

The 4-H Leader's Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2007

1. The November meeting of the 4-H Leader's Association was called to order.
Those in attendance were:
 - Fred Pelroy, President, Creative Clovers
 - Becky Cunningham, Vice President, Happy Hummers
 - Lisa Idoeta, Secretary, 4 Hooper's
 - Joanna Corson, Treasurer, Friskey Fleas
 - Shana Withee, 4-H Extension Agent, Knitting and Scrap booking
 - Dustin Johnson, Ag Agent
 - Jimmy Zamora, Burns FFA
 - Jackie Dickenson, Let'er Buck
 - Sandy Whitmore, Pigskin Paradise
 - Ramonda Thompson, Diamond Leather buster's
 - Michelle Tummonds, Harney Herdsmen
 - Patty Dorrob, Desert Chops
 - Anne Sheeter, Happy Hummers, Friskey Fleas
2. The American and 4-H pledges were recited by people present.
3. The minutes of the October 14th meeting and the Treasurer's report were approved.
4. The Harney County Fair will be September 2nd through the 7th of 2008.
5. 4-H Awards Task Force will meet January 9, 2008 at 6:00 pm.
6. Election of officers will take place soon. President, Vice President and Secretary positions will be considered.
7. Fair book changes need to be turned in by January 1st, 2008.
8. Fair re-evaluation discussion:
 - a. Species per day:
 1. Pigs both mornings early
 2. Kids may not take care of their animals on the off day
 3. Practice day for market, then show child and animal the next day
 4. We need two PA systems
 5. General Concessions will be kept the same
 6. Market, Showmanship and Breeding will remain the same
 - b. Auction Rotation:
 1. A motion was made by Ramonda Thompson and seconded by Michelle Tummonds to rotate animals in the following way: 2008- Beef, sheep, swine. 2009- Sheep, swine, beef. 2010- Swine, beef, sheep. In between the large animals will be rabbits, chicken and goats.
 2. A motion was made by Becky and seconded by Ramonda to change the auction time to 6:30pm. Members and Leaders involved in the auction will make flyers and signs to advertise for the auction time change. 4-H kids should

also send letters to their previous buyers announcing the time change. The dinner will be at 4:30 or 5:00 pm. Table tents may need to be rented for the dinner. Advertising during the rodeo, signs in all of the stall areas, a sign in the parade, also an ad in the nightly/ daily schedule flyer from the rodeo, ads in the newspaper and on the radio were all discussed to assure great participation in the new time change.

c. Herdsmanship:

1. Areas must stay clean. Feedback from leaders is helpful to assure cleanliness among members and clubs. A committee to re-vamp the Herdsmanship program will be created to re-design the sheet. This group will meet before the February 13th meeting at 6:00pm.

d. Rate of Gain: This would be good to do as an educational tool, but it is not mandatory.

e. Carcass of Merit Standards: A motion was made by Becky and seconded by Ramonda for Harney County to adopt the Washington State standards. Same date will be on the certified scales if certified within a pound.

Participants in the carcass of merit program must weigh on same date and on a certified scale. Weigh in for the carcass of merit program will be February 17th for Beef and June 13th for Pigs and Sheep.

f. Stall fees have changed.

g. Many project were listed on our agenda. However, it was discussed that tearing out the grandstands should be a priority. They are completely unsafe. The fairboard will be contacted. Since the fairgrounds are a county park, the county must maintain them. Shana will research our next step.

9. Michelle corrected some of the information from the newspapers article about strangles outbreak at the fairgrounds.

10. Becky informed members present about a rural fire district input meeting next Tuesday at the armory.

Joann made and motion and Ramonda seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Idoeta, Leaders Association Secretary