

Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association
Monthly Meeting
Monday, June 18, 2007 Ashland Research Station

Vice-president Julie Lupa called the meeting to order and led pledges to the American and 4-H flag.

Roll Call: Hillcrest Mountain Valley: Bob Colgrove; Ino Valley: Glory Bizub; Pine Creek: Julie Lupa; Woodland Workers: Julie Stipetich, Verne Gilles; Key Leader: Robyn Lulich; and 4-H Youth Assistants: Donna Ganson and Ian Meeker.

The secretary's report from the May executive board meeting was read by Julie Stipetich. Motion to approve the executive board minutes and the minutes from the April meeting was made by Verne Gilles, seconded by Glory Bizub and carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Verne Gilles. Motion to approve by Robyn Lulich and seconded by Glory Bizub. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Food Booth committee met prior to the leader's meeting and Robyn Lulich reported that a person has expressed interest in managing the booth at the county fair, but no agreement has been confirmed at this time. Ian Meeker expressed the need for food booth committee members to organize a binder of important information for future food booth managers. The binder would be helpful to new people in charge of the booth and would include information such as amounts of food to purchase, prices to charge, food handling safety, organizing workers, tips on what works well, etc. Ian also asked whether there were any projects related to the food booth that the Junior Leaders might be able to help with and coordinate. A suggestion was made that the Junior Leaders check into offering recycling bins on the fair grounds. Ian will approach the fair committee with the suggestion.

The **Awards Recognition and Records** committee has a meeting scheduled July 23, 2007. Verne Gilles requested that the committee meet at an earlier date to begin securing funds for trophies at the county fair. Committee members suggested available dates for another meeting and will be in touch with each other to schedule the meeting.

Ian reported that **Tri-county Camp** counselors have been selected and approximately 40 campers have registered. July 11 will be camp counselor training day. Ian expressed concern that the Junior Leader funds are being depleted and that Junior Leaders may not be able to financially support camp counselors as they have done in the past. Discussion regarding this issue will be continued at the next Junior Leader meeting where Junior Leaders will draft a proposal for future funding of camp counselors. After discussion, Verne Gilles made a motion to revise policy number five of the Bayfield County Leaders Association Funding Policies to read that scholarship monies for 4-H campers will be

taken out of Timber Sale proceeds in the amount of \$15.00/member as needed rather than \$15.00/member from Topside Funds as currently written. Julie Lupa seconded and motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Zachary Beeksma has been awarded the **4-H scholarship**. A check will be mailed to him for the award.

Youth conference delegates left for Madison today and will participate in three days of workshops and large group presentations. Delegates from Bayfield County include: Jeff Stewart, Greg Jarecki, Alex Beeksma, Jessica Pearce, Lila Knabe, Kayla Jackson, Katie Stipetich, Justus Bader-Gurnow, Jenny Renz, Bradley Falkner, and Tsavo Rekemeyer.

Planting has taken place on **Raspberry Island**. Throughout the summer 4-individuals/families are scheduled to help care for the gardens by weeding and watering.

Ian reported that **Topside** tree planting went well in early May. 1000 white pine were planted. 4-H youth had the opportunity to use GPS units to set coordinates of the trees they planted. This will allow youth to revisit trees they have planted and watch growth. An inquiry about survival rate from last year's planting was estimated at approximately 30%. The goal of the Topside committee is to plan 3 – 4 events/year at the property. Ian stated that a 4-H youth group from Rock county plans to visit the NGLVC and the Topside property in the near future.

Bob Colgrove volunteered to transport 15 yards of fill soil from Great Lakes Gas to the Topside property to make the area around the shelter more level.

Ian has contacted the county administrator regarding insurance for Topside Property and the county has not returned information. Great Lakes Insurance Company has recommended that since the Leaders Association does not own the Topside property, they are not liable for injuries/accidents that occur on the property. The Topside property was donated to the Bayfield County 4-H Leader's Association for educational purposes by Bayfield County.

Plants and seeds for the **pumpkin and sunflower contest** in September have been distributed.

Demonstration contest and Foods Revue are scheduled for Saturday, June 23. Donna Ganson reported there are just three 4-H members scheduled to do demonstrations, but registrations continue until the day of the contest. The Clothing Revue will be held Wednesday, June 27.

Discussion was held regarding a request for reimbursement of mileage for an adult accompanying a youth **state fair participant**. Policies currently indicate that there is

mileage reimbursement for individuals selected to represent the county for participation at the state fair. The situation under consideration is a youth who has individually chosen to show a beef animal at the state fair. It was pointed out that such participation gives recognition to our county and the leaders association should support such efforts financially. After continued discussion, Verne Gilles made a motion to support the John Pearce family with a \$100.00 donation to their state fair expenditures. Bob Colgrove seconded and motion carried.

CLUB UPDATES

Glory Bizub reported that **Ino Valley** club will meet at Topside for their next meeting and an overnight camping trip. They had two members from their club graduate this year.

Woodland Workers met for their May meeting, reported Julie Stipetich, and had several members give interesting demonstrations. A talk or a demonstration is one of the club's requirements for exhibiting at the county fair.

Julie Lupa shared that the **Pine Creek** club will sell snacks at Moquah Pioneer Days and will help clean the grounds for the village celebration.

Ashwabay club will be visiting bee hives for their next meeting, and had a bike rodeo planned that had to be cancelled due to bad weather according to Ian Meeker.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion regarding a change in the location of future **leader meetings** followed. The thought is that a change in location may help improve attendance at meetings. No decision was made pertaining to this issue; discussion will be included at another meeting.

Donna Ganson passed out information to leaders for registering exhibits at the county fair. The premium list has not arrived yet, but leaders received all other information. July 30 is the date **fair enrollments** are due in the 4-H office.

The idea of using "The Magic of Science" as the **Focus Project** for 2007-08 was discussed. Increasing 4-H members' curiosity, observational skills, and ability to ask questions would be goals of the theme for the Focus Project. Leaders will continue to explore ideas for development of the "science" theme and make a final decision on the Focus Project at a future meeting.

Bob Colgrove made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Glory Bizub, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Stipetich