

The Lincoln County Leaders Association met on January 24, 2011 at the Multipurpose room of the courthouse. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 by Chair Ross Lothrop. The minutes were approved as documented. The treasurers' report was passed around. There was communications that were also passed.

Old Business- Mark reported the water leak at the fairgrounds has been repaired.

Discussion on the tabled measure about the Best of Show ribbons was resumed. Some of the judges from 2010 did not understand the Best of Show awards had to be purple ribbon winners, because of the low number of exhibits in some categories. Motion was made by Lola, second by Andy to split the Foods & Nutrition/Dairy Food category and the Clothing & Textile Selected outfit category to each include a Junior and Senior Best of Show award and keep the other categories. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Scott, second by Rhonda that members are eligible for multiple Best of Show awards. Motion passed.

Discussion of the tabled measure of livestock Showmanship as the last class of a show was resumed. There were points brought up on the advantage and disadvantage of having showmanship as the first class. One point, the children do well at the beginning but then become lax and do not care for the rest of the show, but the animals and kids are fresh at the beginning. Motion was made by Andy, second by Lola, to leave the showmanship class at the beginning of the shows. Motion passed.

There was no report from Kevin about the funds from the Achievement Day Enhancement committee.

Discussion on the tabled measure of continuing the club flower pot displays was resumed. Motion was made by Marcia, second by Rhonda to continue with the displays for the 2011 Achievement days, and then evaluate the participation. Motion passed.

Discussion on the tabled measure of the Derby Hogs at State Fair was resumed; it was not on the agenda. It is recommended if 4-Hers see and/or know the owners of the derby pigs, these 4-Hers assist, instruct, mentor and promote positive livestock husbandry practices to the owners and if necessary, do the work and practice good livestock care practices. No action was taken.

New Business: Adam Wirt presented a proposal, Lamb Enrichment Program, as an idea to promote and increase market lamb numbers in the county. His idea is similar to others in the state and at Ak-sar-ben. 4-H members would have the opportunity to purchase market weather club lambs at market price plus \$20 from Wirt Farms. Wirt Farms would supply the first 20# of feed for the project. The project would be weighed and green tagged at the Lincoln County weigh-ins. Adam would present two events to assist the 4-H members, the first would be concerning selection, feeding, training, and showmanship. The second would include clipping, show prep, and show presentation. The members would also have a farm visit from Adam, and be required to write two letters to Wirt Farms about their project during the summer. At Achievement Days a special class would be held for these 4-H members to receive recognition for their livestock project. The leaders are to take this proposal back to the clubs to gauge interest and report at the March meeting.

The new forms for Volunteer leaders were presented. These forms include a requirement for High Risk volunteers to pay a fee for a background check. Discussion was held on the options for payment of the fee, motion by Rhonda, second by Kit, each 4-H leader would pay their own \$10 fee to the Leaders Association, with the leaders writing one check to the state.

A reminder was made for the clubs to turn in the secretary and treasurers books to the office for the last reporting year. The club leaders will also need to file the IRS form for the last year. Marcia had a listing of the presentations for the State Leaders Convention scheduled for March 26 in Rapid City. She encouraged as many to attend as possible.

Fruit sale forms are included in the leader's packet.

Classic Cookie, from Sioux Falls, has offered a fund raising sales opportunity to the Leaders. The leaders declined the offer, but encouraged clubs to pursue the opportunity if desired.

4-H Insurance was discussed. The background cost will include liability coverage but also may include a workman comp provision. Confirmation of the coverage will be made shortly and passed to the leaders via the newsletter.

Camp Bob Marshall trip was discussed. There will be a minimum number of members needed for continuation of the camping. It is forecast gas prices may be very high. A minimum of 10 members will be required to proceed.

Audit of the 4-H Leaders account will be done following the meeting end.

A review of the 4-H leaders standing committee list was discussed. The following openings were considered, Terri Kennedy will retire as treasurer. 1<sup>st</sup> Year Directors move to 2<sup>nd</sup> year directors and Andy Minihan was recommended as a new 1<sup>st</sup> year Director. No motion was entertained.

The Recognition Event committee will be clubs from the Lennox/Tea Area. The last rotation Tea took the lead, this year the Lennox clubs will take the lead.

The new Market Beef verification forms were shown; these are due April 1 for ALL market beef. Make it-take it day is scheduled for Saturday, March 12 at the courthouse. A flyer was passed to each club for promotion of the event.

The next meeting for the Lincoln County Leaders Association is scheduled for March 28, 6:30pm at the Multipurpose room of the courthouse.

There being no more business to come before the Association the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted

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