

Bayfield County 4-H Leader's Association
Monthly Meeting
Monday, February 19, 2007 Ashland Research Station

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

Roll Call: Ashwabay: Eileen Divine, Friendly Valley: Terri Bahe, Hillcrest Mountain Valley: Tom Galligan, Ino Valley: Ann Fridsma, Pine Creek: Julie Lupa, Woodland Workers: Verne Gilles, Kim Pearce, Julie Stipetich and 4-H Youth Assistant: Donna Ganson.

Julie Stipetich read the secretary's report from the annual meeting held November 20, 2006. Verne Gilles made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Anna Fridsman seconded and motion carried. The secretary's report from the executive board meeting in January was read. Kim Pearce made a motion to approve, Verne Gilles seconded and motion carried.

Treasurer's report was presented by Verne Gilles. Julie Lupa made a motion to approve, Terri Bahe seconded and motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tom Galligan, Chairman of the **Market Sale**, reported that 2007 will mark the 41st year of the Market Sale at the Bayfield County Fair. The program has 35 4-H participants, an increase of 14 members from 2006. 25 steers, 7 lambs, 2 hogs and 1 goat will be sold this year. The first meeting of the Market Sale committee was held in December where members elected officers: President: Zach Beeksma, Vice President: Jena Galligan, Secretary: Katie Stipetich, Treasurer: Nick Rejo and Vice Chairman: Steve Stipetich. Meetings of the committee usually include an education program. Dan Bloomquist, veterinarian from the Ashland Area Vet Clinic was guest speaker at the December meeting. Current discussion priorities for the committee include: grass fed animals, and encouraging new buyers for the sale.

Participants from **State Arts Camp** were unable to be present due to illness. A report will be given at the next leader's meeting.

Verne Gilles reported that **Topside** shelter contractor, Kevin Kurilla, has made improvements to the structure as per request of the Topside committee members. An insurance agent has been contacted for information about insuring the shelter, but to date, the agent has not been in contact with the committee. Signs for the Topside property are under consideration, no action taken at this time. Tree planting on the Topside property is scheduled for May 5. Verne reported that due to the dry summer and winter the seedlings planted last spring may have only a 50% survival rate. Suggestion was made to have a forester check the survival rate of the seedlings and make a recommendation about planting for this spring.

Kim Pearce reported that the **Focus project** committee has arranged Photographer Wayne Brabender to present a county workshop on March 10. Participants will meet at the Ashland Research Station from 10:00 a.m. to noon for the educational portion of the workshop and then travel to the Topside property for an opportunity to take photos from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Participants will be asked to bring a lunch, and need not be enrolled in the photography project to enjoy this educational day. Two other workshops for photography are in the planning stages.

OLD BUSINESS

Sandy Rau has resigned as **President of the Leader's Association**; Anna Fridsma made a motion to nominate Kim Pearce for president, seconded by Julie Lupa. Verne suggested a motion to cast a unanimous ballot, Anna Fridsma so moved. Motion carried. An election to fill the vice president position will be conducted at the next meeting.

Executive board members have reviewed a first draft of revisions to the **by-laws**. Executive members will continue review and bring final revisions to the leader's association members for approval at a future meeting.

Donna Ganson encouraged interested leaders to sign-up for participation in **project committees and event planning**. Most committees meet no more than twice a year.

Donna Ganson reported that **Sewing Camp** held at the Iron River Community Center was very successful. 24 youth members and several adult helpers participated in making tote bags. Junior Leaders Kaitlyn and Molly Colgrove, Jessica Pearce, and Katie Stipetich, helped **record book workshop** participants complete a title/photo page, permanent record, club participation record, and a divider page. Special thanks to Terri Colgrove for organizing the workshop.

Donna Ganson reported that attendance at **club officer training** was disappointing and wondered if there is a need for the workshop. Consensus from leaders in attendance was that the workshop should be continued; suggestions included scheduling the workshop on a Saturday rather than a week night, and considering inviting club officers from Ashland County.

4-h Ski Day was held at Mt. Ashwabay on Sunday, February 11. Terri Bahe and Anna Fridsma reported that Friendly Valley and Ino Valley 4-H clubs had the most participants. It was a cold day, but those in attendance had fun on the slopes. A suggestion was made that upcoming 4-h events could be included in the *Area Reports* section of *The Daily Press* to help remind families of activities. The 4-H office will try to use *The Daily Press* for reminders in the future.

