

Union County 4-H Animal Science Leaders Meeting January 14, 2009

The January 14, 2009 meeting of the Union County 4-H Leaders Association Animal Science meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Carole Smith. Those in attendance were Debbie Cornford, Penny Diebel, April Leithner, Carole Smith, Ken Patterson, Melissa Bennett, Kathy Crater, Robin Gerber, and Tammi DelCurto.

The minutes from the October 14, 2008 Animal Science Leaders meeting were read and Darin Larvik was added to the list of those who attended that meeting.

Old Business:

1. **4-H Animal Science Exhibitor Agreement:** Carole presented the newest version of this document. Carole added ownership deadlines for our county to this version. It was suggested the EOLS Breeding Beef ownership be 90 days. Carole will take care of this deadline change for both EOLS and Union County Fair. There was discussion on the signing of this agreement by the members. It was discussed that they could go out when the stockshow packets go out in the mail with a due date of May 15. All members even those not participating in stockshow would receive the agreements at the same time and with the same due date. Registration of pure bred animals is not required in 4-H. One agreement per member must be in the office by the due date.
2. **New 4-H Policy:** Carole passed out what she is working on. It talks about the 4-H mission statement, rules, guidelines, membership, clubs, camps, etc. This policy statement will go out to all new members and parents when it is finalized. It will be on the extension web site, but will not be mailed out.
3. **EOLS Auction Changes:** Carole reviewed the changes that are being made for EOLS and Union County Fair. She explained that top weights have been lifted but there is a top selling weight. Market goats will show and sale at EOLS for the first time this year. Detailed information will be in the next newsletter.
4. **EOLS Request Follow Up:** Carole said she talked to FFA and they said No to sharing the beef show ring with 4-H. Also she said that the stockshow board denied our request to have the Market Auction rotate the hogs and lambs.
5. **COOL Regulations:** Carole handed out a draft of the COOL (Country of Original Origin) affidavit. This is a new USDA requirement as of September, 2008. Members will need to have the seller of their market animal sign one, and then they will sign one when they bring their animal across the scale at both EOLS and UCF. The one signed by the original seller will stay in the member's record book. A bill of sale will work if it has a statement identifying the county of origin (generally USA). Ken asked how this affects market rabbits. Carole would look into this. When a final draft is complete, it can be obtained on the extension web site. Members can bring a completed and signed copy with them to weigh in to save time.

6. **Union County Fair Schedule/Changes:** The 4-H Beef show (both confirmation and showmanship) will take place on Thursday of fair starting at 5:00 p.m. Changing the 4-H Rabbit show from Thursday to Wednesday was tabled until Home Ec Leaders make some scheduling decisions. This will be discussed at the April meeting. Penny said the dogs look good and suggestions that instead of listing all the dog competitions separately to just list as ALL DOG COMPETITIONS. She also asked about the possibility of having the dog members do a demo during a time when the fair is open. Some days and times were tossed around with Wednesday after Pee Wee Showmanship being the favorite. Penny will talk to her members and let us know at the next meeting. Possible herdsman judges were discussed. Lots of great ideas ranging from retired ranches, 4-H alumni, to college Ag students were among the ideas. Penny will talk to some of her Ag students about doing this and will get back to us.
7. **Leaders Association Scholarship:** April told about the two \$1000 scholarships available for high school seniors. Carole has a packet in the office that contains information on many 4-H scholarships. All of this information and applications are also on the extension web site.
8. **Project area reports:** Penny has 22 dog members. Penny said Darrin Larvik has 8-9 pointing dogs. They are talking about some fun matches and a dog skillathon contest. Ken has 20-22 small animal members. He is looking for someone with duck and chicken knowledge to help out. They are hosting an open show March 7, 2009. Carole will put the date in the newsletter. Melissa and Kathy have 8 sheep members. Robin has 13 livestock members. Tammi has 35 plus livestock members. Tammi also reported that she has contacted Clay Weber the Linn-Benton Community College Livestock Judging coach to see if they can come be our judges at the Spring Livestock Judging Contest. Date of this contest will be announced at a later date. April has 9 goat members. Debbie has 7 beef and swine members.
9. **Upcoming Events:** A junior livestock symposium flyer was passed around. This event will be taking place in Ontario. Jr. Ambassador Introduction meeting on 1/15/09. 4-H Focus Group meeting 1/28/09 5:30. Survivor camp dates are 2/13-2/15/09. Eastern Oregon Leadership Retreat is 3/13-3/15/09.

The next Union County 4-H Animal Science Leaders Meeting will be on April 8, 2009 at 5:30.