

February 27th 2016

**Attendance:**

Lisl Thomsen, Jan Sandburg, Amy Lum, Lorena Stankevich, Georgeana Cook, Gail, Delores Foss, William Shaw, Trisha Arnott

Georgeana encouraged LC to continue applying for United Way grants.

Jan as VP ran the meeting as Kathy was unable to attend.

**\*Secretary report:** Lisl read over the minutes, motion was made and passed to accept minutes.

**Treasurers report:** No treasurer

**\*LMAAC-**In their Feb. 27th meeting they voted and approved to give \$650 to endowment as a retro active 2015 for last year.

Horse: Not much to report

**Awards-**Gail and Lorena and Amy have been working on making the calls for trophy commitments and making sure they all match up to find and fill holes and gaps.

There is a need for some more goat awards.

Bill said Roche Harbor is willing to help fill needs in general in the trophy/awards area.

Gail has been doing research into other trophy shops, and thinks we should give Mr. T's another try.

**Scholarship-**about 5 people applied for reimbursement for winter expo, Whatcom county youth fair is coming up, discussion about offering more \$ for WCYF because of hotel, there was general agreement that there is no need to increase reimbursements for this.

**Enrollment deadlines-** The enrollment deadline for all animal projects is March 1 and has been for many years. All members are encouraged to be enrolled by March 1 in 2016 and June 1 is available this year only to Still Life department projects. Anyone enrolling after March 1st of this year (or after leaders have sent in membership fees) will have to send their payments directly to Gail. Jan raised concern that future online payments need to come to San Juan County 4H rather than off to state or somewhere else, we'll want to be sure we keep track of this as things move forward with online payments.

**Cookbooks-**

Recipe collection forms were handed out. Please collect recipes from 4H

members and leaders for this book!

discussion about including photo's by club members and other discussion.

### **Horse Barn update-**

Lorena is representing Orcas on horse barn committee and Casey B./Lopez. Don't worry about condemning, structural engineer said actual support structure of horse barn is intact and safe. To rebuild will be cheaper. Contract has to go through county and county commissioners may be up for paying for most of the barn, with the fundraising going toward smaller purchases.

A matching grant for \$81,000 has been secured -there is a deadline for it to be spent is June 2017. Advertising for needs at fair is important. Plan is for a roof with poles coming down to a concrete floor, Stalls (about 60) will be panels back to back under the structure. Orcas stalls may be preserved as is and used as storage or backup stalls. A warm up arena is still desired but not in this barn plan. It was suggested that we have the kids involved either in fundraising or as advocates before with county council,or afterward to thank the county council.

### **Commercial kitchen update-No update**

**Extension director update-No update**, some discussion about 4-H experience of candidates.

**Round Robin Questions-**Amy updated all large animal questions-Josephine is working on cow ?'s- questions were available for lookover and discussion after LC meeting. Small animal will be worked on after meeting today.

### **Leader training updates-**

Close to 12 new leaders trained this year, Archery training coming up May 1st probably Orcas, there will be another leader training before the Archery training.

### **New business**

Adding SJ Ag summit to our list of approved scholarship opportunities for leaders-suggestion well received, more discussion to follow, Gail will find out from Candace if kids are allowed to attend.

Mike Wallace, update on Regional Teen Activities-May

22<sup>nd</sup> Skagit, San Juan, Whatcom and Island counties are having a regional teen gathering. The projected outcome of this gathering is that we will build stronger local teen opportunities in all of our counties. We are asking each county to send a team that can share one or two innovative programs they have used to successfully engage teen leaders in the program. There will also be a workshop strand specifically for leaders who work with teens to learn new strategies about successful Youth-Adult partnerships, and we will follow up with having teens and leaders build program vision together.

We encourage as many teens (13 – 18) as possible to come. As mentioned, each county should also try to have a delegation of "teen teachers" to share effective outreach methods.

The event will be a Skagit County Fairgrounds, 10-4 and we will wrap up

with a BBQ and other fun shenanigans.

Also, please be on the lookout for an invitation (to parents) for their teens to participate in a regional teen survey, and an invitation to an upcoming Regional Teen 4-H Facebook Page.

**Fair needs:**

Dog super

Cat Super

Poultry/Rabbit Super

State Fair Super-

Volunteers for still life

Demonstrations super

Costume contest organizer

Awards super

potential weekend dog trainings-Gail to follow-up

Gail passed around Still Life Bdg Fair Week schedule

April fundraising event-April 30(it is possible we need to pick another date)  
venue-Bill will let us know what dates are possible for a fundraiser at Roche Harbor, Camp Orkila MIGHT be possible-w/Roche Harbor catering.  
ticket price \$25 ea.

auction-probably silent

entertainment-possible swimming pool for kids with hired lifeguard.

Archery training -Archery training coming up

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\*WCYF April 8th and 9th

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**Next meeting combined with  
Weigh-in May 21st at fairgrounds.**