

Sauk Co. 4-H Senior Leaders

Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2009

Attendance: Tim Trower, Marla Kluge, Debbie Meister, Sandy Miskowiak-Larsen, Tina Raschein, Jean Sandmire, Dorothy Harms, Cayla Hantzsch & exchange student (name?), Hilda Hantzsch

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Trower at 7:03 PM. Additions were made to the agenda – under New Business: possible 2 year fair book, Club guidelines at Fair, and Discover Wisconsin trip. Jean moved to approve the agenda with the additions. Tina seconded and motion carried. The secretary minutes were reviewed with a correction to the amount fined for early removal of fair exhibits from \$50 to \$100 (2 members @ \$50 each). Marla moved to accept the secretary minutes with the correction. Tina seconded and motion passed. No correspondence.

Treasurers Report – Marla reported that to date there is \$19360.76 in the checkbook and a total funds balance of \$31157.92. Marla has had problems with receipts from credit card charges not being turned in by the summer agent & VISTA employees. She also suggested the summer agent should have reported to her about Discover Wisconsin expenses prior to the trip. It was suggested a stronger set of guidelines and budget should be given to future summer agents at the beginning of their employment. Expenses presented for payment totaled \$3194.94 including \$909.44 for Discover Wisconsin trip. Jean moved to approve the Treasurers Report and to pay the bills. Deb seconded and the motion passed.

Committee Reports: Youth – Cayla reported from the August JLC and Ambassadors meetings that JLC will again sell cookies at the Baraboo Holly Jolly Light parade. A new T-shirt will be designed to sell next year. The Ambassadors will coordinate meetings with JLC. Club Guidelines – Sandy shared an email asking about consequences for clubs that fail to show up or participate for Fair building supervision. It was suggested when clubs sign up for a time slot that the member/adult names who are to supervise are also included. Also suggested was to post at each building the schedule of time and club assignments and to have the 4-H office send a postcard reminder one week prior to fair to volunteers who signed up. Fundraising – Sandy has contacted Baraboo & Sauk bowling alleys to check into possible November dates for a bowling fund raiser. It was suggested to have participants ask for a flat rate pledge (similar to a walk-a-thon) rather than a per pin donation. Cost of bowling to participants would be \$6 for 3 games & shoes. A silent auction is also a possibility during the bowling fund raiser. After some discussion, it was felt hosting a bowling fund raiser at one county location would better support a silent auction. Debbie & Jean offered to work with Sandy to finalize plans for this fund raiser. Jessica has been approached about using the “Bucky Book” fund raiser. Most of the coupons in this book are Madison-based although the company does add a local supplement for Sauk County. No action was taken. Platbooks: Tim reported the Wisc. Dept. of Justice is looking into possible criminal practices (fraud) by Cloud Cartography and will keep Tim informed. Awards – Outstanding Friend of 4-H, Adult & Youth award forms are due Sept. 10. Livestock - A clarification from Aug. 2007 meeting minutes stated “up to 50% of the cost of the new livestock scale was to be repaid by fundraising efforts from the livestock committee.” The board agreed that they want to see 50% repaid or \$1620. Horse – Debbie reported that they were contacted to move

the horse arena at the fairgrounds because the City of Baraboo needed 20 ft. additional green space between the sidewalk and the arena. The arena will be relocated in the NW corner and will be bigger (100x200). The city of Baraboo will provide fill needed for the new arena but a new arena fence will need to be financed. Mark Meister is checking on prices for new fencing. Expansion & Review – survey results have been tallied & the committee will meet on Aug. 30. Marketing – Committee members are still working on the final draft for copy.

Old Business – Jean checked into a new insurance quote for the sheep & goat pens. Moving the classification from inland marine to business personal property coverage reduced the annual premium from \$606 to \$62. A refund from the previous \$606 paid will be requested. As a decision is being made for future ownership of the pens by the Sheep & Goat Committee, Senior Leaders are willing to pay for insurance and storage costs.

New Business – Tim reported on the joint meeting with the Sauk Co. Ag Society. The Fair Board (Ag Society) is considering the following changes – 1) foodstand rental fee; 2 ) 5% commission on all auction events held during the fair – to attain consistency across all animal projects; and 3) suggestion that 4-H suspend current improvement plans for exhibit buildings #2 & 3. Two Care to Share forms were reviewed: the first requested better communications from the Senior Leader board – Tim agreed to follow up with this individual and the second was a scholarship request for 4-H Art Camp. Jean moved to approve the \$60 request, Debbie seconded and the motion carried. The agenda item Superintendent duties and early removal of fair projects was tabled. A suggestion of a 2 year fair book with yearly livestock updates was brought up. No action was taken on this matter.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 22. Jean moved to adjourn and Marla seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Harms, Secretary