

Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association
Monthly Meeting
Monday, July 23, 2007 Pearce Residence

President Kim Pearce called the monthly meeting to order at her home since the Research Station was not available due to another meeting. Pledges were said.

Roll Call: Ino Valley: Glory Bizub; Pine Creek: Julie Lupa; Woodland Workers: Kim and Jessica Pearce, Verne Gilles, Julie and Katie Stipetich; and 4-H Youth Assistants: Donna Ganson and Ian Meeker.

The secretary's report from the June meeting was read by Julie Stipetich. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Julie Lupa, seconded by Kim Pearce and carried. A thank you note from Katie Stipetich was read. Katie thanked the leader's association for their contribution to her Washington DC trip.

Treasurer's report was given by Verne Gilles. Motion to approve by Julie Lupa and seconded by Julie Stipetich. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Food Booth for the Bayfield County Fair has a manager, Nancy Gromala. Two new shake makers have been purchased and clubs are asked to sign up for working shifts in the booth.

The **Awards, Recognition, and Records** committee has met and have chosen the Hall of Fame recipient. They are currently working on securing trophies for the county fair.

Ian reported that he has a GPS mapping of the trees planted at **Topside** in May. The mapping will allow 4-H youth to observe how their trees are growing. Insurance for the Topside property continues to be a major concern. At the present time, Rural Insurance and Northern Mutual Insurance will be contacted for recommendations. Bob Colgrove has delivered top soil to the Topside property and leveled off the area around the shelter. The area now looks very attractive. A thank you note will be sent to Great Lakes Gas for the topsoil and equipment donation.

Katie Stipetich presented a powerpoint summary of her recent trip to Citizenship Washington Focus held in Washington DC.

OLD BUSINESS

4-H Youth Conference delegates, Jessica Pearce and Katie Stipetich, reported on the informative sessions they attended at the conference in Madison. Jessica indicated she has plans to apply for a Youth Leader Council position to help represent northern Wisconsin.

Donna Ganson reported that the **Demonstration Contest and Foods Review** went well. Glory Bizub was the judge for the day. Donna indicated participants were few, but enthusiasm was great! Justin Reto and Jessica Pearce's demonstrations were selected to represent Bayfield County at the state fair. Jessica will be exhibiting beef animals at the state fair and thanked the leader's association for their contribution to her trip.

Donna also reported that Jenny Renz was selected to represent Bayfield County at the state fair from the recent **Clothing Revue**. Jenny's mother, Maxine will act as chaperone and requested mileage reimbursement for the trip to Milwaukee. By-laws were consulted and Maxine will receive mileage reimbursement as per the by-laws.

Tri-County 4-H Camp was held from July 17-19th at Pigeon Lake Field Station. Directors for the camp were very pleased with the maturity of the counselors this year and Katie Stipetich reported that several campers had already indicated they would be returning for camp next year.

Ian reported that the Colgrove family will be going out to **Raspberry Island** on July 24th. The dry weather has effected the gardens, but the 4-H program continues it's support of the garden work.

Rock County 4-Hers visited Bayfield County recently. Ian stated that they did not go out to the Topside property as originally planned. The 4-H members visited the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center and a program was conducted on the lakeshore in Washburn. Ian suggested considering a similar adventure program for Junior Leaders from our county with a trip to the Twin Cities.

Leaders were reminded that **fair registrations** are due to the 4-H office by July 30.

The **focus project "The Magic of Science"** was discussed. There are many opportunities for science exploration in a variety of different projects. No decision made on focus project.

CLUB UPDATES

Glory Bizub reported that **Ino Valley** club just had a meeting and they are planning a booth for the county fair.

Woodland Workers will meet for their July meeting next week, reported Verne Gilles. Most members have met the requirement to give a demonstration or talk for the year and members will bring their updated record books to the meeting.

Ashwabay club hiked/biked a three mile loop on the Brownstone Trail in Bayfield recently according to Ian Meeker. The club used the county van to transport members to the trail.

Gitchee Gume club recently had a senior citizen teach them how to make dolls and had a horse training meeting. Look for the dolls at the county fair!

Outdoor Adventures is planning a kayaking and camping trip to Basswood Island. The planning meeting for the trip will be August 13, practice with the kayaks will be August 15, and the trip will take place on August 19 and 20.

Tennis Club is a new group that is a partnership between the USTA and the county 4-H program specifically for youth interested in tennis. It is begin organized in Washburn by Betty Swiston.

A discussion resulted from a concern that all 4-H clubs need to be chartered. At this time a chartered club is required to send a calendar of their meeting dates to the 4-H office. More discussion needed about this at another time.

NEW BUSINESS

Northwest Fall Forum will be held in Milwaukee this year. Early bird registration for the event is due by August 20.

Member Evaluation applications and **record books** are due to the 4-H office by September 17. A suggestion was made to mail lists of eligible members for older member awards to club leaders and then club leaders could determine members who are sincerely interested in applying for the awards. This process would save money on mass mailings to all eligible members when only a small percentage of members return the applications.

The **Archery Shoot** scheduled for July 27 has been cancelled and the August 5th shoot is questionable at this time.

Verne Gilles will hold a **horticulture project meeting** at 2:00 on Saturday, August 11 at his garden. Participants will learn how to prepare flowers and vegetables for displaying at the county fair.

A **rocketry workshop** will be held on August 8 from nine to noon at the Ashland Research Station. Participants will build a rocket at the workshop and then launch the rocket on another date.

Pullorum testing for all poultry being exhibited at the county fair will take place on Saturday, August 11 and Saturday, August 18. Superintendents, Val and Justin Reto will conduct the testing from 11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. each day.

The next leader's meeting will be held at 7:00p.m., September 17, at the Ashland Research Station. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

