

San Juan County Leader's Council
March 25, 2017
Lopez Island

Shaw Island- Jan Sanburg

Orcas- Amy Lum, Kathy Morris, Jenny Degroot, Bill Pongo;

Lopez- Trisha Arnott, Delores Foss, Derekk Buffum, Jenny Sanford;

San Juan- Flo McAlary, Kristina Bayas

Guest: Martha Lum

Call to Order:

- Jan stated that she believed the Leaders Council should be neutral on the horse barn issue. The demolition of the barn is currently in question, and feelings are running high on both sides. The LC really does not have any reason to take a position either way, as it is not a part of the LC mission.

Announcements

- Kris stated that the 4h Coordinator position is open again and will be advertised again on the website. Please circulate information to prospective job applicants.
- State forum will be held at Great Wolf Lodge this year, October 20-22, 2017. Please make reservations.

Secretary's Report

- As secretary is absent today, Jan reviewed the Feb 4 2017 Leaders Council Minutes. No questions were raised. Minutes approved.

Treasurer Report

- Flo reviewed the available funds and endowment funds from the Treasurers Report. Question raised on the number of Country Living Expo participants (3).
- No Ag Summit participants this year.
- Flo mentioned that the endowment is changing, and there may be more money received this year for endowments.. She said that there would be more information coming, and suggested that we save further discussion for next meeting.

- There were no changes to existing Treasury Report. Treasury Report approved.

LMAAC:

- Derekk Buffum is the new Swine Superintendent.
- The weigh in will be June 3rd at the fair grounds.

Awards and Recognition Committee

- Kathy and Amy gave an update on progress made this month. The sponsored trophies have been ordered, and the remaining ribbon order will be completed soon. They met with Terri and Chris last week to complete the handover of the awards process.
- The question was raised if there is a deadline for trophy sponsors. That is up to the awards committee to decide. A date needs to be set.
- Request was made to get trophies back to 4h office by June for the upcoming fair, as there is much to do in preparation for the next group of recipients. Trish requested trophy list for Lopez Island. There will be a list distributed to each island for easier retrieval.
- Repair discussion proceeded (who does repairs, and who pays?). There is a parent volunteer on San Juan who is interested in repairing and polishing the trophies. The fair pays for the engraving and repairs.

Horse

- No horse report.
- Issue raised about finding assistance for Lorena in 2018 with her new job taking more of her available time.

Know Your Government (KYG)

- Kathy showed photos of the three participants at KYG, and was asked to post these on the 4H Facebook page. Martha Lum summarized her experience at KYG, and indicated that she is looking forward to attending next year. Kathy mentioned that the teens decorated bags for foster kids at the event as a community service activity. It was a very positive experience for all who participated.

- Flo recommended that teens give feedback to Islanders Bank for scholarship \$. The kids will write thanks you letters.
- There may be other institutions that would be willing to sponsor activities like KYG, such as Washington Federal or political organizations. A letter needs to be drafted and sent.
- On the subject of teens, the Pullman Teen Conference was announced, happening July 11/12. No \$ in budget, currently. However, please encourage teens to go.

Unfinished Business

- Flo finished paperwork for Brook to sign on the LC bank account.
- Kris mentioned that staff assistance is in place for the lack of a 4H coordinator. The search for a new coordinator has begun again, so encourage eligible applicants to apply!
- Updating Policy—A more in depth review will be worked on. Send questions/updates to Joe and Lisl.

New Business

- Jan mentioned that Gavin Guard made a scholarship request. Since he doesn't fit the standard 4h qualifications, it raises a question for the LC: Do we want to include as our mission supporting past members? In this case, there is a request for scholarship money for grad school. If there is finite funding available, what is the best use -- current kids or alumni? Question tabled for future discussion.
- Request made to review the schedule of the fair (draft distributed at meeting). Lorena changed horse games to 6pm on the Aug. 18 schedule.
- Kris stated that schedules #28-32 are missing in the distributed Premium Book and will be fixed soon. Please send edits to Kris by May 1st for review.
- Jan discussed the checkout times for the upcoming fair, and asked whether the still life barn should have an earlier check out time (8 pm?). Delores stated that it was difficult to make the Lopez ferry if all barns are released at 9 pm. Kathy stated that she believed we should honor the late fair goers by leaving exhibits open like other county buildings. After discussion, checkouts for the 2017 fair remain at 8pm for the animal barns and 9pm for the still life

building. However, no driving will be allowed near the still life barn to collect exhibits while the fair is open.

- Discussion raised about funding chaperones for present and future KYG events.

Next Meeting :

- Question raised on whether the next LC meeting should coincide with weigh-in day (June 3rd). Trish suggested a different day since it's often stressful on the animals. Jan suggested a different day since LC meetings aren't always inclusive with multiple activities occurring simultaneously. **Tentative dates, if different than weigh-in, could be May 13th or 20th. Likely venue is the Orcas Hotel.** Survey will be sent out shortly.

Actions to be taken:

- Continue discussion of scholarship funding for Gavin Guard
- Submit policy revisions
- Submit any changes to the premium book to Kris.

Motion

- **Motion made to transfer \$500 unspent from AG Summit to KYG and to draw the remaining funds (\$640) from reserves. Motion carried.**