

**Union County Leaders Association**  
**4-H Animal Science Minutes**  
**October 13, 2010**

**Present:** Sharon Smith, April Leithner, Robin Gerber, Kimi Durning, Tammi DelCurto, and Courtney Skeen.

**Allied Beef Award:** Results were shared. Tammi said she was told that the member's whole 4-H record book is not required to turn in. They just want the Allied Beef records to be complete. This clarification may help to increase number of participants in the future.

**Union County Fair Debrief:** Overall everyone really liked how smoothly and fun fair was. No major problems and the weather was really nice. Everyone really liked the judges and would be happy to have them back except for the small animal judge. There were a few things that the group would like to work on improving for the future. **Schedule:** Leaders felt that maybe there are some ways to tweak the schedule so it is not so hard on the kids who do multiple projects. Everyone loved that the beef had been changed a couple years ago and it really helped. Staggering the start of the sheep and hog shows may help, having more evening competition, and other ideas were discussed. We know that Carole would need to visit with FFA and Open Show person to discuss schedule changes and we were hoping they may have ideas too. Tabled this idea for further discussion at the January meeting. **Advertising:** It was suggested that the pre-fair contests be advertised so the public knows when things are happening. **Market Ribbons and Banners:** Tammi said she really liked the ribbons and banners for the market show. What about Stock show? She was told these were purchased by the Auction Committee. It was discussed if these are more or less than the banners bought for breeding. **Overall Showmanship Contest:** There was discussion as to why reserve champions are not showing in this contest. The history of the contest was discussed. Discussion included the unfairness to the one reserve champion who comes in after the champion is named. This showman is only in the ring a couple of minutes and does not have the same amount of time as the others. Having the reserves and champion in there is what most people remember from their fairs and it also makes it more of a contest since more kids are in the ring. The group would like to discuss it again in January and make a decision at that time. **Sharing of Animals by Family Members:** The group was not sure of the history of this rule, but was concerned if it works for 4-H. Discussion was held as to if this is truly a project as most felt a project should be one kids work from start to finish. We talked about it could help financially, but there are banks now that will finance a project for 4-H members. Also members are not allowed to share other projects that can cost some money within 4-H (a quilt for example). Also there are projects that cost less than a larger livestock animal that members can do, like rabbits and poultry. These can also be market projects. Plus this causes issues in showmanship contests if both members were to win.

Also members can use this to get out of using their own animal and using brother or sisters who worked with theirs longer. Group would like to remove or rewrite rule at January meeting.

**Home Grown Market Animals:** Robin talked about how she had several questions by members about this contest. There needs to be a better explanation of what a Home Grown Animal is. Discussion was held as to what about leased property for a member's breeding project, they should have possession from birth, brothers and sisters sharing a breeding project, etc. The group tabled this matter for more discussion to lead to more set rules in January. **Market Goats:** The auction committee needs to make sure goats are being screened for horns versus scurs at the scale. Kimi wanted to know if she, as goat superintendent, needed to be at the scales on weigh-in day to screen or would the people weighing screen next year. There was an issue dealing with a goat having horns when the rule book says no horns on market animals. **Overweight Hogs:** Robin brought up the issue of really overweight hogs at both EOLS and County Fair. It was said that this issue will start with the Auction committee meeting and go from there. It was indicated it will be discussed at our meeting in January which by then the auction committees should have met. **All-Around Showmanship:** As has been discussed at the last couple of meetings, this rule needs to be clarified as to what animals move on and are represented in this contest. Discussion included does their need to competition in individual species for the members to move on, if so how many, does there need to be so many animals competing in showmanship for that species to move on, if so how many, should only showmanship animals be used and not animals just used in breeding confirmation classes for safety reasons, and more. We need a clear rule. Would like to start discussion in January so decision can be made. Would like rule published in fair premium book.

**Reserve Champion Recognition:** Kimi brought up the point that it seems that the reserve champion in all areas and at both shows really don't get much recognition except for ribbons and banners. She was wondering if they could at least be mentioned during the award ceremonies. They could just stand for recognition to save time.

**Club Enrollment:** All the leaders present had already picked up their enrollment packets. Robin liked how the packets were ready early this year. Everyone liked that they were preprinted for members and leaders who are not new this year.

**Recognition Dinner:** Talked about low attendance this year as well as low participation in record book contest. It was suggested to have record books due in October after the end of the 4-H year on Sept. 30, then have the dinner later in October. Record Books were discussed. Meritorious and Leader of the year winners were announced.

**Upcoming Events:** Talked up the upcoming Open House.

Minutes Submitted by April Leithner