4-H Animals - Amy Gierach; 2 youth; No updates
- Brat Fry - Rich Simon; No updates
- Camp - Abi and Deb Poull; applications for counselors and directors are open. Planning with Camp Lakotah is much easier this year. June 18th here at the fairgrounds; June 19-21st at Camp Lakotah.

Liaisons

- Agriculture Society - Jody Brzezinski and Carol Boehlke
 - 2026-2028 Premium Books in final stages of preparation; significant revisions and updates in many projects. Some entries deleted. Some changes were made per DATCP rules.
 - Judging schedule changes
 - Fair scholarship applications for graduating HS seniors - due February 1st
- Ozaukee 4-H Foundation - Deb Poull
 - Bowl-a-thon - Sunday, February 1st, 2025
 - Many scholarship opportunities for 4-H Foundation this year

Old Business

- MOU - signed in December 2025
- Fair - nothing additional
- Bylaw changes second reading
 - By-Law changes-First read through at November 2025 meeting; Proposed change could say that Financial Treasurer is following up with the General Leader of the club for uncashed checks. The check request form will be changed to reflect the name of the club (Lisa Fellenz). Jess Vento - Financial Treasurer section, fix formatting for E-G, and J & K. Second reading and voting at next meeting.
 - By-Law changes-Second read through tonight, at the January 2026 meeting.
 - Jody Brzezinski made a motion to approve the ByLaws. Brenda Mueller seconded. Unanimously approved.
- 2025-2026 Calendar; waiting for a few dates to be submitted. Send any dates to Claudia Breitengross.
- Any other Old Business - None

New Business

- The future of The Haunt - Katie Noetzel, Rose Paulus, and Sue Dowe presented total number of volunteer hours. Katie had sent this to the clubs several times for verification. They also presented the financials; many categories we were under budget except for Operations, Concessions, and Insurance.

We had to purchase fire extinguishers for \$2,000 as we could not borrow them this year. Haunt net profit income was \$41,503.14. Katie felt the year was a success; however, she will not be continuing as a Coordinator

- Abi Quinlan sent out a questionnaire today to all leaders regarding the Haunt. We will vote at the February Board meeting whether to continue or not.
- Sue Dowe will send out a questionnaire to the current Board members to gauge interest. Haunt Board is planning to meet in February to ensure whether enough volunteers step forward into Board positions. More youth were working at the build this year; we had offered gift card drawings and that was a successful strategy.
- Haunt discussion: What was the advantage of having a 7th day? More income; drawback was that it made us be open an extra week.
- Abi Quinlan shared that in the future, we need to ensure that all youth & adults who are at build and at event are registered.
- Discussion about whether there is a more creative way to get the word out to all kids & parents about working on the Build, the Haunt, and the tear-down?
- Can non-4-H youth volunteer at The Haunt? But not join 4-H? Abi will look at the rules and may be able to create an event, so that the youth could participate. She will look at our insurance as well to see how we can make it work. Sydney V suggested that numerous high school students in the area would be willing to work on the Haunt for volunteer hours that are needed.

- Any new business?
 - Jason Heller stated that Sign up genius is being used for Drones project. Can we get the enterprise account? It can have multiple administrators so multiple people can have access to email. Jason will discuss it with Deb Poull. Danielle Gettelman suggested another solution, that Google Forms could be used since we currently have the LA google account.
 - Jason Heller discussed Venmo. He is collecting project fees for Drones. Could it go directly to the Leaders' Association versus to him? Could Leaders' Association get a Venmo? This will be explored by Deb Poull and the Treasurer.

Club Sharing

- Jan Dommer: March 10th, 6-8 pm is Knellsville Roller Skating party; all are welcome!
- Jody Brzezinski: Friestadt Heritage Foundation Fundraiser: Friday, April 10th at Circle B. Silent auction, food, etc.
- Brenda Mueller: Jay Road & Holy Cross combined their January meeting. Cedar Grove Vet presented. Ran their agendas together. It worked well and was fun.
- Jody Brzezinski: Anna Poull was at the State Fairest of the Fair Contest. She did a great job and made it to the top 10. Her wagon tied for top bidder. Next crowning for the Fairest of the Fair is March 14th!

Correspondence: None

Thank you's to be written: None

Received: None

Adjournment

Jody Brzezinski motioned to adjourn; Rose Paulus seconded; unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

Next meeting: March 19th, 2025, at 7:30 pm at Thomas Jefferson School, in the Library

Other info:

Refreshment Schedule -

September Little Kohler & Waubeka

October Leaders Board

November Town & Country

January Holy Cross & Jay Road

March Cloverleaf & Lakeview

May Covered Bridge

June Lindenwood

July Deckers Corners & Knellsville

Report respectfully submitted by, Recording Secretary, Lori Hosseini