

**Idaho 4-H Volunteer Association
Sub-Committee Meeting 9/10/19**

Present: Jeremy Hampton, President; Tawnya Tracy, President-Elect; Debbie Buxton, Treasurer; ~~Mashelle Barlow, Secretary~~; Donna Schwarting, Advisor

The specific object and purposes of this organization shall be as follows:

- a. Education. The Association will strive to provide tools and opportunities to educate and expand the knowledge of 4-H Volunteers.
- b. Recognition. The Association will acknowledge the efforts and contributions of 4-H Volunteers throughout the state.
- c. Advocacy. The Association acts as an advocate for the 4-H program to stakeholders and policy makers on behalf of the Idaho 4-H program.
- d. Advise. The Association serves as a representative of the 4-H Volunteers to advise the University of Idaho Extension 4-H Program.

Consider the four objectives that are housed in the newly revised association bylaws to guide our discussions. Some guiding questions for tonight's discussion:

- How do we intentionally recruit representatives from all four districts to the Executive Council? Target date of scheduling a formal meeting with a more complete board.
- What communication channel needs to be utilized? How can Donna assist? Do we need to visit counties to ask in person or talk with regional educators??
- What are the barriers to recruitment? Can we use the UI website? What are the concerns? What about the association's Facebook page? What about ownership/administration of the page?
- How do we get scholarships that are fair and equitable across the state? DSA Status – we put things on hold until the end of the project year (State)

Extension Educators managing district need to have us reach out to them so they can appoint. Talk to regional educators. ***Donna please talk to the Regional Educators regarding recruiting volunteers to serve on the Executive Board of the Idaho 4-H Volunteers Association.**

Group discussed the use of various forms of social media as a means of reaching volunteers. There was a consensus that 4H Online and University are not effective means of communicating with volunteers.

Tawnya reported on the status of the IVA Facebook page. She said that as of today the page is defunct. ***Tawnya will start a Facebook page. Erika will get the username and password.** Tawnya expressed

concern about using her person email address to receive reports about the Facebook page activity.

***Tawnya will also talk to Erika about which email address should be used to begin the page.??**

The team talked about the distribution of Volunteer Endowment fund. Jeremy said that he does not believe the interest income has been used for the past couple of years. He spoke with Debbie about how much money the association will have each year to award scholarships to chaperones. While the actual spreadsheet was not in from of her, the thought is that it is about \$3,500. Money will go to Shana directly for scholarships. Jeremy said that he proposes that the Endowment money be sent directly to Shana for awarding scholarships related to scholarships.

The committee discussed the Fall meeting as discussed in the bylaws. The meeting is supposed to be in person if possible. Also, 30 days' notice should be provided for meeting. The group decided that the meeting should be held on **October 21st at 6:30 pm. At Hampton Inn & Suites, 495 S. Capitol, Boise, ID**