

The January meeting of the Lincoln County 4-H Leaders Association was held on January 26, 2009. Co-chair Kristi Sweeter called the meeting to order. American and 4-H pledges were said. Minutes of the last meeting were read. Motion by Rhonda and seconded by Scott to approve. The treasurer's report was passed around for approval. Motion was made by Wendy and seconded by Rhonda to approve. The balance is \$5999.11.

Mark Rowen gave a presentation on recruitment.

Old Business included the following: A discussion was held on judging schools and the possibility of offering other project areas. Leaders are asked to talk to their club to find out if there is interest in other areas and what they are.

Jeff followed up on the request to have a Livestock Judging school before summer. There is one planned for either March 21 or April 4 at the Sioux Falls Regional Livestock Complex.

It was announced that check in time for static exhibits would end at 9:30 AM on Tuesday morning so committees can be set up before judging begins. It was also announced that the pre-registration date has been moved back and that ALL projects must be pre-registered. Motion by Marcia and seconded by Rhonda that leaders are to talk to 4-Hers and parents to see if they would rather get cards at the pop stand and attach or if they would like them mailed/delivered ahead of time. Emphasis was on the fact that the cards will only be printed once.

In other old business, thank-you cards from K. Kruger, B. Twedt, P Gillespie, Jensens, Prairie View Prevention, I. Ness, Lothrop, M. Rowen and M. Barber were shared and passed around.

New Business included the following: An audit of the 4-H Leaders Financial records for 2008 will need to be done. It can be done by the Executive Board.

Clubs are reminded that they have until May 15 to e-file the IRS.

Club Secretary and Treasurer Books for 2008 are still needed in the office.

State Leader Association dues are \$3.00 before Jan. 1 and \$4.00 after. The motion was made by Kit and seconded by Rhonda that the county leaders association pay the dues for all Lincoln County Leaders.

Fruit sales forms were given to leaders. They are due to the leaders on March 2 and to the office on March 4.

4-H insurance forms were given out. They need to be returned by April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

It was decided that preference sheets for Achievement Days should be handed out at club meetings instead of being included in a newsletter. The hope is for greater participation.

Painting class availability and make-it/take-it ideas were discussed.

Camp Bob Marshall was discussed. We will share a bus with Union county if possible.

Livestock exhibitor t-shirts were discussed. A motion was made by Rhonda and seconded by Wendy to include all horse and dog exhibitors in the livestock numbers.

Marcia Hyronimus talked on the State Leaders Meeting that will be held in Sioux Falls on April 4<sup>th</sup>. She requested that Lincoln County Leaders Association sponsor in some way. A motion was made by Rhonda and seconded by Wendy that the Lincoln County Leaders Association give \$500 toward the event.

The Gerhard Sweeter Memorial Steer Grant was discussed.

Surveys for input were distributed to all leaders. They are to be filled out and returned to Mark.

Open Class would like more room in the quonset because of crowding. Discussion followed. The cat show will be held in the front of the quonset and so it will be difficult to predict how much room will be available.

In other new business the leaders were made aware that there is a DJ willing to do the dance for \$100. Also a motion was made by Wendy and seconded by Ross that the minutes from the leaders meetings will be emailed to all leaders with e-mail addresses. The minutes will also be posted on the Extension Office website.

The next meeting will be March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Sweeter, Co-Chair