

Bayfield County 4-H Leader's Association
Monthly Meeting
Monday, April 16, 2007 Ashland Research Station

President Kim Pearce called the meeting to order and led pledges to the American and 4-H flag.

Roll Call: Friendly Valley: Terri Bahe; Ino Valley: Glory Bizub, Anna Fridsma, Justin Reto, Val Reto; Pine Creek: Julie Lupa; Pioneers: Sandy Rau; Woodland Workers: Kim Pearce, Julie Stipetich; Guest: Kurt Ellson; and 4-H Youth Assistants: Donna Ganson and Ian Meeker.

The secretary's report from the March meeting was read by Julie Stipetich. Sandy Rau made a motion to accept the report, Terri Bahe seconded, and motion carried.

The treasurer's report was available for review. Sandy Rau made a motion to approve the financial statement, Glory Bizub seconded, and motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Kim Pearce reported approximately 12 4-H youth participated in the lighting workshop held by photographer Dale Thomas. Mr Thomas will be the judge for photography at the county fair this year. Leaders were encouraged to check the new guidelines for photography exhibits at the fair. The final Focus Project workshop will be on hand tinting photos. All participants will be asked to bring a black and white photo for tinting.

Ian Meeker was the guest speaker for the meeting. His presentation: "Integrating the ARCH into Defining Club Expectations", explained the ARCH model which can be used to share the expectations for group experiences. The model consists of four core values: acceptance, respect, compassion and honesty. The keystone for the ARCH model is commitment. The model has been used successfully at 4-H camp, and leaders participated in an activity to define the core values of the ARCH model.

OLD BUSINESS

Income generated from the **Dairy Breakfast** seems to be consistent with income from past years. Glory Bizub reported the Ino Valley 4-H club's make and take table activity went well. Suggestions for improving the event included more advertising and recruiting more vendors.

Ian Meeker reported that the **certified archery leaders** will be meeting in the near future to inventory equipment and decide what additional equipment will be needed. The

greatest challenge for the new leaders will be determining a system for rotating equipment to interested groups.

An Outdoor Skills Day will be held on Saturday, May 19 at the Chequamegon Archers Club. The event is free and open to the public. A variety of outdoor skills will be taught by experts and concessions will be available. More information will be available in the newsletter.

Leaders were reminded that if their club has not reported the tax ID number to the 4-H office to please get that information in soon. A phone call to the bank that holds your 4-H club's treasury account and a request for the EIN number is all that is required.

NEW BUSINESS

The **Cultural Arts Festival** will be held Saturday, May 5, 2007. Ino Valley will host the event and serve lunch for participants.

Middle School Fun Night is planned for Saturday, April 28 at Northland College. Junior Leaders will provide leadership of activities for the evening.

The **Raspberry Island** garden meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18. Planting day is scheduled for June 1. In the past participants were allowed to work in the gardens and then spend time on the island. This year participants will only be given three hours on the island due to changes in the Park Service cruise boat schedule.

Topside property tree planting is scheduled for May 12. 1000 seedlings have been ordered for planting. The day will include tree planting and trail maintenance. Signs for the Topside property will be a summer project for the Topside committee. A question was asked about whether 4-H members could plant memorial trees at the Topside property. After discussion, the consensus was that a better place for memorial trees would be the county fairgrounds.

Tri-County 4-H Camp will be held July 17 – 19. Counselor training day will be July 16. A camp planning meeting is scheduled for May 15. The theme for camp will be chosen at the meeting. A suggestion has been made to use 4-H as the theme. Counselors and 4-H camp committee members will discuss ideas at the planning meeting.

Leaders were reminded to register for **pumpkin plants and sunflower seeds** for the contest in September. Plant and seed pick-up will be May 19, from 9 – 11 a.m. at the Ashland Research Station.

Paul Beeksma will drive the van and be the chaperone for **Youth Conference** in Madison June 18 – 21.

Senior scholarship applications have been received. Executive board members will receive copies of the applications for review. Scholarship recipient selection will take place at the executive board meeting in May.

A **food booth manager** is still needed for the county fair. Two new malt machines have been ordered for the food booth.

CLUB UPDATES

Justin Reto reported that **Ino Valley 4-H club** recently visited the Ashland animal shelter where they helped with taking care of the animals and made a donation of dog and cat food. They plan to go camping in June or July.

Friendly Valley 4-H Club has completed recent projects in sewing and rocketry. They will be doing roadside clean-up soon and have a swimming and pizza party planned according to Terri Bahe.

Sandy Rau reported that the **Pioneers 4-H club** went swimming last month and plan to do roadside cleanup soon.

General leader, Julie Lupa, of **Pine Creek 4-H club**, stated that members had recently voted not to elect officers and members will rotate through officer positions. This will allow each member to experience all officer positions. The club has roadside cleanup planned in the near future.

Julie Stipetich reported that members of the **Woodland Workers 4-H club** have improved meeting attendance with their club's new rules regarding exhibiting at the fair. Each member is required to attend four meetings and give a talk or demonstration to exhibit. Many members have given presentations and roadside cleanup is planned soon.

Suggestions for future **Focus Project** ideas included sustainability, energy, electricity, telecommunications and creative writing, our world, computers, and SET – science engineering and technology. These ideas will be discussed by the executive board for planning the focus project for the next few years.

Cloverbud Day Camp is being planned for June or July. Hosting for the event is undetermined at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An executive board meeting will be held May 21 at the Bayfield County 4-H office in Washburn. The next meeting of the Adult Leaders Association will be held June 18 at the Research Station. Leaders were reminded to be thinking of nominations for the Hall of Fame.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Justin Reto and seconded by Glory Bizub, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Stipetich
Secretary