**Tuesday, April 1, 2025**

**New London County 4-H Fair Board Meeting Minutes**

The New London County (NLC) Fair Board meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H pledge. Introductions commenced. Following review, Brendan moved to accept the minutes as read, Victor second, and the minutes were approved. There was a printing issue so a motion was made by Brendan to table the report to the next meeting, Ella seconded the treasurer’s report was tabled. The Vice President reminded everyone to push the Ad. Campaign. No reports were given for Business, Ag, or Exhibit Hall. The correspondence was a Thank you note given by Krista for the donations supporting her trip to Ignite 2025.

**Old Business-**

* Ad/Sponsorship Campaign turn in- a reminder was made that the ad campaign ends May 6th.
* State public speaking contest recognition- Kailah Duck and Roy won 1st in their division.
* Update on Scarecrow contest theme for 2025- the theme is Famous 4-H alumni. The required elements are: A sign including the person’s name, a photograph of the person, their 4-H project, and their present accomplishments. The scarecrow must also include these items: bailing twine, something with an animal, a tool, and 2 items that rhyme. Ex. pail and nail.
* Judge’s form for superintendents- There are new judge paper forms. The turn-in date for the forms is June 1st.
* 2025 Ad/Sponsorship Campaign kick-off- It was discussed that the Ad and Sponsorship Campaign would start on March 4th and end on May 6th. Just a reminder avoid Ads and Sponsorships from alcohol and tobacco facilities.
* Miscellaneous
  + Natalie brought up a reminder to fix the spirt award.
  + It was also brought up to add Ad. Campaign reminders to Facebook and Friday flash.
  + Fair Update- Birds are now allowed. No waterfowl allowed. Updates may happen.
  + Lebanon Fair- Waiting for an update.

**New Business-**

* + Introduction of 2025 Fair book cover and T-shirt design contest- Voting next meeting.
  + Superintendent binder review- The superintendent binder review was moved to later in the meeting.
  + Review of fair trophy order sheet- In progress, a paper is being made up. The papers must be completed by June.
  + Miscellaneous:
    - Premier Judge- It was announced that Premier now has a judge.
    - 4-H Camp Auction- The 4-H camp is hosting its annual plant sale and auction on April 25th and 26th. We discussed trying to get a table setup to sell Ads and Sponsorships for our fair. A reminder was also made to attending Club Leaders and Members to create a basket. A motion was made by Jeremiah to adopt a Fair Board basket, the motion was seconded by Victor. Natalie motioned to set aside $100 dedicated to creating a basket, Ella second and the motion passed.
    - Lebanon Fair- Marc will see if there is any space availability for the NLC 4-H to have a booth.

**Other 4-H Business**

* The CT 4-H Goat Day will be held on April 5th
* The CT Horse Symposium will be held on April 5th.
* The NLC Rabbit Day will be held on April 12th.
* The UConn 4-H Day at the Capitol will be held on April 16th, was cancelled.
* The CT Sheep and Fiber Festival will be held on April 26th.
* The 4-H Dog Clinic will be on May 3rd from 9:00am - 1:00pm at 24 Hyde Ave, Vernon Rockville, CT 06066-4578, United States. You can find more information at (s.uconn.edu/4hdogclinicpacket).
* The NLC Fair Ad/Sponsorship Campaign will end on May 6th.

Olivia motioned to have the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m., Lily seconded, and the motion passed.