

Union County Leaders Association
4-H Animal Science Quarterly Meeting
January 13, 2010

Attendees: John Leithner, April Leithner, Carole Smith, Tammi Delcurto, Sherry Nantz, Kimi Durning, Ken Patterson.

Radio Auction: Sherry talked about Radio Auction which will be held March 27 and 28 this year. She needs volunteers to help make this event a success.

Allied Beef: Carole explained the award. She has been talking to FFA and Umatilla County (where it originated) regarding revisions to make it easier for members to compete. It is a fairly complicated award. One suggestion was to have the interviews conducted by age divisions. Tammi suggested not having the essay portion. Tammi also would like to know the results. Carole said it was in the newsletter, but it was suggested that maybe the results could be sent to the members who participated. This would give the members feedback. Also maybe the results could include placings/rankings in all areas, so the members know exactly how they did and where they can improve for upcoming years.

Member Participation Fee: Carole explained how the late charges work with the new fees. Ken would like the enrollment/club summary form to be updated. Carole also explained why this fee was implemented. This fee will be used for more support of 4-H.

Club Enrollment: All the meeting attendee's club forms were turned in on time. Those who still need to enroll can, but will pay a late fee. This fee is mandated by the state.

Club Animal Policy for EOLS: Carole discussed the history of club animals selling at EOLS. Last year she had a club from out of Union County wanting to sell a club animal which led to this discussion. Carole read the current rule and discussed FFA's rule. Discussion was held and ideas shared. It was decided to have a 4-H Building Improvement Fund (FFA already has one) for use on the 4-H buildings at the stockshow grounds. Clubs that sell club animals will split the money 50/50 between their club and the 4-H Building Improvement Fund this year. We will revisit this again next year to see how it worked. Out of county clubs will be allowed to participate under this same rule.

Health/Ethics Policy: The new state Animal Science Exhibitor Agreement covers all animal science projects. The tail docking language will be removed from the premium books as all animals fall under this new agreement. The state office does not have a specific tail docking rule and use this policy for state fair. A health screening committee will look at the overall health of all species to enforce this policy. Discussion was held as to how to have a health screening committee look at the animals before penning them at the shows as to not bring anything on to the grounds. This will be discussed further.

Multiple Projects: Carole gave background information on how some members are having a hard time being about to show two species of animals. She reminded everyone

to talk to the superintendents. This is mainly an issue at EOLS, fair seems to work out fairly well. Discussion was held as to how to avoid these problems. Carole said she would visit with all her superintendents especially the sheep superintendents at EOLS. This will be brought up again at the April meeting for more discussion.

EOLS Start Time: Confirmation and Showmanship will begin at 9:00 am (new time) with orientation at 7:30 am (same as years past). This was voted on a year ago by the Animal Science Leaders, but did not make it into the premium book on time. It will be in the premium book this year.

Upcoming Events: Carole went over several events that are happening over the next couple of months. The office will be closed on the 4th Friday of each month through June. She will let us know if this will continue after June.

Possession Dates: These were announced as included on the meeting agenda.

Spring Livestock Judging: Tammi is working on a date. Target date is April 25, 2010 at 1:00 pm. She will be asking Linn Benton Community College to come again. She will get back to us with an exact date after she talks to them.

Other: Ken Patterson was selected as State Leader of the Year. Congratulations Ken, very well deserved!!

Next Meeting: April 21, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the Ag Service Center Conference Room. This will be the EOLS meeting.