Donna Ganson reported that the Rekemeyer family of Bayfield County is currently the only family involved in the **International Program**. Former International Committee

member, Donna Potter, is in charge of treasury for the committee and will continue to hold these funds.

Verne Gilles reported that there are two opportunities for youth members to participate in **horticulture** workshops. On March 3, from 9:00a.m.–10:30 a.m. at the Ashland Research Station participants will learn plant propagation and grafting techniques. Another meeting will be scheduled in August to help participants learn how to prepare vegetables for exhibit at the county fair.

Anna Fridsma made a motion that the Bayfield county Leader's Association will **waive enrollment dues** for all adult leaders, but if additional insurance is desired it must be paid by the individual leader. Julie Lupa seconded and motion carried.

Clubs were reminded to determine their **tax identification number**. Each club should have their own identification number and should not be using the Id number for the leader's association or a personal social security number. A phone call to the financial institution where accounts are held can help to determine the identification number.

NEW BUSINESS

Verne Gilles reported that the **Dairy Breakfast** will be held at the Ashland Civic Center on Saturday, March 31. Clubs or 4-H families can contact the 4-H office to indicate if they would like to help during one of three shifts for the breakfast. Duties include cleaning tables, resetting tables, and pouring coffee. Shifts run from 7:30-9:30a.m., 9:30-11:30a.m., and 11:30a.m. – 1:00p.m. Any club that would like to have an educational booth at the Garden Show can contact the 4-H office. The fee for an educational booth is \$10.00. If a club would like to have a booth for the sale of any products, the fee is \$30.00. The committee is also looking for another adult who would be interested in helping to supervise the Dairy Breakfast. If interested contact the 4-H office.

Anna Fridsma reported that the Ino Valley 4-H club is willing to host the **Cultural Arts Festival** at Drummond High School, but the date of April 21st has several conflicts for their group. Alternative dates were suggested to Anna. She will be in contact with the 4-H office to reschedule the event.

CLUB UPDATES

Anna Fridsma reported that **Ino Valley** 4-H club recently met at the coffeehouse on U.S. Hwy 2. Members were encouraged to bring a talent or something to share at the meeting. Sharing provides an interesting way for members to get to know one another. Ino Valley will host a Craft Day at the Delta Town Hall on Sunday, February 25, from 2:00-4:00p.m. Participants will be provided kits for a variety of craft activities, refreshments will be served. There is no charge for the day and all 4-H members are welcome to attend.

Eileen Divine reported that **Ashwabay** 4-H club has 15 members this year. The club meets at the Washburn Public Library on the second Monday of each month. Members take turns serving as officers for the group to introduce leadership to all members.

Julie Lupa, general leader for the **Pine Creek** 4-H club indicated that members of her club voted to discontinue meeting during the winter months and will resume meeting again in March at the Moquah Town Hall.

Terri Bahe from the **Friendly Valley** club stated that members enjoyed a Christmas party and bowling in December. They have recently invited area artists to club meetings to combine a project activity with their business meetings. The Friendly Valley club meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Washburn Public Library.

The **Woodland Workers** recently had a winter night hike at the Budiash residence, reported Verne Gilles. Members were guided by ice candle luminaries along the trail. Members meet monthly at the Ashland Research Station.

Suggestion was made that in planning next year's calendar to include an event for all Bayfield County 4-H families, such as a fun night, a dance, or picnic. The suggestion will be considered in future planning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The May 21st meeting of the leader's association will be held at the 4-H office in Washburn rather than the Ashland Research Station.

If anyone is interested in managing the food booth at the Bayfield County Fair, please contact the 4-H office.

The 4-H North Central Region Volunteer Forum will be held October 12-14, 2007, in Milwaukee, and the Fall Forum of Wisconsin State 4-H Adult and Youth Leader Councils will be held in Wausau, November 2-3, 2007. Both of these events are excellent opportunities to learn more about 4-H.

Check your newsletter for upcoming 4-H events in Bayfield County.

Motion to adjourn by Verne Gilles, seconded by Anna Fridsma. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie Stipeticch