

Columbia County 4-H Leader's Council Minutes
August 28, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Rowe at 7:04 pm. Eleven clubs, Susan MacLeish and Karen Nelson from the Extension office were present. There were no comments during the open floor period, and no additions to the agenda.

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed with the agenda. Motion was made by Joanne Dalton, seconded by Ann Lerum, and carried to approve the minutes as written. Treasurer's report was presented by Kari Johnson. No action was taken, and Karen and Susan will look into the corrections that were noted. Correspondence was passed around.

There were no reports from the Horse or Dog projects.

Fair Board/Work Day report: 85 were served lunch at work day. A pre-work day superintendents' meeting was suggested. Karen suggested special shirts to designate superintendents as "go to" people for questions or directions. Paul Becker also reported for the fair board. A letter of concern about the cat project/show was read and passed on to the fair board.

Old Business:

- Eat stand expenses and revenues were reported. A new scale will be needed to accommodate portion sizes. Everyone needs to make sure clubs show up for their designated times.
- Nacho machine was borrowed from Holiday Wholesale and could be purchased for \$150. After discussion, a motion was made by Holly Priske, seconded by Cathy Wendt, and carried, to purchase the used machine for \$150.
- Sun shelter for eat stand: renting a tent (\$280-\$380), purchasing an easy up, or car-port type shelters, or attaching an awning to the building, were options discussed. Motion was made by Mark Zimmerman, seconded by Terry Conklin, and carried to table this to the September meeting.
- Action Center: Karen recommends that we discontinue this due lack of interest, children being dropped off and unsupervised. Mary Becker would like a committee to work on this. Involving other youth organizations, more adult supervisors, or using this area for cat project were suggestions; this will be discussed again next spring.
- Budget Report: after discussion, proposed budget will be reviewed by clubs and brought back to next meeting. Postage and mailing costs were discussed, and a motion was made by Angela Jenson, seconded by Nancy Holbach, and carried, to raise the member assessment from \$1.50 to \$5.00 per member. It was also recommended that email and the website be utilized more to save on postage.
- Camp costs for next year: fees for junior camp were raised from \$70 to \$75, and for Cloverbud Camp from \$12 to \$13.
- Record Book Check will be 9/11/08, morning, afternoon, and evening.

- Dress code for Columbia County youth attending State Fair: criteria need to be developed; Angela, Joanne, and Holly are willing to help Susan with this. Chaperones for state fair need to be one for every 10 youth.

New Business

- 4-H yard signs are available.
- Officer training was set for Saturday, Nov 1.
- Motion was made by Angela, seconded by Marc Zimmerman, and carried, to extend the Ambassador application deadline to Sept 18, due to lack of interest.
- Club scrapbook format was tabled until next month.
- Clubs have until Sept 18 to let the office know of their interest in participating in the music festival.
- Friends of 4-H Appreciation and Volunteer nominations were discussed. Motion by Joanne Dalton to recognize WIBU (Magnum Communications) radio for the appreciation award; amended by Cathy Wendt to include Kutz Trucking, and add Gail Goering as volunteer recipient; seconded by Terry Conklin, and carried.
- Buddy Clubs, visioning in 2009, committee sign up, MES interviewers and readers, and future meeting schedule were tabled until next month.
- For the September annual meeting, it was decided that everyone should bring a snack or dessert to share.
- Kim appointed the executive committee to serve as nominating committee for new officers.
- Susan and Karen were recognized for their years of service, and the group celebrated with cake and ice cream.
- Motion was made, seconded, and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Angela Jensson
Acting Secretary

Clubs present:

New Directions
Inch True Blues
Rio Go Getters
Leeds Prairie Pals
Lodi Challengers
Poynette
Durwards Glen
South Columbus Willing Workers
North Scott
Welsh Prairie Livewires
Triple Creek Clovers