

**Kent County 4-H Leader's Meetings
October 21, 2008**

President Carole Fleming called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The American Pledge was led by Cindy Dempsey and the 4-H Pledge was led by Pat Sullivan.

The Secretary's minutes were available to everyone in their packets. Joelle Vincent made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Cindy Dempsey. Motion approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Linda Sullivan. Cindy Dempsey made a motion to approve the report and JoAnn Carter seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Jr. Council Report was given by Carole Fleming. They are getting ready for Great Pumpkin Day. The next meeting is Oct. 27th at 7:15 pm.

County Club Updates:

- **Exchange Group-** Carole Fleming reported. They are doing a t-Shirt fundraiser and the orders are due by Nov. 6th. T-Shirt forms can be found in your packet. They are having a basket bingo on Nov. 6th at the Cheswold Fire Company. Linda has flyers and tickets. Their next meeting is on Sept. 27th at 6:00 pm.
- **Archery Club-** Pat Sullivan gave a report. They are meeting on Sunday Oct. 26th at the fairgrounds. He is looking for a male Jr. Leader (must be 14 year old) to help out.
- **Dance Club-**Sandy Reynolds gave a report. They have 5 new members. They will start at 6:30 pm with beginners and 7:00 pm for everyone else. You have to be 8 years old and have to have a parent stay with you. The next meeting is on Nov. 6th at the 4-H office.
- **Tech Team-** No report

Old Business:

County Leader Committees- Carole Fleming asked if there were any other leaders that would like to sign up for additional committees.

County Record Books- We had over 300 record books turned in this year.

Achievement Banquet- Covered dish went very well. We had wonderful food. Overall it went very well. There were 350 people there. The cost of the banquet was \$626.00 and we took in \$677.00. Midway slots donated the tablecloths and ice. Pizzadilis prepared the ham and only charged us \$25.00 (more than \$100 donation). **Goat Award-** There were no essays submitted this year so no award was presented. Club leaders were encouraged to look for members that could benefit from this award.

National 4-H Week- There were 8 Window Displays and 17 Little Barrels. All clubs did a wonderful job.

NE Regional Forum (New Hampshire) - All the Kent County leaders going will have a meeting following the leaders meeting. Joelle made a motion which was seconded by Lynn Wilkins to pay \$1600 per conference to cover registration fees of leaders attending the conference. We originally had \$600 in the budget. Linda will change the amount in the budget for next year.

4-H Open House Event - Linda Sullivan reported that the open house was a success, but it was attended by Harrington Sunshine members only.

Livestock Exposition - This event was on Oct. 11th and 12th at the fairgrounds in Harrington. They had a large turnout this year.

4-H Enrollment & Club Information Sheets - The forms are due ASAP. Enrollment cards are due by Dec. 1st. Make sure your paperwork is in ASAP.

Club Audits - They are due ASAP.

New Business:

New Leader Training - It will take place on October 30th at the Extension Office. Any leader may attend and food will be provided. Please RSVP to the office. It is from 5:30-8:30 pm.

Great Pumpkin Day - This event will be on November 1st with Westville 4-H Club at Dill's Auction. The event will begin at 6:00 pm. They will have chicken, hot dogs and chili along with bake goods. Linda Sullivan made a motion which was seconded by Cindy Dempsey to have the leaders buy the chicken and hot dogs. The 4-H clubs are asked to bring the bake goods.

4-H Exchange Group Basket Bingo – This event will be on November 6th at 7:00 pm at the Cheswold Fire House.

Club News Due for County Newsletter - They are due by Nov. 7th for the December County newsletter.

4-H UD Football Game - This event will be on Nov. 8th in Newark. Tickets are \$13 for the Grandstand and \$8 for the End Zone. A flyer is included in the packet for ordering information. There will be no 4-H tent this year.

Cloverbud Fun Day - This event is open to all Cloverbuds in Kent County. It will be on Nov. 9th at the 4-H office from 2:00-4:00 pm.

Club Officer Training – This will be held on Nov. 17th at 7:00 pm at the 4-H office. All new and old officers are encouraged to attend.

State Record Book Training- The next one will be on Nov. 18th at the 4-H Office at 6:00 pm.

GIS Night - This event will be at the Dover Air Mobility Museum on Nov. 19th from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

National 4-H Conference Applications - They are due on Dec. 1, 2008.

Public Speaking Training - There will be a training on Dec. 9th at 6:30 pm at the 4-H office.

County Trim A Tree Contest - Entries are due by Dec. 1st to the 4-H Office. Entries must be in place by Dec. 7th.

Salute to Excellence - Award nominations are due back to Mr. Crouse by the next leader's meeting.

4-H Craft Area at First Night Dover - Sally Moller reported that she needs help for the craft area for First Night Dover. The event is from 3 to 8 pm at Peoples Church. If you would like to help or have members interested in volunteering, please call Sally.

Military 4-H Club - We now have a club on Dover Air Force Base. It is open to any military family even if the youth is a member of another current 4-H club in our county. Please be aware that they can participate in both clubs.

Avian Bowl - Elaine Webb reported that her 4-H club has been going to practices for Avian Bowl. Elaine's club has a full junior team and only has 2 seniors so there is room if your club has someone interested in doing the avian bowl. The contact person for the avian bowl training is Bridget McCrae at the Delaware State University at 302-857-6432. The age groups are 8-13 yrs old for a junior team and 14+ yrs old for a senior team. A team is 2-4 people. The trainings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in Room 110 of Washington Hall on DSU campus. The training lasts about 1 hour.

Upcoming Events:

- **Harrington Christmas Parade** - This event will be on Dec. 6, 2008.
- **Holiday Fun Day** - This event will be on Dec. 14th at the Delaware State Fairgrounds. This is a new location this year.
- **Teddy Bear Drive** - Bears are due by Dec. 14th to the county office.
- **Holiday Skating Party** - It will be at the Ice Skating Center at the Delaware State Fairgrounds from 9-11 am. The date is not set yet. Admission is 1 can food or \$2.00. Skate Rental \$1.00. 4-H'ers are welcomed to bring a friend!

Hold This Date – The State 4-H Leader’s Form will be on Jan. 24, 2009 from 8:30 to 3:30 pm at the Delaware Technical & Community College in Georgetown. Any and all leaders are encouraged to attend to take advantage of this training and networking opportunity.

A motion was made by Sally Reynolds and seconded by Kaye Kemp to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Heather Crouse
Secretary**