

**Columbia County  
4-H Leaders Association Meeting  
May 4, 2009**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Lynn Green. Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasurer's Report. Reading of the Minutes: Meeting minutes for 4/6/09 were read by Janice Gonzales and approved as corrected. Motion by Marianne Velliquette with second by Lynn.

**Committee Reports:**

Auction Committee: Youth Fair weigh-ins will start after a brief auction participant meeting at noon. There was discussion regarding the late small animal weigh-in date that may impact the rules on ownership and medicated feed withdrawal.

Horse Committee: No report.

Records Committee: Woody Davis reported that 22 spring record books were turned in and will be judged the 3rd week of May. He noticed some new names which is a good sign. Hopefully, this critique record book judging will help produce better fall record books.

Youth Fair Committee: Woody reported that 12 noon is the correct time for weigh-in to start. That leaves 9 am – 12 pm for educational programs. He reminded leaders about the BBQ – hamburgers and hot dogs being served. There will also be an informal parent/leader chat session. Woody will supervise members at the ambassador hosted party. There will be games and root beer floats. Dorms are available for Youth Fair, however there needs to be a current enrolled 4-H leader as chaperone on each side to have the dorms be available. Woody will send out an email regarding this. Columbia County Dairy Women will donate the ice cream for the root beer floats. There will also be door prizes for members and adults.

Woody reported that a soda pop, sliding door type, refurbished refrigerator (40 x 32 x 79 inches) was purchased with Youth Fair funds for \$450. Ag grange is very happy.

**Old Business:**

Ambassadors: Megga Easter Egg hunt was a success. Youth Fair party (6-6:45 pm) will consist of 4 different games then root beer floats and prizes.

Fair Book: Woody explained that fair books will need to be requested. Each family can request up to 2 books. Will have to use the web if no hard copy fair book is requested. Pre-order by 5/11/09.

**New Business:**

County Fair: Woody reported that the fair board (Rhonda, Mary, etc.) is working on many events and projects to make the fair fun. One event is the “Animals for Office” campaign. Members can nominate and advertise their animal to hold different city positions. Posters will need to be displayed and if elected the member will receive \$100 and need to bring their animals to various appearances such as the fair's grand opening ceremony. Other events are adopt a tree hugger – dress up and water bottle sales with free refills (although the water refills may not happen due to health codes).

Fair Premium Update: Woody reported on the special meeting regarding fair premiums. He was asked to discuss the issue one more time. “What's it going to take?” article appeared in the May newsletter. Woody will forward any interested names to Lynn Green.

OSU Summer Conference: Woody reported that the OSU Summer Conference will be held June 24th – 27th. The conference is for 7th - 12th graders. The cost is \$230 and includes round trip transportation. Deadline to apply is June 1st. Register for classes on the Web. Woody advised leaders to tell members to pick their classes early to get the classes they want.

Country- Of – Origin – Labeling (COOL): Lynn asked Woody to clarify the COOL form, “Recommended Country of Origin Affidavit/Declaration Statement”. Woody stated that breeders/producers of market animals need to provide a completed form to the 4-H member attesting to the country of origin of said animal. Copies of the completed form may be given to the 4-H member if multiple animals were attained from a single breeder/producer.

Spring Contest Day: Woody reported that only 4 members were signed up. Three members presented for foods contest and only 1 Junior presentation.

**Announcements:**

Leaders Directories: Available for pick up.

4-H Summer Camp: Registration due 5/19/09 for guaranteed spot.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:44 pm by Joy Winkelhake, second by Patty Vanderwerf.