

NC 4-H Honor Club Conference 2022

Millstone 4-H Camp, Ellerbe, NC

Attendees

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| 1. Joah Bickley | 14. Alex Evans | 27. Emily Pennell |
| 2. Florence Brooks | 15. Nanci Furr | 28. Holly Pennell |
| 3. Bonnie Cahall | 16. Adrian Gaskins | 29. Laura Pennell |
| 4. Rebecca Cahall | 17. Taylor Hall | 30. Sharon Rowland |
| 5. Becky Caison | 18. Larry Hancock | 31. Keynon Settle |
| 6. Lee Hood Capps* | 19. Taylor Furr Hartman | 32. Dorothy Shutt |
| 7. Dayna Causby | 20. Katie Haynes | 33. Cassandra Suedbeck* |
| 8. Jim Clark | 21. Emmett LaHay | 34. Anna Marie Vagnozzi |
| 9. Dan Cook | 22. Marianne Martínez | 35. Adam Wilson |
| 10. Rebecca Dietrich | 23. Daniel McAuley | 36. Rachel Wilson |
| 11. Sarah Dietrich | 24. Scott McCollum | 37. Andrew Winebarger |
| 12. Sally Dixon | 25. Shannon McCollum | 38. Emily Winebarger |
| 13. Guillermo Estrada | 26. Susan Morgan | 39. Mike Yoder |

**online attendees*

Honor Club Business Meeting

Saturday, June 4, 2022

9:16 AM **Call to Order** - Dan Cook, Honor Club President

American Pledge led by Adam Wilson

4-H Pledge led by Keynon Settle

Taylor Hall appointed as Parliamentarian

Introductions

- Honor Club members in attendance introduced themselves with their name, county/year tapped, and the person who was most influential in their 4-H life.
- Thank you cards were made available for members to write notes to those who had a positive impact on them.

Secretary's Report - Anna Marie Vagnozzi (standing in for Cecilia Tadt)

- Meeting minutes from the last general membership meetings - the January 2022 Online Member Meetup and Virtual Honor Club Conference 2021 - are available on the Honor Club website:
<http://nc4hhonorclub.org/members/minutes/>
- Motion made by Dan Cook to approve the minutes from these two meetings; all members voted yes and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Rebecca Dietrich, Treasurer

- Financial year ended May 31st; ending balance was \$12,010.76.
- Financial statement balance was \$11,860.76; there is one outstanding check for \$150.00.
- All members from the past two years have paid all membership dues.

Opening Remarks

- Dr. James "Jim" Clark provided a brief history of North Carolina 4-H and how Honor Club can help with efforts to update and preserve 4-H history.

10:06 AM Business

Honor Club Application - Shannon McCollum

- This is the first year with a new online Honor Club application, so the thumbnails looked slightly different than previous years. The old application was outdated, so the application was streamlined to more closely correspond to the 4-H Achievement Plan.
- When a 4-H'er completes the application, their 4-H agent enters their data into the online system, which generates the thumbnails.
- The new online application is available on the Honor Club website: <http://nc4hhonorclub.org/applicants/apply/>

New Member First Vote - Sally Dixon, Vice President

- 25 applications made it through screening by the district directors, and these applications were compiled into physical thumbnails that provide snapshots of their applications.
- Honor Club members filled out a physical ballot to indicate their vote for potential members' induction into Honor Club at Congress 2022.

Photo Identification Project - Anna Marie Vagnozzi, Sharon Runion Rowland

- Photos from 4-H's history and Honor Club events were located on tables in the History & Learning Center. Members could participate throughout the weekend by identifying people and events in the photos.

Committee Appointments - Dan Cook

Dan shared what each of the following committees was working on. Details on the committee discussions are included later in the minutes.

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| ● Nominating Committee | ● Candlelight Ceremony Committee |
| ● Finance Committee | ● Constitution & By-Laws Committee |
| ● McKimmon & BJP Display Committee | ● Database Task Force |
| ● Elections Committee | ● Building the Brand (AdHoc Committee) |
| ● Tapping Committee | |
| ● HC Reception Committee | |

First Vote Report - Sally Dixon

- 16 out of 25 applications had at least one “No” vote.
- Florence Brooks made a motion to accept all ballots with at least 85% “Yes” votes. Laura Pennell seconded the motion. All members voted “aye” and the motion passed.
- Six (6) applicants remained to move onto the Second Vote.
- Rachel Wilson made a motion to destroy the ballots from the First Vote that will not move to the Second Vote. Dayna Causby seconded the motion. All members voted “aye” and the motion passed.

