

Columbia County 4-H Leader's Association Minutes  
Thursday, September 24, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Becky Gutzman at 7:05 pm, since the president was not able to attend, and there was no vice-president at this time.

The roll call sheet was passed around, and there were nine clubs present (Arlington Prairie Producers, Cornerstone Badgers, Inch True Blues, Lodi Challengers, Menominee Merrymakers, Rio Go-Getters, Oak Meadow Reigns, South Columbus Willing Workers, and Welsh Prairie Livewires.)

There were no items presented during the Open Floor, and no additions to the agenda. The minutes of the previous meeting were printed in the newsletter. Motion by Judy Brunn, second by Sandy Pohl, and carried, to approve the minutes as written.

Kari Johnson presented the treasurer's report. Motion by Jackie Stauffacher, second by Sandy Pohl, and carried, to approve the treasurer's report. Kari also reviewed the budget that was presented at the last meeting. Motion by Jackie Stauffacher, seconded by Sarah Rowe, and carried, to approve the budget for 2010.

A thank-you note from Colter Joles was passed around.

Committee Reports:

- Fair Board: Paul Becker reported that "Welcome to the Jungle" will be the theme for next year's fair. There are two openings on the fair board. Oct. 1 is the deadline for changes to the fair book. The fair board will clarify in the fair book that all youth must be in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, or age nine by January 1 of the year of the fair to sell in the livestock auction. There is also NO educational requirement by the fair board to sell in the auction; however, state fair still has that requirement.
- Livestock: There was not a quorum present, so no action was taken on any items; Oct 22 will be the next meeting.
- Dog: members seemed to enjoy the activities this past year. Training will again be held in Lodi, Portage, and Cambria, and members must attend 8 trainings (at any combination of sites.)

Old Business:

- Awards/Recognition and Youth Involvement committee has not yet met, but plan to before next Leader's meeting. Committee is Joanne Dalton, Cathy and Amanda Wendt, Chance and DeAnn Richards, Kimberly and Sarah Rowe.
- Fair and Eat Stand: It was decided that instead of using the Fair theme for booths, clubs should include the word "Jungle" somehow.
- Leader council roles and bylaw changes: This will be discussed further after the Youth Involvement committee has met.
- Friend of 4-H nominations: John Raffensperger, Jr was nominated for his work with the Robotics project, and Mark and Julie Jordahl for their leadership with the Archery

project. Motion by Sarah Rowe, second by Joni Farrington, and carried, to approve these nominations.

- The meeting schedule was set for the coming year. The January meeting will be held at 6 pm at the office in order to do 990 tax reports and annual required training.
- MES interviews will be November 5, and applications are due Oct 20. Readers will include Kimberly Rowe, Jackie Stauffacher and Joni Farrington; Joanne Dalton had offered to help interview; Becky Gutzman can help if no one else can volunteer.
- Officer training will be Oct. 31.
- Music Festival: Sue noted that three clubs are planning to enter, so the event will definitely be held. More clubs can still sign up.
- Ambassadors: new youth joining the team are Chase and Chance Richards, Jessica Taylor, Joab Wynn; returning members are Ben Ehlert, Amanda Wendt, and Allanna Stapleton.
- Archery project was discussed. Besides the need for leaders in shooting sports, many volunteers are needed to help with archery shoots.

#### New Business:

- There will be a photography meeting on Sept 28, as well as Knit/Crochet/Cultural Arts committee; members and leaders will plan activities for coming year. A Foods planning meeting will be held Oct 29 at 2:30 pm.
- There will be a Wisconsin 4-H Fall Forum. Karen will send out an email so everyone has the information; Leader's Council would help pay for attendance.
- Election of officers: At the previous meeting, Kimberly Rowe and Becky Gutzman had agreed to serve another term in their current roles of president and secretary, respectively, and Joanne Dalton agreed to serve as vice-president. Sarah Rowe and Chance Richards agreed to serve as co-youth representatives, and DeAnn Richards as adult representative at-large. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Motion by Sarah Rowe, second by Sandy Pohl, and carried, to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers.

Motion by Sandy Pohl, second by Sarah Rowe, and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm.