

Lincoln County 4-H Leaders Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2011

The Lincoln County 4-H Leaders Association met September 20, 2011 in the multipurpose room of the courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Ross Lothrop and the flag salutes were said. The minutes of the previous meeting were not read as they were not available. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Old Business

The Recognition Event will be held November 12 at the Lennox Middle School. The time is set for 6:30pm with a potluck supper and the recognition to follow. The leaders will be announcing their club awards. Kelley still needs pictures of the graduates for the slide show.

New Business

The 2011 Achievement Days were reviewed. Irene had compiled a list of the number of projects per project area. A number of project areas had increased in numbers with a few declining.

It was brought to our attention that the Buchold's were no longer going to do the open class stand at the achievement days. The opportunity to do the concession stand was offered to the Leaders Association. After some discussion, it was decided to run the concession stand for the 2012 Achievement days. A food stand committee was formed which includes Marcia Hyronimus, Amy Nelson, Kevin Jensen and Kristy Sweeter. Bridget shared a few ideas of how the 4-H stand was operated while she was in 4-H. One idea was that each family was responsible to provide 1 pie for the stand.

Jeff shared some thoughts on achievement days. He stated that it used to be that the exhibits did not leave until Friday. Everyone returned to help clean and pick up their exhibits. The past few years and this current year only a few individuals helped with tearing down the livestock pens. The set up went well but the tear down was a struggle.

Jeff discussed the livestock exhibit numbers. Some classes have very low numbers. The question was asked about eliminating some classes that have very low numbers. At this point, the question was not answered.

Marcia offered to run the poultry show. She proposed a new card for the poultry entry. She wondered if it would be possible to have a new time for the poultry show. Currently, the poultry show last about 2 hours.

Andrew would like to push the hog show up an hour so he could have more time on the back side of the show. There was some discussion and I don't believe a decision was made at this time.

Mark stated that the set up for achievement days was fantastic. He also liked the other Quonset open for the cat show etc. He said that there is \$2000.00 available for the repair budget. Jeff commented that the Quonsets need some attention.

There was some discussion concerning the static exhibits and the number of buildings used for the exhibits. One idea brought to our attention was that the west building could be used for photography and all of the rest of the projects would stay in the east building. The west building could continue to house the open class in addition to the cat show etc.

Terri introduced grant forms from the Dept. of Ag. The deadline to turn them in is Oct. 31, 2011. A suggestion came forth that each club could pick a project area and donate the money towards that area. Marcia stated that the SD Leaders Assoc. also gives money as well.

There was a discussion about when the exhibits should be checked in for Achievement days and when the buildings should be open for display. No decision was made at this time.

The next item for discussion was the premium sale. Bridget reported that the total for the sale was \$14,900 which is \$5000.00 more than last year. We had 12 new buyers. We served about 50 people at the buyer's meal. There was one family involved in the silent auction. It was discussed that maybe people didn't know what to do. Possibly a silent auction committee is needed. Kevin offered to

help in the future in regards to this. We need to talk to the clubs so people know about the silent auction and so they are better informed.

Marcia suggested that cleaning is needed in the clothing area and Jeff questioned who could be dismantling the drag. He stated that it works well. He would like people to leave it alone.

Leader's dues for the State Association are due before Jan. 1, 2012 for the cheaper rate of \$3.00. It goes to \$4.00 after the 1st. There was a vote that the Lincoln Co. Leaders Association pay for the dues to the State Association.

It was brought to our attention that Kelley put information in the leader's packets for National 4-H week. If anyone has questions or needs help or additional ideas to promote 4-H during that week, call Kelley.

The next item on the agenda was the CWF trip. The estimated cost is \$1280.00. It was decided that the Leaders Association will pay for the two seats less the \$500.00 that will come from the Jr. Leaders.

The Awards Selection Committee will have their meeting Oct. 3, 2011. The club enrollment forms are due Nov. 23, 2011.

Last year we had six choices for the fruit sales. After some discussion, it was decided to add two additional choices. We will add # 5 and # 10. We will try 8 options for this year.

The Senior Horticulture team will be going to San Diego Oct. 7-11, 2011. The members of the team are Dalton and Morgan Nelson, Samantha Hyronimus, and Emily Lawrenson. The Leaders Association was asked if they could help support their trip. Each member will receive money from the old crop improvement fund that will come due Oct. 4, 2011. It was also decided that the Leaders Association will pay \$200.00 per member for the trip. A horticulturalist from Sioux Falls will be helping the team members prepare for the judging.

Andy Minihan, Scott Hyronimus and Randy Smit were added to the Promote and Grow standing committee.

The dates for the State Horse Show are July 24-26, 2012. The Dog Show is July 28, 2012. The Lincoln County Horse Show will be July 7, 2012. The Lincoln County Achievement Days will be July 30-Aug. 2, 2012.

It was brought to our attention that the Beresford Library will no longer host the Shooting Sports program. At this time, the new location has not been confirmed.

There was discussion in regards to having a fair board. It was stated that Union County has a fair board and there have been issues. Then there was a discussion about achievement days versus a fair. It was decided to continue the discussion at a later date.

An Open House honoring Jeff and Mark will be Oct. 20, 2011 at 1:30 – 4:00.

The next meeting will be January 23, 2012 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Bogue
Lincoln County Leaders Association Secretary