

Kent County 4-H Leader's Meeting
August 19, 2008

President Carole Fleming called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. The American Pledge was led by Joelle Vincent and the 4-H Pledge was led by Heather Crouse.

The Secretary's minutes were available to everyone in their packets. Sandy Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Kaye Kemp. Motion approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Linda Sullivan. Heather Crouse made a motion to approve the report and Joelle Vincent seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Linda Sullivan presented the Budget for 2008/2009 4-H year for the Kent County Leaders Association. Lisa Berry made a motion to approve the budget and Heather Crouse seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves by stating their names and what clubs they were associated with. We welcomed new leaders: Shannon Davis and Lynn Wilkins with Houston Cardinals and Robin Harvey with Hollering Hooves.

We also received the following updates related to clubs:

- Kaye Kemp and Joan Carter will be the new leaders for Westville
- Friends of Felton 4-H Club is dissolving
- and Elaine Morris is starting back up the Smyrna Cozy Corners 4-H Club

Carole Fleming explained about the Committees list for the upcoming year and then started passing it around for the leaders to sign up to assist with the different activities for the coming year.

Old Business:

1. Kent County Livestock Show/Jackpot Show – Pat Sullivan stated that the show went very well and that the committee did receive some feed back on the way the show was run. Comments were made related to how the overall showmanship was held in the middle of the event and not at the end. The committee will be reviewing these comments to determine how they will handle this next year. He also stated that the Jackpot show went long, but the numbers of animals was up.
2. New Castle County Livestock Show – Cindy Dempsey stated that the show was very nice, but it seemed that they show was short and she believed their numbers were down this year.
3. Science Nights – Joelle Vincent reported that the 1st night had over 20 kids attend and they had a great time and the 2nd night they did not have as many, however Doug felt that

both nights were very successful. Doug said that the kits are now available to any club that is interested in doing them with their clubs.

4. 4-H Exchange Trip – Doug & Lynn Price were the chaperones for the trip to Minnesota and Doug Crouse stated they had a wonderful trip.
5. Kent County Horse Show – Ads were down this year and we discussed that as leaders we need to really encourage the kids to sell the ads next year.
6. Fifer Orchards – Carole stated that we still need someone for October 9th to do a demonstration. Foods for that month are pumpkins, squash, and sweet potatoes.
7. Jr. Council – Carole stated that Jr. Council just took a trip to Six Flags Great Adventure and they had 33 kids go. First meeting will be on 8/25 at 7:15 and anyone 13 years of age or an officer of a club can join Jr. Council.
8. 4-H Camps – Doug stated that they had a great year this year for camps. 120 campers and 43 counselors at Lake Forest, Dover had 25 campers and 10 counselors. State Camp 1st week and 2nd week were full and Camp Critical Zone had 45 kids.
9. Delaware State Fair – Robin Harvey stated that she had trouble registering her daughter's entries on line this year. Doug asked everyone to email him any suggestions for adding or deleting any entries for the 4-H Dept by September 8th in time for the state staff meeting. They are looking for project specific ideas not arts & craft ideas.

Everyone felt that the fair float went very well this year and every night there were kids on the county float. Doug stated that there was over 7,000 entries in the 4-H Building this year at the fair.

10. Felton Drive In – Doug Crouse said that Don Brown called him and wanted to thank the 4-H'ers that had done the trashcans for the drive in. He asked for the leaders of the clubs that did the trash cans to please give him a list of the kids who worked on the cans as this was requested by the Drive In owner.

New Business:

1. Carole stated that we needed to elect two new officers because of vacancies in the positions of Secretary and Vice President. For the position of Secretary, Sandy Reynolds nominated Heather Crouse and this was seconded by Linda Sullivan; nominations were closed and motion was passed.

Linda Sullivan nominated Kaye Kemp for Vice President. This was seconded by Cindy Dempsey. Nominations were closed and the motion was passed.

2. County Calendar – Great Pumpkin day was changed to November 1st and Cloverbud Fun Day was set for November 9th.

3. Rate of Gain forms are due to the county office by August 29th.
4. Record books are due by September 5th and late books can be submitted.
5. 4-H Enrollment – New cards should be in before 12/31 and new cards must be filled out for both members and leaders.
6. Achievement Banquet Papers are due to the county office by Sept. 12th and the banquet is at the Delaware State Fairgrounds on Oct. 19th. There was some discussion on the price of the meal and if we wanted it catered. It was decided that we would continue to look for some additional prices. The motion was made by Cathy Martin and Ted Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion passed.
7. Club Audits – Are due by Sept. 12th.
8. The IRS has suspended the filing of Form 990 for F/Y 2008. Doug has stated that he will let us know when the clubs will need to do this.
9. Delaware State Fair Jr. Board Applications are due by Sept. 26th.
10. Goat Award essays are due by Sept. 29th and project books are encouraged.
11. National 4-H Week is October 5th through 11th. Entries for Window display and litter barrel are due to the county office by Oct. 1st and the entries must be in place by Oct. 6th.
12. Club news reports are due Sept. 12th for October county newsletter.
13. 4-H University of DE Football Game is Saturday November 8th.
14. Archery Program – Pat Sullivan stated that he would be doing the archery program again this year. All participants must register again this year with the 4-H Office. We will cut off the program at 100 kids. He stated that at the state fair competition there was over 70 youth who participated in the contest.
15. Line Dancing- Sandy Reynolds handed out a flyer giving information out on the date, time, and location for the program this year.
16. Great Pumpkin Day will be on November 1st with Westville 4-H Club at Dill's Auction.
17. 4-H Military Activities is now being taken care of by Rhonda Martell.
18. 4-H Teen Opportunities – Doug stated that again this year he has opportunities for youth to help out with after school presentations, Military Speak Out for Military Kids, Health

Rocks, and Kick It Up With Nutrition. If you have anyone in your clubs who is interested in any of these programs, please have them call the county office.

19. Community Service Opportunities: Coastal Cleanup is set for 9/20/08, Make A Difference Day Project is 10/18/08, Felton Fun Day 9/6/08 and Killen's Pond Fall Festival is 9/27/08. Killen's Pond has called and requested a petting zoo and crafts. Elaine Webb and Joelle Vincent are going to take charge of this event for Kent County.

Carole Fleming read two thank you notes from Joy Sparks.

A motion was made by Joelle Vincent and second by Cindy Dempsey to adjourn the meeting at 8:45P.M.

Respectfully,

Linda P. Sullivan