

The Columbia County 4-H Leader's Association meeting was called to order by President Kimberly Rowe at 7 pm on Thursday, April 23, 2009.

Roll call sheet was passed around and 12 of 14 clubs were represented.

During the Open Floor session, a demonstration of the Robotics project was given by the members involved.

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Minutes of March 26 meeting: motion made by Joanne Dalton, seconded by Angela Jensson and carried, to approve the minutes as printed.

Treasurer's report was presented and reviewed by Kari Johnson. Motion by Cathy Wendt, seconded by Angela Jensson and carried, to approve the treasurer's report.

Correspondence: thank you notes were passed around from Andrea Johnson and Laura Mitchell for their scholarships, and from Alanna Stapleton for support in her trip to National 4-H Conference.

Committee reports:

- Fair Board: Kevin Foster reported that Clean-Up Day will be July 18, and FFA chapters will be invited to help this year as well as 4-H clubs. Superintendents will be there or will leave a list of things to be done. Fair Board is looking for Fairest of the Fair nominees. There will be an optional \$40 ticket this year for admission to all grandstand shows. Dairy members attending the state Holstein show need to write a letter to the Fair Board if they will be arriving late.
- Clothing Revue had 12-15 participants, with 20-25 articles entered. The new \$15 Challenge was successful, with about seven members modeling and explaining an outfit they purchased from resale or garage sales; a people's choice award was selected from these entries.
- Scholarship winners were announced: (Comstock) Logan Hendrix, Peace Wynn, John Gutzman, Katey Smith; (High School) Kaitlyn Megow, Natalia Chapman, Seth Arp, Heather Wissbaum; (Alumni) Stephanie Davis, Andrea Johnson, Kathleen Considine.
- Horse, Dog and Cottontail groups reported that all trainings are going well.
- Awards/recognition committee is conducting a survey about 4-H recognition for members 3rd grade and above. A new form is proposed for the Historian book that will equally critique the record, whether it is a power-point, video, movie or scrapbook. Discussed changing the cover letter to Information Sheet, and asking Fair Board if it will be all right to enter non-traditional historian records in the "scrapbook" category at the fair. Motion by Robin Starkenburg, seconded by Rebecca Starkenburg, and carried to approve the changes.

Old Business:

- Dress Etiquette: a proposed dress code was presented. Discussion was held on what events this would cover, what consequences there would be for not adhering to the code,

and who would enforce the code. A motion was made by Becky Gutzman, seconded by Joanne Dalton, and carried, that the proposed dress code would be implemented at out-of-county 4-H events, and all 4-H participants and their parents will be informed of the dress code before the event.

- Plat Book Update: Books will be arriving in June; discussed selling them in fewer locations, to facilitate keeping track of all books better. Motion by Cathy Wendt, seconded by Ann Lerum, and carried, to have all money go directly to the county office, and have no reimbursement to clubs this year for selling books.
- Year End Reports: Karen needs to have ALL paperwork from clubs by Dec. 1 in order to be chartered for another year; if it is not received, the club must be disbanded. After discussion, a motion was made by Joanne Dalton, seconded by Angela Jensson, and carried, that by October 15, general leader should be notified that paperwork isn't in; if still not received one week later, previous year's officers will be notified; if paperwork is not received by November 1, all members in the club will be notified that the club will be disbanded on December 1 if paperwork isn't received.
- Eat Stand: club shifts were drawn before the meeting. All supervisors are returning; meal ticket prices will remain at \$2 for workers and \$3 for judges. There will be a Gyro sale on Saturday.
- Tax Exempt status: 4-H is actually not 501c3, but the designation is very similar.

New Business:

- Fair books are available for leaders to take the number needed for their clubs.
- Camp: could use more adult female chaperones.

Motion made by Janielle Hanson, seconded by Robin Starkenburg and carried, to adjourn.