

**Bayfield County Leader's Association**  
**Ashland Ag Research Station**  
**January 21, 2008**

The January meeting was called to order by President Kim Pearce at 7:00pm, pledges were recited and roll call was taken. The following leaders were present: Bob Colgrove-Hillcrest Mtn Valley; Daniel Brauer and Anna Fridsma-Ino Valley; Kim Lydon-Pioneers; Tia Stai-Gitchee Gumees; Kathy Huybrecht-Pine Creek; Terri Bahe-Friendly Valley; Kelli Tuttle-Drummond Explorers; Verne Gilles, Kim Pearce, Julie Stipetich-Woodland Workers; Sandy Rau; Donna Ganson and Ian Meeker-4-H Youth Program Coordinators.

The secretary's minutes from the annual meeting in November were read by Julie. Sandy made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Daniel seconded and motion carried. A letter of correspondence was read by Kim Pearce from the State 4-H Foundation requesting financial support of \$1.50/4-H member. Bayfield County has 375 members. The Leader's Association budget includes an annual support payment to the 4-H Foundation, so a check will be sent for \$550.

Verne presented the treasurer's report and included a financial summary for 2007. After answering questions and discussion, Kelli made a motion to approve the report and Terri seconded, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Club Information Update:** Donna reported that each club is required to submit to the 4-H office: a calendar of meetings and events, an audited financial report and the tax ID number for the club. Clubs who have not submitted this information will be contacted. Ian reminded clubs of the supplemental insurance available for activities such as skiing and sledding, which are not covered by insurance. The supplemental insurance is available on a \$3.00/day basis. For more information contact Ian.

**Cultural Arts Festival:** The festival is scheduled for May 3 at the Drummond School. Ino Valley will be hosting the event and Angela Jarecki is the contact person. Ian suggested including a "family category" to invite families to participate.

**Food Booth:** The food booth committee met prior to the Leader's meeting. Verne reported that discussion included drafting a manager's contract. The committee would like to offer the manager a salary of approximately \$10/hour and 10% of profits. Discussion also included dividing the food booth into stations with clear expectations/guidelines/recipes needed for each station. The goal of the committee is to set clear expectations for the booth.

**4-H Calendar:** A new 4-H calendar will be included with the next 4-H newsletter mailing.

**Winter Camp:** Daniel Brauer participated in Northern District Winter Camp held at Crosswoods on January 11-13. Bayfield County had 19 representatives at camp. Daniel reported that activities for camp related to the theme SET-Science, Engineering and Technology. The activities were varied and very interesting. Instructional resources and lesson plans for the activities used at camp are available from the 4-H office. Justin Reto designed a slide/video program of Winter Camp. Justin will be invited to share the presentation at the next meeting.

**Archery:** The requested net for archery has been purchased and given to the Gitchee Gumees club which has 60 members enrolled in the archery project. Leaders were reminded that the Chequamegon Archers is another resource available to interested shooters.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Focus Project-SET:** Sandy reported that the focus project committee met in December for an activity brainstorming session. The committee is working on ideas for county project days. Ideas under discussion include: Dream Flight – a Space Shuttle hands-on learning exhibit, solar powered car competition, a trip to St Paul Science Museum, and a Science Day with workshops for participants.

**Tri-County Camp Treasurer:** Julie Stipetich has resigned as Tri-County Camp Treasurer. If interested in this position and for more information about the job description and responsibilities, please contact the 4-H office or Julie

**Club Updates:** Kelli Tuttle reported that the **Drummond Explorers** recently elected officers and made a club flag. This discussion prompted a reminder about the flags that were being prepared for the Verne Gilles Horticulture Building at the county fair. Tia Stai will contact Renee Strand for more information about this project. Bob Colgrove reported that the **Hillcrest Mtn Valley** club members participated in a community service project and went caroling in the Barksdale area. **Ino Valley** club had their Christmas party at Splashland. Daniel Brauer said that members enjoyed swimming, pizza, and exchanging gifts. They have snowshoeing planned at NGLVC for their January meeting. Kim Lydon stated that the **Pioneers** recently visited Bentleyville, a city of holiday lights near Cloquet, and the club is planning a project meeting on painting. **Gitchee Gumees** members have been busy preparing for an up-coming musical, *Sound of Music*. Tia Stai reported they also found time to go caroling, and have planned project meetings for SET, woodworking and aerospace. According to Kathy Huybrecht, **Pine Creek** had a Christmas party where members entertained the Moquah Men's Club and Homemakers. Terri Bahe reported that **Friendly Valley** 4-Hers celebrated a Christmas party with bowling and an awards program. They also recently went to Valhalla for winter activities and dinner in the chalet. Verne Gilles reported that the **Woodland Workers** made fruit baskets in December for elderly families of the community, and members will begin demonstrations and go snowshoeing at their January meeting. The **Ashwabab** 4-H club

made bird feeders out of birch logs and sold them to raise money for their bee project, reported Ian Meeker. Members also learned to knit and felt at a recent meeting. Ian also stated that the **CANSKI** members are meeting on Tuesdays and Fridays at Mt Ashwabay. Older team members recently took second place at a Hayward race.

To conclude club updates, Ian reminded leaders to encourage club secretaries or reporters to submit information to the 4-H office for inclusion in the newsletter.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sewing Camp** will be held Saturday, February 9 at the Iron River Community Center. Sandy Rau stated that the focus for the day will be simple sewing techniques, including: how to read a pattern and pattern layout. Each participant will make a pair of elastic waist pants. More information and registration will be in the newsletter.

The next leader's meeting will be held on Monday, February 18, at The Workshop in Oulu.

Tia made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bob seconded and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Stipetich