

Columbia County 4-H Leader's Council  
Thursday, January 22, 2009  
UW-Extension Office, Portage

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Rowe at 6:55 pm. The roll call sheet was passed around. There were no comments during the Open Floor period, but Joanne Dalton had two additions to the agenda: questions about MES form and archery and shooting sports leaders. A motion was made by DeAnn Richards, seconded by Angela Jenson, and carried to approve the minutes of the November meeting. There was no treasurer's report. Several items of correspondence were passed around.

#### Committee Reports

- Kevin Foster reported for the Fair Board that at the meeting Monday night, the board voted to keep all ages and rules for showing livestock and selling in the auction the same as in previous years.
- Becky Gutzman and Susan MacLeish reported that 20 people attended Fiber Arts Day and enjoyed making their snowmen and learning to knit and crochet the scarf and hat accessories.
- DeAnn Richards reported the Poultry project has held a first meeting and it was very interactive and informative. They are now working on getting a speaker on meat breeds.

#### Old Business

- DeAnn and Chance Richards, Kimberly and Sarah Rowe, and a team from the Horse Council will represent Columbia County at the Youth/Adult Partnerships training on January 31.
- The Awards and Recognition committee still needs to meet and Karen will email everyone to set up a date. Joanne Dalton raised a concern that the MES and other forms should specify who can sign forms other than a general leader; if not the general leader, it should be a leader who does have first-hand knowledge of the youth's 4-H work.
- Awards Day: Susan announced the date will be by October 11, 2009 at the Arlington Research Station.

#### New Business

- Joanne Dalton asked if there are any certified archery, rifle or hunting leaders in the county who would be willing to offer project meetings open to members from the whole county. The certification process for this is a special two-day training, and we don't have many leaders in this area. Karen did state that there will be a Winter Archery shoot coming up on March 7. Joni Farrington also mentioned that the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) will have "Learn to Hunt" sessions coming up that members and parents could attend. Members and parents might also check learning opportunities at local gun or archery clubs.
- Columbia Health Care Center is looking for donations of items for their Bingo Bucks shopping cart; information was handed out to all to share with their clubs.

A motion was made by DeAnn, seconded by Chance and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm.

After the meeting, Annual Club Representative training for club charters and risk management was conducted by Karen Nelson, 4-H/Youth Development Educator.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Gutzman  
Secretary

Attendance:

Arlington Prairie Producers—DeAnn and Chance Richards  
Cornerstone Badgers—June Witthun  
Durwards Glen—Tom Considine  
Happy Hoofers—Chris Varner  
Inch True Blues—Joni Farrington  
Leeds Prairie Pals—Ann Lerum  
Lodi Challengers—Christine Taylor  
Menominee Merrymakers—Merry Schultz  
New Directions—Kevin and Allison Foster  
North Scott—Joanne Dalton  
Oak Meadow Reigns—Chris Hanson  
Rio Go-Getters—Mary Becker  
South Columbus Willing Workers—Kimberly Rowe  
Welsh Prairie Livewires—Becky Gutzman and Angela Jensson  
4-H Office—Susan MacLeish and Karen Nelson