

Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc.
59th Annual Meeting
April 28, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. BCYF Youth Memorial Building



Vision:

To make a positive difference in the lives of Berrien County youth.

Minutes

2025 Leaders Council

Officers

President

Katrina Schneider

Vice President

Lauren Lovell

Treasurer

Karey Sebasty

Secretary

Charity Hackett

Foundation Rep.

Katrina Schneider

Members:

Roxy Cochran

Bobbi Lawson

Shelby P

Melissa Richard

Amanda P

Gemma Richard (T)

Lauren Lovell (T)

Maizie Murphy(T)

Ex-Officio Member

4-H Program Coordinator

Kelly Stelter

Welcome & Council Introductions at 7:04 p.m. by Katrina Schneider.

Pledges led by Lauren L., Gemma R., Maizie M.

The BCYF report was given by Karen Klug and Chelsey Sobralski-Cole

- Swine exhibitors need to provide own bedding
- Updated class numbers in the fair book.

Roll Call of Clubs – Bobbi Lawson

2024 Annual Meeting Secretary’s Report – Bobbi Lawson

• Motion to approve the minutes: Motion by Chris H. Motion was seconded. Motion Passed

2024 Annual Treasurer’s Report – Karey Sebasty

• Motion to place report on file: Motion by Linda S. Motion was second and the report was placed on file.

Old Business

4-H Youth Staff Report / 4-H Program Budget – Kelly Stelter

• Update was given about Expo, Kits to go, and camps available to members.

4-H Foundation Rep. Report – Katrina Schneider

- Update on Golf outing, how to donate, and how to give back.

Announcements/Topics from Council:

Elections - Bobbi Lawson

- Three adults and one teen will be up for election.

Fundraising - Shelby P.

• Trying a new fundraiser this year with Giving Bean. Flyers need to be back to office by June 4th. Online and flyer orders taken. Online open until April 28, 2026

Promotions - Katrina Schneider

- Several events in the works.
- The Berrien County 4-H Centennial Forest sign has been updated

Connection - Karina Schneider

• There have been several successful activities that have happened.
• Several sessions are planned for and leaders were reminded to tell members if they sign up please make sure to come.

Scholarship - Katrina Schneider

- Scholarship application was overhauled and all three are now one application.
- Applications are due May 15, 2025.
- Interviews will be held on June 12, 2025.

Member and Leader Recognition - Mellissa

- Looking to split into two events and looking at if any awards will go back to the club level.

Policy - Katrina Schneider

- Article 2 - Motion to accept updated wordage and clarification : Tom R. Motion was second. Motion Passed.
- Article 3 - Motion to accept updated wordage and way to communicate: Brenda K. Motion was second. Motion passed.
- Article 4 Section 1b - Motion to accept clarifying terms and practices: Vicky W Motion was second. Motion Passed.
- Article 4 Section 1e- Motion to accept addition to be clear about expectation and ethical practices: Linda S. Motion was second. Motion passed.
- Article 4 Section 2b & 3a - Motion to accept update on wordage, election nominations, and voting: John A. Motion was second. Motion passed.
- Article 3a4 and 4b- Motion to accept update on ballots and clarification of procedure: Chris H. Motion was second. motion passed.
- Article 5A, 6a, 7c, 7F - Motion to update absent policy, wordage, and online meeting: Linda S. Motion was second. Motion passed.
- Article 4 section 8a, 9a, and 10b - Motion to update wordage and format: John A. Motion was second. Motion passed.

Statewide event - Kelly covered events that members have the opportunity to attend (scholarships available).

New Business

- Leaders were reminded to fill out the evaluation form and turn it into Bobbi or Maizie to get their door prize entry.

Adjourn: Linda Shannon-Chalet motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion was second. Motion was passed.

Door Prizes

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