

Columbia County 4-H Leader's Council  
Thursday, March 26, 2009  
Columbia Health Care Center, Wyocena

The meeting was called to order by President Kimberly Rowe at 7:10 pm. The roll call sheet was passed around. There were no comments during the Open Floor period, but Karen passed around a draft of the plat book for approval before printing. A motion was made by Joanne Dalton, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the January meeting. The treasurer's report was placed on file.

#### Committee Reports

- Fair Board: Kevin Foster reported that there is a wristband pass available for admission to all grandstand shows, and another for rides throughout the fair. Open and Junior Premium Lists will be in one book, so don't get confused about which one you are using. The premium lists are online already. Grandstand events will include demo derby, tractor pull, moto-cross, catch-a-pig, and musical entertainment. The fair theme is "Cruisin' at the Fair;" the 4-H booth theme is Cruisin' With 4-H. Printed fair books should be out April 1, and entry deadline is June 20. The fair books are currently available on line.
- Livestock: Cathy and Amanda Wendt reported on up-coming events.
- Foods: Chance Richards reported on the People's Choice award at the foods revue.
- Horse: Bylaw changes were approved; they are conducting a fundraiser quilt raffle.
- Dogs: Orientation meeting is coming up April 6.
- Awards and recognition: a survey will be conducted; only 7 of 15 clubs participate in awards day.
- Scholarships: 11 applications were submitted.

#### Old Business

- Report on youth/adult partnerships: DeAnn and Chance Richards and Sarah Rowe attended; Chance and Sarah created a survey to learn about how to get youth more involved. Karen suggested eventually having one youth and one adult on leader's council from every club. The team will consider providing a similar training for youth adult teams from the clubs in the fall.
- Terry Conklin reported that he can get a canopy for the Eat Stand; motion was made by Joanne Dalton, seconded by Ann Lerum and carried to spend up to \$525 to accomplish this.
- Dress etiquette: discussion of what is appropriate to wear at 4-H events; more suggestions will be collected at April meeting.
- Plat book update: Karen had a draft for approval; fee will be \$25/book. Columbia County 4-H profit will be \$12.50 per book. At the next meeting, a decision will be made regarding how books will be distributed.

#### New Business

- Robotics: Karen reported that 12 students are participating in an after-school program in the Columbus school district, and 8 4-H members will be starting a session on Thursdays in April through May in Wyocena. She is working on writing grants for additional funding, and MATC-

Portage will potentially be a robotics training site for 4-H. She requested additional support from Leader's Council for kits and computers. Motion was made by Joanne Dalton, seconded by Terry Conklin and carried, to approve spending up to \$2000 for robotics equipment.

- Discussion was held on the percentage of blue and red ribbons given out at Communication Arts Festival. The consensus of members present was to leave it up to the discretion of the judge.
- Year-end reports: Karen reported that it was difficult working with some clubs to receive paperwork due January 15. Because of annual charter regulations, this must be done in the future in a more timely manner. Discussed moving the deadline to December 1<sup>st</sup>. Asked to place this on the April agenda for further discussion and recommendations regarding communication with club families about consequences in the event paperwork is not completed by deadline dates.
- Fair clean up day: Having a central meeting place for workers to gather was suggested. Also suggested that individuals in charge of specific areas wear something that identifies them as a decision maker.
- Eat stand items were tabled until April meeting.
- Other: Fall Leadership Conference will be Nov 21 for teens in Wisconsin Dells. Older members were encouraged to apply for conference planner positions.

A motion was made by Joanne Dalton, seconded by Chance Richards, and carried, to adjourn at 9:10 pm.

Submitted by Angela Jenson,  
Acting Secretary