

Union County 4-H Animal Science Quarterly Meeting

January 12, 2011

Those present: Earl Graham, Cheryl Graham, Tammi DelCurto, Kimi Durning, John Leithner, April Leithner, Honour Bowen.

Honour called the meeting to order.

Allied Beef Contest: No new changes to report. Members only need to turn in the Allied Beef Record not their entire 4-H record book to compete for this award. 25 steers from Union County were present at the EOLS weigh in.

EOLS/UCF: Auction rule change for EOLS. There will be once again be top weight for animals. Weights are in the draft of rules that were presented at the meeting. John Leithner read the new weights/rules and stated that UCF Auction committee has not met yet to determine if these will be the same for fair.

Overall Showmanship Contest: This is the second time in a row that this has been brought up at the quarterly meetings and at least two years at post EOLS and UCF meetings. Discussion was held, motion was made by Tammi DelCurto to have both the Champion and Reserve from each age division to come back into the ring and compete for this award. Kimi Durning seconded the motion, vote was unanimous. Carole arrived half way through the meeting and said she had to let others (superintendents and other leaders/parents) who may not be in favor of this change have a vote. She could not say if our vote would stand or not. She was unclear as to if this decision would be made at the next meeting or when.

Union County Fair: Schedule changes: This is a continued discussion from the last quarterly meeting (October 2010). Carole sent notes for Honour that said she is working with FFA to fine tune things. John said the fair board would like to see more competitions held in the evening to draw people to the fair. Nothing was decided on so this will receive further discussion at the next quarterly meeting (April 2011).

All Around Showmanship: This is the fourth time this has been on the agenda or brought up at a quarterly meetings since April 2010. Discussion was held as to which species should be represented in the All Around (Round Robin) contest at Union County Fair. Carole once again said she would look into what was decided at some point many years ago regarding this and bring that information to the next meeting. This past decision is not currently being used in the contest. Decision will be made at the April 2011 quarterly meeting so it can be printed in the premium book for fair. We are supposed to come with ideas.

Family Members sharing Animals: This is the second time this has been on the agenda. Discussion was held. Questions were the same as in October 2010. Carole arrived at meeting during this discussion. She said this is a National and State rule that family members may share projects because of space or money. Carole will bring these rules to the April 2011 meeting. Carole will visit with superintendents for their thoughts on this matter. The biggest questions are what if both members are called back for showmanship, how will this be handled fairly for all kids in the contest. This rule needs some clarification as some members, parents, and leaders were unsure as to how it works and for whom it works. This will be discussed and rules put in place at the April 2011 meeting.

Pre-Fair Contest Advertising: This has been brought up at the past two meetings now as so how to let the public know about the contests that take place before Wednesday of fair. Carole said the Leaders Association would have to pay for any advertising. It was suggested to hang posters around the county with the pre-fair schedule on it, to put something in the briefly in the Observer, and to put a sandwich board out in front of the extension office. Carole said someone would need to be in charge of getting the information to the paper for the briefly as well as the posters. Earl said he would be happy to help with this.

Upcoming Events: The dates for the next 4-H Exchange meeting, EOLR Retreat, and the next General Leaders Meeting were given

Other: Sheep barn at EOLS: Earl shared plans for adding 25 more pens to the sheep barn. This was a request of the Auction Committee and EOLS. He estimated the cost to be \$1647.00 plus concrete. He said the roof also needs to be replaced at some point. Earl will get a price for the roof. The women's bathroom in the sheep barn also needs some work. Earl submitted ideas for this project as well. The cost is only \$146.00. The sheep wash rack is also a problem area. To add more water facets, better drainage, more room for more animals, and better tying options came to \$635.55. He submitted plans for both the wash rack and bathroom as well. Lori Graham said her boys would be happy to help with the welding that needs to take place in the hog barn. Earl also said that his club, the Union Pitchforks, would supply all the labor for these projects.

EOLS Goat Barn: Kimi talked about some issues in the goat barn. The rain and water made flooding an issue last year. Also the kids couldn't get their animals in and out of the barn without carrying them last year. Some ideas were discussed as to help with the weather getting into the barn as well as the need for more pens. Earl was going to look into a design and price for adding some outside pens with roofing.

Small Animal Cages at UCF: Kimi said that there was a need for more large cages in the small animal area at UCF. She believes that these will be needed this year by members.

Meeting Notices: It was suggested to Carole for her to make sure she gets the Animal Science Meeting dates to all those she thinks would want to be included in decisions regarding dogs, shooting sports, small animals, and livestock. This will save a lot of time and make a better use of everyone's time.

Cloverbuds: Kimi wanted to know if we could add a Cloverbud contest in the small animals. The members would only receive a participation ribbon. Carole said if there was room this could be possible.

Next Meeting: April 13, 2011 at 5:30 pm in the Ag Service Center Conference Room.

Agenda Items:

UCF Schedule

All Around Showmanship

Family Members sharing Animals

UCF Advertising

EOLS