

Columbia County 4-H Leader's Association Minutes
Thursday, August 27, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Kimberly Rowe at 7:15 pm. Attendance sheet was passed around; nine clubs were present. There were no items presented during the Open Floor. One item (baking pan fund raiser) was added to the agenda.

Minutes of the previous meeting were printed in the newsletter. A motion was made by Sarah Rowe, seconded by Kevin Foster, and carried, to approve the minutes.

The treasurer's report was presented by Kari Johnson. Even though camp was a larger loss than expected, the year will finish close to a balanced budget. A motion was made by Joanne Dalton, seconded by Joan Farrington, and carried, to approve the treasurer's report. Kari, Karen Nelson and Becky Gutzman met on August 26 to work on next year's budget, which Kari reviewed for the members. The budget will be voted on at the next meeting.

Correspondence: several thank you notes from John Gutzman, Natalia Chapman, and Sarah Rowe were passed around.

Committee Reports:

- Fair Board: Kevin reported that the live music was not successful this year. Mary Becker reported that superintendents for buildings 8 & 9 had a meeting Monday, and extended their thanks to all the 4-H members and families who helped with the clean up day. Suggestions for the Fair Board from the leaders present included improving customer service at the fair tag window, having tags available on Saturday during the work day hours, having another judge for Photography, and publishing one time for the Parade of Champions.
- Livestock: Next meeting will be September 17, and the sale, as well as the role of the livestock committee will be discussed.
- Horse: The Horseless Horse show at the fair went well.
- Cottontails: More meetings were held, so there were more entries in the Learn More Challenge.
- Robotics: The demonstration at the fair was very successful and more donors and volunteers may result from that. Next year a competition may be held at the fair.

Old Business:

- Awards/Recognition and Youth Involvement: committee has not met.
- Fair/Eat Stand: Back door will be repaired. Suggestions were made for improving stocking and serving procedures, possibly starting Frito Pies earlier in week; these will be referred to the supervisors.
- Record book check will be at 9 am, 1 pm and 7 pm on September 11.
- Leader Council roles in future: postponed until next meeting.

New Business:

- Action Center: Mary Becker asked for help from vegetable project members to make Veggie Cars for racing.
- Background check for adults is increasing from \$2 to \$7. Budget was increased to cover estimated amount needed.
- Officers for next year: Kimberly Rowe and Becky Gutzman offered to continue as President and Secretary, respectively. Angela Jensson submitted a letter of resignation as vice president, and it was decided to just fill that position at the next meeting. Joanne Dalton offered to serve as vice president, DeAnn Richards as adult representative-at-large, and Sarah Rowe and Chance Richards offered to jointly serve as the youth representative-at-large.
- 4-H yard signs are available.
- Club officer training time was discussed, and it was decided that a Saturday morning was the best choice.
- Music Festival: Susan would like to know by September 22 if clubs will be participating to make a decision on holding the contest.
- Enrollment forms and new member packets were made available at the meeting.
- Friend of 4-H nominations will be asked for in the newsletter once more; John from the Robotics project was nominated.
- Buddy Clubs: It was decided to suspend this project for one year.
- Committee for next year: members could sign up for various committees; this will be handed around next month also.
- Ambassadors: only two applications have been received so far, so due date will be September 11, and interviews will be September 22.
- MES: Forms are due October 20, and interviews will be November 5. If interested in reading or interviewing, talk to Susan.
- September is our annual meeting: officers will be elected, but it was decided not to have a meal.
- Fund raiser: Information on baking pans from a new company, “That’s My Pan” was discussed; a motion was made by Becky Gutzman, seconded by Chance Richards, and carried, to order the sales kit for this fund raiser.

A motion was made by Chance Richards, seconded by Sarah Rowe, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Becky Gutzman
Secretary

Clubs present:
Welsh Prairie Livewires
Cornerstone Badgers
Rio Go-Getters
North Scott
Menominee Merrymakers
New Directions
South Columbus Willing Workers
Inch True Blues

Arlington Prairie Producers