

San Juan 4-H Leader's Council Meeting Minutes for Saturday, February 4, 2012

Meeting Location: Orcas Hotel

Those in Attendance: Special Guest; Shannon Marshall and Deb Eidsness from Skagit Farm Supply Leaders; President Cathy Cole- SJ, Vice President Jan Sanburg -Shaw, Co-Treasurer Terri Brown - SJ, Lorena Stankevich – Orcas, Kathy Morris - Orcas, Pam Guyer –Orcas, Dana Kinsey - Orcas, LeAnne GrosJacques- Lopez, Valerie Yukluk – Lopez, Barbara Bevens - SJI

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy Cole at 7:30 AM.

Introduction: Cathy thanked everyone for attending and talked about moving forward and making the Leader's Council a great Leader resource. Everyone introduced themselves and talked about their clubs and projects.

Business Meeting:

- Secretary's Report – minutes from November meeting were available. Motions Made and Actions to be taken were read. **Jan moved the minutes be approved as read, LeAnne Seconds, the motion carries.**
- Treasurer's Report – Flo is off island. No Report was given as the treasury is still in a transition phase. Moana is busy with other commitments and will not be at the next few meetings. Terri Brown is writing checks and keeping track of day-to-day financial activities.

REMINDERS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

2012 Teen Rally in Skagit County
Enrollments are DUE FEBRUARY 15th
Insurance is DUE MARCH 1

Committee Reports:

- Livestock Committee – There will be a meeting on Monday the 6th. The Pierre Franklin Scholarship funding will be discussed. Sheep barn remodel to continue this year. Leanne wants to remind all Livestock Members that funding is available to support Whatcom County Youth Fair and other events.
- Silent Auction Committee – Since there were 2 times the enrollment last fair, they are considering a larger and more visible location for 2012. Maybe the dog tent.
- Horse Committee – Bits and Spurs show June 29, 30 and July 1, 2012. A barn dance is being planned!
- Policy Committee – Jan and Terri are working on gathering and formatting Round Robin study questions for all species of Small and Large Animal RR for the website.
- Trophy Committee – no report.
- Scholarship Committee – no report.
- Financial Development Committee – Jan has submitted a press release to all the local papers about the Brick Campaign. Kathy Morris asked to be added to this committee. Terri explained that one of the main goals of the committee is to bring the endowment up to \$75,000 in order to fund EAS scholarships every year through the interest earned.
- Know Your Government needs sponsors – There are 2 teen members planning to go to KYG Feb 18-20. ***The brochure has been updated. Terri and Cathy are working on contacting some key sponsors personally. Jan is preparing a general EAS mailing.***

Old Business:

United Way Grant – Moana was really sick and so the Grant Application was submitted late. The United Way declined to accept the Grant Application.

New Business:

There needs to be co-ordination between 4-H and the Fair Board on what time exhibits are allowed to leave the Fair Grounds. It needs to be more clearly stated in the Premium book and enforced.

Guest Presentation

Deb and Shannon had handouts and forms for the Skagit Farmer Supply's (SFS) Youth Program. The program is designed to help 4-H members earn 10% on their project purchases made at SFS and an additional 5% for their clubs. Many members are active in San Juan County but new members should be encouraged to join. It is a great program.

Shannon is the Livestock Specialist at the Mount Vernon SFS and she is very willing to help answer questions from 4-H members and leaders about their Livestock Projects or help in any way.

There was also a group discussion about how Deb can help LC network with Stanwood FFA to work on a Horticulture display to highlight our brick sales area at the fair.

Deb also was excited about the potential to make monthly drop off of large feed orders in our county. If groups are willing to co-op on orders this could really be a great savings and convenience. It would be most successful if there were a volunteer liaison on each island that could coordinate and manage the drop-offs.

Shannon took a list of emails for people who wanted to be on the "chick order" mail out list for what breeds will be available on what dates at the Mt. Vernon SFS store.

Group Discussions:

There were several open group "brainstorming" and round-table discussions.

Terri has purchased "Learning Lab" kits for Rabbit and Poultry to use in her club. These were like the kits we had hoped to get with the United Way Grant. The kits are very well done and can be seen at the website www.ohio4h.org/learninglabkits Terri loves the kits and encourages individual clubs to purchase them.

The Round Robin Scorecard and Superintendent Information documents were reviewed again. The scorecard was used for Small Animal in 2011 and was well received. It will be used for both Round Robin events in 2012. Soon the scorecard and study questions for each species will be available for the members and leaders on the 4-H website. The goal is to make this event a better learning experience for the members by providing them with a written scorecard example so that they understand what they will be judged on. Then, providing them their own scorecards after the event, so they can see what areas they were strong in and where they could improve.

We also had a discussion about selling bricks at the fair. Valerie said she had pavers that could be used as placeholders and that people would have a better vision of what the brick display would look like when completed. Deb suggested that the Stanwood FFA could help us design an eye catching half-barrel

floral display to get people's attention to the brick area. *Jan suggested that the LC have some memorial bricks made up for people that were instrumental in the 4-H Program in San Juan County and maybe a couple of these bricks could be auctioned off this Fair. Jan will ask about that at the meeting on Monday.*

The Awards Ceremony is always late because the Auction precedes it and it is hard to know exactly when it will end. It is suggested to change the time of the Awards Ceremony to 5pm on Saturday. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 10:30 AM

Proposed Leaders Council Meeting Dates 2012:

March 31st (Lopez): Premium Books

May 19th (SJ): Celebrate Cindy's birthday with a cake and ice cream. Maybe meet at the community room at the college?

July 21st (SJ): Getting ready for Fair. Meet in the 4-H building...guest speaker Rev Shannon

August 18th (FAIR): Fair Leaders' Meeting...award scholarships

October 13th (Shaw): Elect officers, Fair wrap-up, 2013 planning

MOTIONS MADE

Jan moved the minutes be approved as read, LeAnne seconds, and the motion carries.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

***KYG sponsorship: Terri and Cathy are working on contacting some key sponsors personally.
General EAS Funding: Jan is preparing a mailing.***

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