

Bayfield County Leader's Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
May 21, 2007 Bayfield County Board Room

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

Executive board members in attendance included: Verne Gilles, Julie Lupa, Kim Pearce, Julie Stipetich and 4-H Youth Leader Ian Meeker.

The secretary's report for the monthly meeting held in April was read by Julie Stipetich. Two corrections were reported for the minutes: Dale Thomas was recommended to be a photography judge at the Bayfield County Fair; the report indicated he had already been contacted. Secondly, malt makers for the food booth are needed and have not yet been ordered as reported. The corrected minutes will be read and approved at the June meeting.

Verne Gilles gave the treasurer's report. Kim Pearce made a motion to approve, Julie Lupa seconded and motion carried.

**SCHOLARSHIP**

After review and discussion of the scholarship applications Verne Gilles made a motion to award the Bayfield County Leader's Association scholarship to Zachary Beeksma, Kim Pearce seconded and motion carried. Zachary will be sent a letter informing him of the award.

**COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Board members discussed the community garden program and its relationship to the Bayfield County 4-H program. The program has a historical connection to 4-H, but currently has no 4-H youth or 4-H leaders involved. After discussion, Verne Gilles made a motion that the Bayfield County Leader's Association will continue to support the community garden by handling financial aspects until the end of the calendar year 2007, at which time the community garden program will cease to be affiliated with Bayfield County 4-H. Kim Pearce seconded and motion carried.

**ARCHERY**

Ian Meeker reported that the archery equipment has been inventoried and is now available to clubs interested in shooting. County-wide shoots are planned for July and August. Archery leaders voted to charge a \$5.00/year project fee for youth interested in participating in the archery program. The monies collected from the project fee will be placed in a dedicated archery fund through the adult leader's association. Clubs interested in using the equipment need to survey youth to determine eye dominance and bows will be assigned accordingly.

### **BY-LAWS**

Executive board members need to review by-laws to determine revisions. No action taken on by-laws at this time.

### **LEADER'S MEETINGS**

In an effort to encourage attendance at future meetings suggestions were made to schedule leader's meetings in other parts of the county on a rotation basis, and allow clubs to host meetings at other locations. It was also suggested that to encourage leader discussion clubs could bring their meeting agendas for sharing. These suggestions will be taken into consideration for future meetings.

### **LATE ENROLLMENT**

Verne Gilles made a motion to approve a late enrollment on the condition that the enrollment form needed to be signed by the general leader of the club accepting the new member. Julie Stipetich seconded and motion carried.

### **FOCUS PROJECT**

Ideas for determining the focus projects for the next few years were discussed. Agriculture was added to the list of suggestions indicated at the April meeting. No action on the decision was taken at this time and the matter will be tabled until the leader's meeting in June.

### **TOPSIDE INSURANCE**

Verne Gilles reported that he had researched information on securing insurance for the Topside property. More information is needed before a decision can be made and this matter was tabled until the next meeting.

### **EQUINE COUNCIL**

Funding policies and by-laws for the equine council need to be reviewed and clarified. Ian Meeker will look into the history of the equine council and report his findings at another meeting.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the Bayfield County Leader's Association will be held June 18, 2007 at the Ashland Research Station. Fair packet information will be distributed to leaders.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie Stipetich*

Julie Stipetich, Secretary