11:15 AM Committee Meetings

12:00 PM Break for Lunch

1:42 PM Business Meeting Resumes after Lunch

Second Vote - Sally Dixon

- Second vote was conducted for the six applicants with more than 15% “No” votes.
- Motion made by Taylor Hall and seconded by Laura Pennell to discuss each application individually. All voted “aye” and the motion passed.
- Each application was discussed individually to address concerns and look at details of the applications (such as point totals).
- A few recurring concerns and points of discussion that have surfaced at previous Honor Club Conferences were voiced:
 - Are the details included in and the format of the thumbnails reflective of the 4-H'er's involvement and application as a whole?
 - A note was made that, in the future, application thumbnails could include point totals to aid in the voting process.
 - Are 4-H agents sufficiently trained in the application process? Nanci Furr shared that, while this is often a workshop offered at 4-H Congress, it would be beneficial for HC members to help train agents to use the application to reflect a 4-H'er's accomplishments.

Constitution/By-Law Change Proposal - Anna Marie Vagnozzi

- Committee discussed the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws posted here: <http://nc4hhonorclub.org/members/constitution/>
- The following update to the By-Laws was proposed to fix a typo:

Article XI, Section 2: The Board of Directors shall consist of the immediate past ~~Chair of the Board~~ **President**, the current officers, and two members from each extension district. These members from each extension district shall be appointed by the President on a rotational basis for a term of two years, subject to the approval of the membership at the annual Conference. One additional immediate past officer may be appointed at the discretion of the President.

- Alex Evans made a motion to approve this update to the By-Laws and Emmett LaHay seconded the motion. All members voted “aye,” and the motion passed.
- Two additional proposals were made that affect both the Constitution and By-Laws:
 - Proposed Change #1 is to split the Historian Officer position into two positions: The Historian position and a new Communications Coordinator position. This would allow the two positions to focus on different skill sets (archive preservation for Historian and member communications for Communications Coordinator).
 - Proposed Change #2 is to update the Constitution & By-Laws to use gender-neutral pronouns in order for the document to be more accurate and inclusive.
 - The exact wording of the proposed changes can be viewed here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1n5KtOVP7d1nL_Vmiw-9TsAJZbs_zOK3-kO1CA8rUR4E/edit?usp=sharing. Members are encouraged to read these proposed changes in detail.
- Susan Morgan made a motion to approve the two proposed changes as submitted, and Emily Pennell seconded the motion. We now enter a one-year waiting period until the vote can take place at Honor Club Conference 2022.
- Discussion regarding Proposed Change #1: Emmett LaHay asked if there was an advantage to having a Communications Coordinator as an officer position as opposed to an appointed committee.
 - We have tried committees in the past and were unsuccessful in improving consistent communication with members, so the hope is that establishing the Communications Coordinator as an officer position will give more weight to this responsibility.
 - Officers also have more connection directly with the other Board members, which is valuable so that the Communications Coordinator could be closely informed about relevant Honor Club information to communicate with members.

Second Vote Report - Sally Dixon

- 23 applicants will be inducted into Honor Club at Congress 2022.
- Marianne Martínez moved to destroy the ballots and thumbnails; Dayna Causby seconded the motion. All members voted “aye” and the motion passed.
- Members were reminded that the induction list is confidential and that family members and 4-H agents in Honor Club get first pick for tapping.

Committee Reports

- Finance Committee - Rebecca Dietrich
 - The committee audited financial records, income, and expenses for Honor Club. All records were reviewed and approved.

- McKimmon & BJP Display Committee - Rebecca Caison
 - The committee discussed updating the displays at the McKimmon Center and Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Camp.
 - The McKimmon Center display showcases the Achievement Hall in 4-H Leadership inductees. This display has not been updated in several years.
 - The materials in the McKimmon display eventually leave the McKimmon Center and go to the display at Betsy-Jeff Penn (BJP). When removed from BJP, they are then transferred to a scrapbook.
 - The committee recommends that the Achievement Hall in 4-H Leadership display at BJP be closed and moved from BJP to be made available in digital format. This will make the materials more accessible and free up wall space at BJP.
 - The committee also recommends that the display at the McKimmon Center be updated to showcase current members inducted over the last few years.
- Elections Committee - Nanci Furr
 - State 4-H Officer Elections take place on Monday, July 18th from 8-9 PM ET at 4-H Congress 2022.
 - The committee discussed details of the elections process this year.
 - Elections take place during the final dance at Congress and the results will still be projected on the screens in the room as results are tallied.
 - This year, there is the possibility of using voting machines and giving each county one ballot per electoral vote, where county delegates will place the ballots in the voting machines.
 - In future years, this opens the possibility of allowing each 4-H'er to vote with an individual ballot to more closely reflect the true voting process in the US. This will be discussed further with the State 4-H Council.
 - If you are an Honor Club member in Raleigh on the Monday of Congress, it would be helpful for you to be available to volunteer if additional help is needed. Members interested in volunteering can reach out to Nanci Furr at nan.furr@gmail.com.
- Tapping Committee - Sally Dixon
 - The Tapping Ceremony will be held Saturday, July 16th at 8 PM ET at 4-H Congress 2022.
 - Honor Club members are needed to help with tapping!
 - Members interested in helping with the Tapping Ceremony can reach out to Sally Dixon at srdixon@ncsu.edu.
 - The committee is working out details for how to recognize Honor Club members tapped during the virtual years (2020 and 2021).

