4-H Leaders Association Meeting
January 13, 2010
Courthouse

Present:
Fred Pelroy - President
Becky Cunningham    Karen Moon – Fair Board Liaison, Interim Secretary
Michelle Tummonds    Emily Arnold
Gena Harvey     Shana Withee, Extension Agent
Joanna Corson, Treasurer   Anne Sheeter

Fred Pelroy called the meeting to order at 7:02pm
Fred Pelroy led us in the American and 4-H pledges

Minutes – Becky Cunningham moved to accept the minutes from the October meeting. Ann Sheeter seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report – Joanna Corson presented year-end treasurers report for 2009. January’s report was presented as well and the group went through the budget from 2009 and the proposed budget for 2010. A motion was made by Anne Sheeter and seconded by Becky Cunningham to approve the treasurer’s report and to accept the 2010 budget. The motion passed.

Business:

4-H Re-enrollment: Enrollment forms are due now. Enrollment fees have gone up to $20.00 after January 10th. A question was brought up as to what happens if kids enroll but do not pay the participation fee. It was felt that the Leaders will be responsible for covering the fee. Enrollments are due by March 1 in order to participate at fair. Some clubs are fundraising to help kids pay the enrollment fee.

Insurance: The insurance policy with American Income Life for the 2010 year that all kids and leaders pay into is due now. Shana has it ready, Joanne will make out a check.

Meeting Room: Remember to schedule with Georgia in the office to use the 4-H meeting room.

Fair Board: Karen asked for issues that need to be brought up to the fair board. They have not held a meeting since fair, but are scheduled to hold a meeting next week. Discussion took place on the need for new rabbit cages. Clubs will be asked to donate towards the purchase of new cages. Karen can ask at the fair board. Cages should be moveable. Gena Harvey will research cages and report back to the next leaders meeting.

Karen reported that the Sales Committee has voted to ask the Stockgrowers to purchase a rabbit scale.

Ed Herrera is taking over the remodel of the 4H bleachers and show arena. Karen will continue with the grant writing.

Miscellaneous: It was noted that there are a lot of dog kids this year. There was some concern that if all of the kids continue through till fair that there may be a conflict with the dog and llama shows at fair.
Market Steer tagging: Market steer tagging will take place on March 13, 2010. We will begin at 10am at the fairgrounds. It is thought that the Sales Committee will again send taggers to Drewsey, Diamond and Roaring Springs like last year. **All steers MUST be tagged and weighed on this day. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Fundraising dinner: The Fundraising dinner will be held Saturday February 27th. There will be two servings of Chicken Fried Steak dinner at 4pm and 5:30pm. Silent auction items are needed and each club will be asked to donate an item. We will raffle off another digital camcorder with a value of $650.00. Tickets are available now. All kids must sell two packets (40) tickets. Volunteers are still needed for face painting, table bussing and cleanup. It was noted that kids can make posters to display around town to help with advertising.

Upcoming Events:

**Eastern Oregon Leadership Retreat (EOLR):** Two Harney County members are on the governing board for EOLR this year. Those are Kenney Withee and Heather Ketscher. The retreat will be April 16, 17 and 18th. It is for 8th thru 12th grades. One of the events will be spending a night at the Portland Zoo. Cost for the retreat is $80.00 ($40.00 if fundraiser tickets are sold).

**Camp Counselor training:** Training will occur April 24th, May 15th and June 20th in Seneca. Counselors must be 9th grade or older.

**Contest Days:** Contest day will be held on April 8th at the Courthouse. There will be a skills contest, sewing and knitting displays and presentations. All 4-H members are encouraged to do a presentation. There will also be a poster contest with the topics of “join 4-H”. The makeup day will be held on April 20, 2010.

**Know your state government:** Know your state government will occur in Portland from February 28th thru March 3, 2010. It is for kids in 10th thru 12th grade. This project will teach kids how to become pro-active in our community and will teach “civic engagement”.

**OSU Summer Days:** Summer Days will take place June 23rd thru 26th at OSU. Costs for Summer Days will be around $200.00 with $55.00 for the bus. The committee will meet next week to help determine travel costs, and to decide on the theme for this year.

**4-H Camp:** 4-H Camp at Lake Creek will take place from July 5th thru 10th, 2010. This year’s theme is “Wild Wild West”.

**New Leader training:** Shana asked if there were any new leaders that needed training. Several were mentioned and Shana will contact them and set a date.

Other Events:

**Newsletter:** The Newsletter has been sent out.
**Sale Committee:** The Sale Committee will meet Thursday, January 14th at 5pm in the courthouse.

**Fundraising:** The Friskey Fleas will be holding a bake sale at Safeway on February 13th at Safeway.

Ruthie is always willing to come out and take photos of 4H clubs/members. She will donate proceeds back to the 4-H, contact Ruthie for more information.

Recycling is back open on Fridays and Saturdays. Clubs can volunteer for a time slot and will have money donated back to the club for all of the cans/bottles collected during the volunteer time. Clubs can volunteer for either ½ or a whole day.

Recycle is looking for donations of a white board or chalk board to put up so they can let people know who is volunteering each day.

**Adjourn:** Joanne Corson moved to adjourn the meeting, Anne Sheeter seconded and the meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

Next leaders meeting will be Wednesday, February 10, 2010, at 7pm.