

Present: Lynda Mikelson, Julia Goodman, Karen Hall, Michelle Lain, Marcie Johnston, John Johnston, Celia Cummings, Amy York, Deb Schneider & Polly Schneider.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Julia and the 4-H Pledge was led by Karen.

The minutes from the last meeting were read. Lynda moved to accept and Julia 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Checking	\$5,637.43
Savings	\$5,988.89

Bills paid include: Insurance, Awards. No belt buckle reimbursement has been received. There was \$400 donated for KYG chaperone.

Celia asked about a printed treasurer's report to be given at each meeting. Discussion was in favor of this idea.

#### **Old Business:**

Bios: Michelle suggested that only paid judges (large and small livestock & horses) have bios. The Fairboard will be responsible to police that this is accomplished. They would be posted in the arena and Fair Book.

4-H Building Barn Duty Activities: Activities will be per club at their discretion. We will encourage all clubs to try some type of activity but the Leaders Council can have a few things ready for those clubs that aren't crafty.

Style Show Locations: Julia will check with the Fairboard to see if we can find a different location instead of the Community Hall. Possible locations are the lawn, midway or another stage.

#### **New Business:**

Super Saturday: The teen 4-H group wants to present fitting and showing classes with live animals. This will build on the classes that they gave last year. Super Saturday will be held at the Chelan County Fairgrounds this year. If we can procure enough animals, we will have livestock judging classes also. It was suggested we need to think ahead to Biosecurity issues that may arise with mixed livestock and the transmission of certain diseases among animals from different locations. Other classes might include record books and demonstrations. Lynda moved to hold Super Saturday and to earmark money to cover food up to \$75. Julia 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried.

Western Regional Leaders Forum: It will be held March 2-4 in Fairbanks, Alaska. Michelle is attending and has ½ room she is willing share with anyone who is interested. Cindy Aston and her husband will be attending – representing Chelan County.

Demonstration Days: It was discussed that we should combine the two counties demo days. Possible locations were mentioned. Cashmere, and Waterville were the consensus. Possible dates included July 21<sup>st</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup>, June 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> and July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Scholarships: State 4-H scholarships are due Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. WSU specific scholarships are due March 1<sup>st</sup>. Douglas County Scholarships are due April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Fair Book Changes: Any possible changes need to be submitted soon. Several possible changes have been submitted to Michelle. She will pass on to the Fairboard for the review and approval. The photography needs to be closer aligned to the state 4-H guidelines.

KYG: Douglas County has 3 members going. Early registration is \$175. Polly moved to pay \$100 for each of the 3 members going from Do. County and \$75 for gas for the chaperone. Lynda 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. If any other members choose to go, we will discuss at the next meeting if we want to reimburse for any fees.

IRS: When clubs file their 990 form, an error message is coming up. Print out these forms. Now the IRS is saying some of these clubs are in noncompliance and their non-profit status has been revoked. It is unknown how many clubs are affected. Michelle is trying to work through this issue and will be sending out an email so that clubs know what to do.

Pat BoyEs Retirement: Pat announced her retirement in December. Her state level duties have been divided up among the other state staff. Any questions still need to start with Michelle. She will help guide us if she isn't able to answer our questions.

Open Position: The 4-H receptionist position on January 12<sup>th</sup>. There were 7 applicants. We should know by our next meeting who has been chosen to fill the vacancy. There is also a Regional Specialist position open. It is a new position that will be based out of the Chelan Extension Office but will oversee Chelan, Douglas and Okanogan counties. It is a research position and is over Michelle. There are 4 applicants. There will also be a Chelan County Director position that will be posted soon.

For the Good and Welfare: Michelle reported that she will be teaching financial literacy classes to middle school and high school students using the Dave Ramsey's program – Foundations in Personal Finance. She will possibly teaching it as an after school model. It will be opened to 4-H youth first and then possibly opened up to other youth.

A concern was voiced over the imbalance of awards at the Awards banquet. Some ideas were discussed about other awards we could give, separating the county award programs and other options.

Michelle wants Chelan County and Douglas County to hold one Bi-County Leaders Council meeting. The date was set for Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Douglas County Leaders will meet at 6 pm. The two counties will hold a general meeting at 6:30 and Chelan County Leaders will meet following the general meeting.

Amy & Celia requested to be added to the record book committee.

Committees are now:

Record Books – Patti, Polly, Amy, Celia

Demonstrations – Celia

Scholarships – Polly

Date for Bi-County record book meeting - Wed February 17<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm – Chelan Co. Extension

Date for Bi-County scholarship meeting – Wed February 10<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm – Chelan Co. Extension

Polly moved to adjourn the meeting. Deb 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Schneider

Co-Secretary

Douglas County 4-H Leaders Council.