- Honor Club Reception Committee - Sharon Runion Rowland
 - The Honor Club Reception will be held Saturday, July 16th at 9 PM ET (after the Tapping Ceremony) at 4-H Congress 2022.
 - Rather than having one long table for the reception refreshments, there will be stations placed around the room.
 - Room 2 at the McKimmon Center has been requested to accommodate the large number of attendees anticipated.
 - Alex Evans is working with Sharon to provide culinary expertise so we can offer a variety of food options this year.
 - Honor Club volunteers are needed to help with food and facilitate the reception. Sharon made a volunteer sign-up sheet available; Honor Club members interested in helping can also reach out to Sharon Runion Rowland at sharonrowland@gmail.com. Sharon will reach out to volunteers 2-3 weeks before Congress.
- Candle Lighting Ceremony - Larry Hancock
 - The Candle Lighting Ceremony will take place on Monday, July 18th at 4-H Congress 2022.
 - Larry needs 6-8 volunteers to help mark the clover in Dorton Arena on Monday afternoon in preparation for the evening.
 - Honor Club also needs members to facilitate the ceremony that evening (after State Officer Elections).
 - Members interested in volunteering can contact Larry Hancock at larry_hancock@ncsu.edu.
- Database Update Task Force - Scott McCollum
 - Honor Club is currently working to update the Member Directory.
 - Currently the directory is stored as a Google Sheet, but Scott has access to updated emails and mailing addresses in a different data format. Efforts are underway to merge these two data sources.
 - We are working towards a database available to all HC members.
 - If you personally know members who have moved or lost touch, please reach out and encourage them to update their membership information here: <http://go.ncsu.edu/honorclubmember>
- Nominating Committee - Dan Cook
 - The committee discussed the new slate of Officers and District Directors for 2022-2023.
 - **Proposed Officers:**
 - Chair: Dan Cook
 - President: Becky Caison
 - President-Elect: Cecilia Tadt
 - Vice President: Guillermo Estrada
 - Secretary: Katie Haynes
 - Treasurer: Rebecca Dietrich
 - Historian: Kat Stulpin

- **Proposed District Directors:**
 - West: Nikki Carpenter, Dayna Causby
 - North Central: Keynon Settle, Bonnie Cahall
 - South Central: *Marcus McIver-Person**, Daniel McAuley
 - Northeast: Nicole Worth, Emmett LaHay
 - Southeast: *Alex Evans**, *Adrian Gaskins**
 - *District directors marked with an asterisk (*) volunteered after the business meeting.*
- Daniel McAuley moved to accept the nominations and Holly Pennell seconded. All voted “aye” and motion passed.

State 4-H Program and Honor Club Engagement - Dr. Mike Yoder

- The 2019 4-H EverGREEN gala-style event in Greensboro, NC was a large success from both a fundraising and a “friendraising” standpoint. Without events like this, we lose touch with the NC 4-H Family.
- Dr. Yoder proposed that Honor Club take on responsibility for the EverGREEN event. This is a way that Honor Club could serve NC 4-H.
 - Honor Club would plan and coordinate the EverGREEN event on an annual basis, with support from the State 4-H Office and the NCSU Advancement Office.
- A date has not yet been set for EverGREEN. Tentatively it could take place at the Biltmore Estate in Spring 2023. Members interested in helping plan the EverGREEN event can contact Dan Cook at dcook@nc.rr.com.

NC 4-H Honor Club Brand Discussion - Dan Cook

- At the Virtual January Honor Club MeetUp, we discussed the goal of building Honor Club’s brand to gradually encourage recognition at a similar level to the way that Eagle Scouts from Boy Scouts.
- After further discussion, we cannot really build the brand until the brand is fully “healed,” which will take place through efforts such as:
 - Updating the McKimmon & BJP display cases
 - Making contact with members who have lost touch
 - Determining the number of alive and active members
 - Greater engagement with current active members (one way to do this is through hybrid access to Honor Club member meetings)
 - Proposed Constitution updates to improve the preservation of 4-H History and communication with Honor Club members
 - Coordinate with Farm Credit, Farm Bureau, Electric Cooperatives, and others that fund 4-H to increase recognition across the state
- Long-term goals include:
 - Developing a stronger service model
 - Learning how Honor Club members embody the ideal of *SERVICE* in their current careers in “Where are they now?” style posts
 - Connect Honor Club more closely with State 4-H events

3:28 PM

Meeting Adjourned