

**Columbia County  
4-H Leaders Association Meeting  
June 7, 2010**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm by President Lynn Green. Treasurer's Report for April 1, 2010, through April 30, 2010, was reviewed and approved. Meeting minutes for May 3, 2010, were read by Janice Gonzales and approved.

**Committee Reports**

Horse Committee: Janice reported that there will be a gaming practice to prepare for the Game Show. In addition, there will be a gaming clinic for barrels and poles and a Dressage clinic this year. Weather permitting.

Records Committee: Woody reported that 21 Spring Record Books were critiqued. For the most part all were good. However, some animals were living without food. Woody suggested that members read comments and if there are any questions to please call him.

Youth Fair Committee: Woody reported that he was very pleased with the number of members that attended and how Youth Fair turned out. Other comments from meeting members included getting the word out that the Showmanship workshop is held in the barns in the afternoon. There was some confusion with some 4-H members who weighed in their market animals first and the BBQ going on at the same time. They were not sure when to eat and then were not at the scale to weigh animals. Overall, the BBQ at 12 noon was received nicely. Bill Simpson and a parent of a club member, did a great job on the grill. Possibly two grills next year will have the grilling run faster. Marianne and Lynn also did a great job on BBQ preparation. Woody thanked the Columbia County Dairy Women for the root beer float supplies.

Camp Committee: Woody reported that 4-H Camp is only 13 days away and that he is anxiously awaiting event. There is a waiting list for boys. There were not as many girls who signed up and he was able to combine two girl cabins with two counselors to free up a cabin to accommodate the wait listed boys. All campers signed up are able to attend camp now. There is a total of 89 campers and 14 counselors. Woody added that there are more staff members this year and Dana Hayes (sp?) agreed to chair camp crafts. The 8 foot beach ball will be back this year as well. Woody mentioned that there is supposed to be good weather.

**Other Reports**

Auction Committee: Lynn reported that there will be an Auction Committee meeting, in the Auction office – far left side of the 4-H building. Rabbit and chicken weigh-in will be on Saturday, June 12, 2010, starting at 10 am. Lynn mentioned that there are Auction brochures available for members to include with their buyers letters.

Premium Committee: Cora reported that the Premium Committee is busy preparing for the snack shack to be ready for Fair. Through suggestions then voting the committee has named the premium snack shack, The *Barn Bucket*. They will have a basic breakfast menu including biscuits and gravy. There will be a typical lunch menu with hotdogs and hamburgers. The dinner menu will include the lunch menu and dinner specials such as stuffed baked potato. The Bucket is proposing having a lasagna and calzone night with desert. They want to provide affordable meals. Menu specials will be offered. Lynn asked for a motion to transfer line item 'Premium \$ For Fair' \$1,003.17 into the Premium Fund account for 2010 Fair. Motion made by Marianne seconded by Christina. All in favor. Friends of Fair will match funds for a total of \$2,006.34 in the premium account. Lynn asked for a motion for a loan to support premium start up. Marianne made the motion to loan \$2,000 to the Premium Fund for the Barn Bucket. Lynn seconded the motion. All in favor. Cora added that the Premium Committee meetings are wrapping up. She added that a friend made Fair themed aprons for Bucket volunteers to wear.

### **Old Business**

Marianne mentioned that the balance in the Youth Fair account is also used to purchase needed items. Possibly a digit camera with picture printer to be used at Youth Fair, Fair, and other 4-H events like the Megga Easter Egg Hunt would be a good use of the money in the future. Photo paper and ink will also need to be purchased.

### **New Business**

Record Book for 2011 and beyond – Woody reported that only 4.5% of eligible record books were turned in. Woody, Debi, and the Records Books Committee spend time and money on their review. He is not sure that the current Record Book process is working and that all forms are not useful. He is looking at a variety of options to revamp the process. He mentioned that Horse used to require permanent records to be turned in to be eligible for Fair. Possibly, 4-H members should be required to turn in a Project Record Sheet prior to Fair for all projects. Woody reported that the National 4-H has an electronic record book. This would eliminate late night scoring. Record Books Committee would have a specified length of time, 21 days, to log on and review books. Woody feels that record keeping is an important “real life” skill with real life usefulness. Lynn added that electronic records would be easier to access and invaluable for filling out college applications. Woody would like record keeping to be simpler and more useful. Lynn suggested that there could be a Youth Fair Records workshop in the future. Woody will start working on the records process after Fair and would like suggestions and volunteers.

New this year at Fair is going to be Grange Day. Pomona is the Mother of all Grange. Grange Day will have a “Farmers Market” concept. Showing all that Grange does and showcasing their products. Grange Day promoters would like 4-H to have a booth. Woody is requesting a chairperson to set up and manage the booth. The booth will have a map marking the location of the all the 4-H clubs and 4-H pamphlets.

New this year also – Gate 5 will be the Camping Gate only. The camping area will be fenced off from the fairgrounds including the 4-H building. All persons will be required to show proof of admission before entering Fair. The entrance gates from the camp grounds to the fairgrounds will be locked from one hour after close of Fair (12:00 midnight or 1:00 am) until 5:00 am. There were questions regarding members being locked away from their animals. There will be security patrolling barns. Woody reminded members to purchase leaders and member bracelets.

Animals for Office applications are available for members. A poster, flyer, or button is required with an application. Members need to be available for judging and parade of officers.

### **New Business**

The next meeting is Monday, July 6, 2010, at 7:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Lynn at 9:15 pm. Seconded by Christina. All in favor.