

San Juan County 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2012 San Juan Island

People in Attendance:

Officers: Cathy Cole (President, SJ), Terri Brown (Acting Treasurer, SJ)

Leaders: John Gauthier (SJ), Flo McAlary (SJ), Barbara Bevans (SJ), Kathy Morris (SJ)

Extension Staff: Cindy Gauthier

8:45am Meeting called to order by President, Cathy Cole

Minutes from the March Meeting were reviewed. **Motion made and carried to accept March Meeting minutes as written.**

Treasurer's Report: Terri reported that WCYF scholarships are all paid. Insurance is now all in. KYG is paid. State fee was paid to the foundation. There are 3 teens and one chaperone going to Teen Conference that will have requested scholarships. **Motion was made and carried to accept Treasurer's verbal report.** Cindy added that the LC and LMAC peer reviews and financial summaries were submitted to the State 4-H Office.

Committee reports:

Livestock Market Auction Committee: Kathy Morris would like to request scholarship assistance from LMAC for sheep shearing school, Joan Downs sheep shearing school, and Joan's equipment. **Cindy will make sure this is presented at the next LMAC.

Cindy reviewed the LMAC minutes from the last meeting. She noted that the LMAC will be giving \$1200 to the Fair Board for the purpose of purchasing more rabbit and chicken cages. Shel has agreed to build more wooden stands for the cages.

Still Life Silent Auction Committee: No Report

Horse Committee: Mangers were torn out in the barn to make them safer. **Barb will be talking to Shel about reinforcing corner of the right front end of the barn. Cindy sent out an email regarding a State Rule change where members will be able to ride in all riding disciplines at State Fair if they qualify.

Trophy Committee: Trophies are due in the Extension Office on July 1st.

Policy Committee: See Horse Committee.

Scholarship Committee: Sent 11 kids to WCYF. Kids need to be reminded to fill out their report forms. The next teen event that will use scholarships is the Teen Conference. So far, there are 3 teens and one chaperone attending. College Scholarship applications are on the web site.

Financial Development Committee: Will be meeting during the Fair. Flo reports there is still poor communication from the 4-H Foundation. There's been no communication since July 2011. Need to get a report of discretionary money from the discretionary account for the 2011-2012 year. **Cindy will talk with Pat about this. Jan has gone ahead with the Endowment brochure. Cindy shared it. Flo suggested starting a list of big donor prospects. Should get at least half of the \$75K goal from big donors.

Old Business:

Awards Ceremony and Presentation of Awards: The awards Committee reviewed the recommendations from the last meeting regarding receiving known awards/trophies in the barns and only those not known in the awards ceremony. San Juan Horse Club liked the idea while Orcas Horse Club did not. There are still mixed

feelings and opinions. Terri motioned to leave ceremony as is for this year and revisit later. Flo seconded the motion and it was carried.

Grants and Learning Labs: The United Way Grant needs to get in on time this year. Kathy Morris would like to approach Orcas Island Community Foundation for a grant. **Cindy will have Jan send the wording of the UW grant to Kathy. **Terri made a motion that the UW and Orcas grants be used to purchase the learning labs for next year. Kathy second and the motion was carried.** There should be 2 labs each (poultry, rabbit and horse) to start.

New Business:

Reminder Regarding Leaving and Packing Up Saturday Evening of Fair: Cindy clarified that all animal barns close Saturday night at 8pm. Anyone can pack up, take animals and leave the barns at 8pm Saturday night (not before). The 4-H and other still life buildings close at 9pm and no one can take their exhibits until after that time. If items are not taken away on Saturday night, all the buildings are open at 9 AM until Noon on Sunday.

Rosette Ribbons Awarded to Teams/Clubs/Groups: Discussion regarding awarding rosette ribbons to exhibits other than single individuals. It is not sustainable to award ribbons to all the members of teams/groups/clubs that exhibit and enter unless specific sponsors are found to purchase the rosettes. Demonstration contest rosettes are excluded as they are locally sponsored already. **John motioned that if there is a club or group exhibit or presentation, one ribbon is awarded to the club or group to share. Terri second and motion carried.** **Cindy will submit an email to clarify.

Publication Availability from the Extension Office: WSU publications are no longer free. Cindy can download curriculum if needed. For some items that are still free (posters, membership cards), Cindy will order as much as possible while they are available.

Volunteer Hours Reporting Website Changed: <http://ext.wsu.edu/volunteers/> Of the 68 volunteers in our county, only 7 have logged in hours this year. PLEASE LOG YOUR HOURS! The data justifies the program and the 4-H Program Coordinator's position as well as verifies you for liability coverage! In some counties around WA State, if a volunteer does not log in hours, they won't get re-instated as a volunteer. This may be something in the future that will be implemented by the WA 4-H State Office. BE PREPARED...LOG YOUR HOURS!!

Open Discussion:

Kathy Morris brought up the idea of trying to make 4-H a credited program for public school. **She will look into this at the state level.

Coastal Farm and Feed in Mount Vernon is a new store. They have a 4-H program with feed purchasing punch cards. Every 11th bag of feed is free. 10% off program for membership card carrying 4-Hers. **Cindy will send out an email.

Reminder that the 4-H membership card will get you 1 free day at the State Fair (4-H Day) on Sept. 21st. Contact Cindy if you would like some 4-H membership cards sent to you for your club members.

Motions Made and Carried:

1. **Motion made and carried to accept March Meeting minutes as written.**
2. **Motion was made and carried to accept Treasurer's verbal report.**
3. **Motion was made and carried that the UW and Orcas grants be used to purchase the learning labs for next year.**
4. **Motion was made and carried that if there is a club or group exhibit or presentation, one ribbon is awarded to the club or group to share.**

Actions to be taken (aka: “Cindy’s TO DO list”):

- 1. Action: Cindy will present Kathy’s request for the LMAC to pay for her sheep shearing school, Joan Downs sheep shearing school, and Joan’s equipment.**
- 2. Action: Barb will talk to Shel about reinforcing corner of the right front end of the barn.**
- 3. Action: Cindy will talk with Pat about the poor communication from the State 4-H Foundation and try and get a discretionary fund report.**
- 4. Action: Cindy will send an email out to clarify the group awards.**
- 5. Action: Cindy will send an email regarding the new program at the new Coastal Farm and Feed Store in Mount Vernon.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am

Next LC Meeting July 21st at the Fairgrounds (combine meeting with cage building?)

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Cathy Cole 6/15/12