

Walworth County 4-H Senior Leaders' Association Meeting
January 26, 2009 Government Center, Elkhorn

The January meeting of the Senior Leaders' Association was called to order by President Richard Morgan. Leaders in attendance introduced themselves to help people get acquainted. The minutes of the November Senior Leaders' meeting were approved as printed. (S. Morgan, T. Wrzesinski motion). The treasurer's report was approved as presented. (D. Morgan, T. Wrzesinski motion). Lucy Reuter noted she had sent several cards and will send one to Bill Marquardt who has been seriously ill.

Unfinished Business: Kathy Arndt spoke about the reimbursement to be given to Shooting Sports volunteers for training expenses. At this time, there may be 3-4 volunteers doing the extensive training. Each volunteer completing the training will be reimbursed \$150 for expenses, with the money to come from the Kermit Graf Funds.

Thirteen 4-H clubs are participating in the county pizza fund-raiser. Forms were due at this meeting. Delivery date is set for February 28 at the Highway Department building.

The New 4-H Family Orientation, held January 20th was attended by about 4 people. Junior leaders and the ambassadors led informational groups about animal and non-animal projects, out-of-county opportunities, and recreation. The event may be repeated next year, extending an invitation to the general public.

At the time of this meeting, six youth have applied to attend Space Camp in the spring. Each youth who has not received financial assistance for the trip in the past will be given one-third of the cost by the Senior Leaders. Youth seeking financial assistance are encouraged to come to a Senior Leaders' or Executive Board meeting to request funding.

Club leaders were reminded to file their e-post card with the IRS. Deadline is March 15. Leaders having difficulty may want to contact Sue at the extension office.

Dianne Kegley, general leader for Lake Beulah 4-H and an employee in the Walworth County Fair office, shared information about changes in fair entry submission for the 2009 fair. She noted that membership lists and project information for youth wishing to exhibit at the Walworth County Fair must be on file at the fair office by April 15. (4-H member information is submitted by the Extension Office.)

Fair entry forms must be brought to the fair office by the club's general leader no later than the 2nd Friday in July. (No exceptions)

Entry tags will be ready at the fair office for leader pickup on Saturday July 18 (8am-noon) and Monday July 20 (8am-5pm).

If there are entry errors, a family can bring the original tag to the fair office so a change can be made. The deadline to have corrections/adjustments made to entry tags is August 10 (No Exceptions). No additions to entries can be made after entry forms have been turned in by the club leaders.

In other fair related discussion, it was noted pre-fair judging will begin on August 17 and conclude on Friday of that week. Anyone interested in purchasing a 2009 junior exhibitor premium book should notify the fair office. Cost will remain \$5. The premium book will also be available on-line in late spring or early summer.

Purchase of a laptop computer for the treasurer was brought up. Following some discussion, Todd Wrzesinski and Richard Morgan will work with the office and others in purchasing a computer for the treasurer's use.

UW Extension Report: Kathy noted she is assisting with a 2nd outreach program at Turtle Creek School in conjunction with an adult nutrition class. She continues to have the afterschool programming weekly in an effort to reach underserved audiences.

Work on the 2009 Leaders' Packet is nearing completion. It was noted there are several vacancies on the Awards Committee, especially in the Northeast and Northwest districts. Letha Kuecker, chairperson of the Awards Committee, noted she has contacted an individual in each of the districts and is waiting to hear back from them. Kathy Arndt also mentioned that an adult representative is need for the softball commission.

New Business: In light of the resignation of Judy Paul as rabbit key leader, the rabbit committee recommended that Cheryl Anderson be named key leader for the rabbit project. Cheryl spoke to the group and noted that Janet Johnson and Jacki Hahlbeck are interested in working with her as co-key leaders. Jacki Hahlbeck shared her ideas with the leaders. A motion was made and approved to name Cheryl Anderson, Jacki Halback, and Janet Johnson as co-key leaders for the rabbit project. (S. Morgan, C. Wills motion)

Christine Wills told about a gun safety program presented at a recent Sugar Creek 4-H meeting and encouraged others to consider such a program for their clubs.

Sally Morgan told the group the materials for the State Fair banner will be distributed at the February meeting. Each club will be asked to design a 12" square as part of our county banner.

Upcoming meetings include:

- Youth Protection Meeting January 27
- General Leaders meeting, February 17
- Call-in for Kid's Kollege, February 19
- Senior Leaders' meeting February 23
- Executive Board meeting March 3

The meeting was adjourned on a D. Morgan, T. Wrzesinski motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Letha Kuecker, secretary

(Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Senior Leaders.)

ATTENDANCE

Big Foot Pioneers:	Linda Sorenson
Elkhorn 4-H:	Kim Collins, Darcie Henriott, Dan & Sally Morgan, Richard Morgan
Flame Throwers:	Karen & Robert Meadows
Lake Beulah 4-H:	Dianne Kegley, Kelly Jaech, Jacki Halbeck
Linn 4-H:	Dan Kundert
Lyons 4-H:	Denis & Barb Sommers
Richmond 4-H:	Pat Tierney
Ridge Prairie 4-H:	Sally Van Dyken
Sharon 4-H:	Wayne & Lucy Reuter, Ann Williams, Laura VanderVeen
Springfield 4-H:	Kathie Benhart, Ashley Madaus, Letha Kuecker
Sugar Creek 4-H:	Caroline Cornelison; Marlene Schoenbeck, Christine Wills
Walworth 4-H:	Todd Wrzesinski
Whitewater 4-H:	Linda & Laurie Giorno, Char Fellmuth
UW Staff:	Kathy Arndt
Others:	Cheryl Anderson