

Present: Ellis & Lucille Schneider, Deb Schneider, Bill & Polly Schneider, Wendy Witter, Karen Welch, Patti Cheek, Bob Brown and Michelle Morrison.

The meeting was called to order by President Ellis at 6:38 pm.

The flag salute was led by Polly and the 4-H Pledge was led by Karen.

Introductions were made.

The minutes from the June meeting were read by Co-secretary Bob Brown. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$5,690.44

 Savings \$5,980.56

The bills that have been paid since last reporting include Haglund's Trophies and 3 scholarships.

Old Business:

4-H Program Assistant: Michelle Morrison announced that she has been working since Aug. 23 and is excited about being on board. We welcome you Michelle.

Fair Wrap Up: Registration process was discussed. Some superintendants really liked having everything printed out for them in advance and felt it was advantageous while one felt it wasn't necessary in their barn as they have to do something totally different. As far as barn herdsmanhip, it is an asset to have it done in advance. It makes it easier to have all the listing of the clubs so that score sheets can be made prior to fair and not Thursday morning. The awards ceremony was a success with a large number of members and parents in attendance. It was stated that it would be a good idea to present the overall barn herdsmanhip ribbons earlier on Sunday so that the public can see who won.

New Business:

Pork Roast Date: Several dates were discussed. The date of April 9th was the consensus of those present. Polly made a motion to hold the Pork Roast on April 9th and Bill 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Lucille will call to reserve with the NCW Fairgrounds.

Quality Assurance: The topic of Quality Assurance training was re-visited. There is still some concern that our county is still expecting mandatory training to be attended in order for members to exhibit at the NCW Fair in 2011. The group expressed pro's and con's of this rule. Wendy moved to strike the word mandatory from the "QA training will be encouraged this year forward with mandatory training completion required for those members selling any animal through the **4-H Livestock Auction** by the year 2011". (Leaders Council Minutes 1-6-09) and insert the words strongly recommended. Bob 2nd the motion. Discussion followed and the amendment was passed. It should now read "Quality Assurance training will be strongly recommended for those members selling any animal through the **4-H Livestock Auction** by the year 2011". Michelle will be contacting Sarah Smith (Grant County Extension Agent) to see if she can provide training at least once or twice this next year. It was suggested that we compensate Sarah in some way if she is able to provide training for our county.

Scholarships: It was discussed that the scholarship applications should have some revisions. A committee will be formed to look into this and bring suggestions back to the next meeting. The committee will include Deb and Patti.

Awards Banquet: We will be holding it in conjunction with Chelan County on Nov. 7th. It is to be a potluck. A notice will be arriving soon telling us what we need to bring. We will hope for a good turnout from Douglas County members as it hasn't been well attended the last few years.

NCW Fair Centennial Display: NCW is turning 100!!!! The NCW Fair is asking for help in putting together a display for their centennial next year. It was discussed to see what photos and information we can provide from early 4-H involvement for this display.

Record Books: We only have 9 books turned in from Douglas County. We will judge these and get them back in right away. Since these were all from one club, Deb and Patti have agreed to come and judge the books. These books aren't from their clubs.

Election of Officers: This was tabled until next meeting due to the late hour and also in hopes of encouraging new leaders to get involved and come on board.

Volunteer Hours: Michelle reminded us that we all need to be reporting our hours. It is important that we get these hours in. We need to document the hours for L&I. Right now, The Master Gardners and 8 leaders from Do. & Chelan Co. are reporting hours. We lead the state extension right now in hours. She reported that Extension is still here because of the Master Gardner program.

Know Your Government: Michelle asked if we were interested in supporting KYG. We all agreed we are. The dates are Feb. 19th-22nd. No costs were available tonight. Polly made a motion to provide two scholarships with an amount to be determined at the next meeting. Patti 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

New Leader Trainings: Michelle is planning on several different dates to hold new leader training as we have several that will need to take this training. Mary Ellen has a list of all the leaders who have not attended training. Michelle will be scheduling dates and notifying us of these dates.

New 4-H Club: Michelle announced that she has a new club starting up. It is a Robotics club. An organizational meeting is scheduled for Oct. 28 at 7 pm at the extension office. JC Penney is providing the parts for the robots and \$6500 and State 4-H will be providing another \$3500. There will be a competition held in March.

State 4-H Forum: Douglas County is hoping to send someone to the forum this weekend for representation. Polly has agreed to go Friday evening and attend Sat and Sun. It will cost the \$ of registration and \$10 each night for the hotel to stay with Michelle. Wendy made a motion to pay for Polly's registration, hotel and mileage. Karen 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Thank You's: The thank you's for trophy donors have not been sent out. Is anyone willing to help write these and send them out? Patti volunteered to take care of this.

Thank You Received: A thank you from Deb Schneider, chair of the NCW Fair Petting Zoo, was passed around. She appreciated the donation from the Leader's Council towards the 2010 petting zoo. It helped with acquiring animals and other needs for the zoo.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 6 pm Wed. Dec. 8 at the Chelan Co. Extension Office.

Polly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deb 2nd the motion. Motion carried. 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Polly Schneider
Co-Secretary Do. Co. 4-H Ldrs. Council