

San Juan County 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting Minutes July 16, 2011, San Juan Island

People in Attendance:

Officers: Terri Brown, president (SJ), Flo McAlary, treasurer (SJ)

Leaders: Moana Kutsche (Orcas), Ginny Beaudoin (SJ), John Gauthier (SJ)

Extension Staff: Cindy Gauthier

8:45 am Meeting called to order by President, Terri Brown

Minutes from the May Meeting were not available. Review and approval of March Minutes will be deferred to the next LC meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Flo presented the current Treasurer's Report. **Motion made and carried to accept the Treasure's Report as provided.**

LC is short \$44 in insurance payments from members, but Flo can use General Funds to cover the gap. Membership payments are all current. Money for ribbons is coming in. The Keys scholarship is fully funded for now. Approximately \$2,700 has been spent so far this year for EAS (\$2,100 for members, \$600 for leaders), which is within budget. Money will be needed from the endowment for various scholarship awards (including Franklin, Durhack, EAS). The projected endowment return is \$1,000. General Fund monies can be used for scholarships and reimbursed from the endowment if the timing does not work out. There is adequate money for projected Teen Rally costs.

Committee reports:

Livestock Market Auction Committee: The sheep barn is being redone with auction funds.

Still Life Silent Auction Committee: Autumn Hallock has taken this over from John Gauthier. Leaders need to remind members of the silent auction, and that they can now enter 3 items instead of 2.

Horse Committee: Bits and Spurs had a successful horse show in June that grossed \$900. The judge was costly; they would do things differently in the future to reduce costs. There is a hole in the tack room roof that needs to be fixed because gear is getting damaged. Rev Shannon will be informed. Sand is needed for the stalls for the fair.

Policy Committee: No Report.

Trophy Committee: Trophies are trickling in. Terri and Cindy will need more help earlier prepping the trophies for the awards ceremony because horse events will be held

Saturday for the first time this year, limiting the time they can spend that day on trophies. Flo reminded LC that horse members are not permitted to register for the fair until their perpetual trophies are returned. **Motion made and carried to place on the LC November agenda a requirement that all perpetual trophies be returned on time; any member failing to do so will not be permitted to register for the fair.**

Scholarship Committee: See above under Treasurer's Report.

Record Book Committee: No Report.

Old Business:

Round Robin: Leaders' Council warmly thanked Jan and Terri, who, with input from other leaders, have completed 6 months' hard work on the new scoring rubric for the Large and Small Round Robin competitions at the SJC Fair. There was discussion of whether RR questions should be open-ended to allow members to answer more fully depending on their age and experience, or to keep questions to short-answer, unambiguous form to make it easier and more consistent for judges. Consensus ran towards the latter, for now. The rubric and questions will continue to be reviewed and revised. Moana will provide 20-25 questions each on cat and pygmy goat for Terri and Cindy to review; they will have rabbit, poultry and cavy.

RR questions and the new judging sheet will be available on the web for members to study before the competition.

Teen Rally: Final budget is in process. Planned charge is \$90 per attendee including food and lodging. Ginny suggested that white tee shirts may be available through San Juan Prevention Partnership. Teen Rally organizers can come to LC Executive Committee for a fund loan if necessary. Perhaps \$500 will be needed from the General Fund.

Teachers for workshops are being sought. Terri brought a draft brochure and draft registration form for review and comment.

New Business:

Fairgrounds Planning Meetings: 4H was represented on San Juan, Lopez and Orcas planning meetings held by the fair organizers to talk about the future of the county fairgrounds. Among the topics discussed were improving the horse stalls and arena, changes to the horticultural buildings, making the south buildings configurable, and replacing temporary tents with permanent structures. The county is interested in a 20-year plan. There was general agreement at LC the functionality of the facility was more important than cosmetic change proposals, one of which included re-doing the fairgrounds to make it park-like and making the fair buildings all look similar. There will be an on-line survey and blog to gather more input on the future of the facility, and Rev Shannon is happy to talk with people by phone.

Fair Preparations: There are county funds to hire Tammy and Alice to help Cindy again this year. The budget information that the county provides is often unclear, which makes planning difficult. Tags, stall cards and ribbons are in good supply. Judges have mostly been secured; cat and dog judges are nearly in place and Cindy is working on lining up still life judges. Cindy needs volunteers to help set up and staff the still life barn.

IRS Paperwork: Appropriate paperwork for LC has been completed and filed by Cindy.

Motions Made and Carried:

- **to accept the Treasure's Report as provided.**
- **to place on the LC November agenda a requirement that all perpetual trophies be returned on time; any member failing to do so will not be permitted to register for the fair.**

Actions to be taken:

1. Action: No actions at this time.

Next LC Meeting: Tentatively set for November 5 or 12, location and time to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Moana Kutsche 8/8/11