

4-H Leaders' Council Meeting Minutes
Lopez Island at the Lopez Library.

Attendees: Cathy Cole, Cindy Gauthier, Wendy Buffum, Delores Foss, Larry Cochran, Tyler Cochran, Barbara Bevens, Dawn Ritchie, Rochelle Fowler, Sally Gaddis, Leanne GrosJacques,

Meeting opened 8:00 am by President Cole.

Roll call and introductions

Feb 4th minutes passed out/read/discussed. Barbara moved to accept as written, Dawn seconded, motion carried.

Rabbit Learning Lab kit was spread out on a table for folks to look at.

Treasurer's report provided by Terri Brown, read by Cindy.

Islander's Bank is generously donating \$1000 each year for EAS scholarships. 11 kids will be attending Whatcom Co. Youth Fair next month with most youth requesting scholarship funds.

Thank you letter to Islander's Bank was shown. **Barbara moved to accept funds and send thank you letter as written. Dawn seconded, discussion, motion carried. Letter signed by all present.**

Committee reports:

Livestock Auction – Cindy read minutes provided by LeAnne from the February meeting. A \$200 check will be sent to Leaders Council for last years Pierre Franklin award. An \$800 check will be added to the Leaders Council fund amount of \$200 for the Pierre Franklin scholarship to assure \$1000 each year. **Barbara moved to approve the committee's addition of \$800 to existing fund to make it \$1000 for this year's award. Seconded and passed.** Larry explained process and timing of funds release. July decided upon. **Cathy suggested that money be released to Leader's Council by July for presentation to recipient at Fair. Larry so moved, Tyler seconded, carried.**

Sheep Barn concrete is still being investigated and deciding configuration. Rochelle mentioned needing more room for goats this year. Larry suggested the old section be used just for 4-H, putting Open Class in another section. Leanne will not be handling butchering this year.

The need for more chicken and rabbit cages was discussed, as we have already reached capacity there. Current pricing is expensive, Larry is researching alternatives.

Cindy noted that 4-H volunteers will be acting as open class superintendents in the rabbit/poultry/cavy tent this year. Fred will research finding large animal livestock judges. Jan has lined up a poultry judge. Rabbit/Cavy judge still pending.

Leanne stepping down as Large Animal Round Robin Supt.

Cathy explained about bricks being a EAS fundraiser.

Q: could bricks be auctioned at Livestock Auction?

Discussion: possibly set up a table near auction, timing, etc.

A: not at this time, auction takes long enough as it is.

Still Life Auction Committee– no report

Horse Leaders Committee – looking to work together more county-wide

4-H Policy Committee – no report

Trophy Committee – no report

College Scholarship Committee – Reviewed both Keys and Pierre Franklin application revisions (Cathy). Wendy thought objectives should be better defined. Age did not matter, just a Junior or Senior in college to apply with super senior allowable also. **Cathy requested motion to accept Pierre Franklin Scholarship app as read. Leanne moved, Larry seconded, carried.**

Keys Family Scholarship application requirements read by Cathy

Dolores questioned the statement “up to \$500”

Historically it has been split between 2 applicants. Discussion re: cost of tuition and books

Larry moved \$500 minimum for 1 person per year. If a second person is also selected to win the award, then funds will need to be found to award the second person \$500 as well. Leanne seconded, carried. Larry felt application date should be earlier. Dolores said not necessary, as there are few applicants and it is dealt with easily. **Larry moved to accept application with revisions, Barbara seconded, carried.** Cindy will put new and improved applications on line by May 1.

Financial Endowment Committee – Updated brochure passed around. The committee would like to create an endowment board, to gather and build an endowment fund so that the scholarships could be guaranteed without serious annual fundraising. Principal of \$75,000 is goal, so interest only could be used annually. Jan has already sent one copy of the brochure to all Livestock Auction buyers. 250 brochures produced. Committee members: Flo, Kathy Morris and Jan Sanburg.

Old Business

Know Your Government – teen event explained for Sally Gaddis. Connor Smith and Ryan Cole attended and submitted reviews to Cindy. Cathy Cole attended as delegations adult chaperone. They were there while 4-H License plate was on the legislative agenda and got to speak on behalf of 4-H during the Legislative review. 4-H pays for the plate processing, not the state. Each county will receive some benefit. Kids got to speak with 42nd District legislator as 40th District legislators were in session.

King County may be losing 4-H funding and disbanding, unless another \$\$ source can be found.

Summer Teen Conference is in June 24-26 at WSU campus in Pullman. Invitations distributed. Larry noted that teen events like this one have built a lifelong friendship network statewide for his children.

Lengthy discussion on the Awards Ceremony during Fair.

Change start time to 5:00 pm, which will give auction folks a break between events. Discussed awarding some trophies after the classes were done instead of at the awards ceremony.

Discussed building cases for trophies so they can be displayed in barns immediately after classes were over. Save ceremony for only those awards that kids DO NOT KNOW they are getting like character awards and High Points etc. **Larry moved, Barbara seconded, motion carried to have start time at 5:00 instead of 4:00.**

Trophy committee will decide what can be presented earlier during the week and provide a list of what should be presented at ceremony. Larry moved, Leanne seconded, carried. Discuss at next LC meeting. It was decided that the trophies should be returned to 4-H building after fair for engraving.

Round Robin Scorecard was not revised from last acceptance. No update.

Small animal RR questions and large animal RR questions are being collated and reformatted to be put on the SJC Extension web site before Fair. Showmanship should be the larger part of the RR, but judges should not try to trip up the kids. Q's should be age appropriate.

Noted: The prep time for the RR study sessions is not well attended as takes place during gaming.

Ploghoft Scholarship presented for review only. It is SJI only and not subject for approval.

Ramblers volunteers previously approved with only minor changes.

Other:

Fair Board meets every 2nd Mondays. We should have a presence there.

Q: Will Supts. get bound Fair Premium Books?

A: Cindy will look into it.

Discussion on the large communicative arts entries that require the judges hours of time to read. These would be books, poetry collections, long plays/dramas. Requested that projects be due the Sunday before the Fair, as is Photography and Ed. Posters.

Dawn moved, Wendy seconded, carried.

Next meeting on San Juan Saturday, May 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40

Minutes submitted by Barbara Bevins