The April 8, 2009 Union County 4-H Leaders Association Animal Science meeting was called to order by Carole Smith at 5:35 p.m. Those in attendance were Karla McDonald, Sharon Smith, Shelly Batty, J.T. Batty, Ken Patterson, Robin Gerber, Penny Diebel, Lory Graham, Gayla Skeen, Courtney Skeen, Carole Smith, and April Leithner.

The minutes from the January 14, 2009 meeting were read and approved.

1. **Auction Changes**: Carole, once again, reviewed the Auction Changes for both EOLS and UCF. She talked about holding animals to make weight is an ethical issue and the new rules will not put members in a situation where they feel they must withhold food. The new rules can be used for educational purposes as members will need to learn more about selection and feeding of market animals. She handed out the new rules as they will appear in the EOLS premium book. She advised leaders that members must sell their own animal, if they will not be able to be there then they must follow the rules in the premium book on how to petition to have someone else sell for them. The rules are very strict and exceptions are very rare. Weigh-in at EOLS ends at 7:00 p.m. this year.

2. **COOL Affidavit**: Carole, once again, explained this new form. Members will need to fill one out or bring one filled out to weigh-in. This states the origin of the animal and releases ownership of the animal. A copy of this was in the last newsletter and is on the Extension web site.

3. **EOLS Entry Packets**: These will be mailed the week of April 20, 2009. Entries are due by May 15, 2009. Families and leaders will be information regarding entries and EOLS. Leaders must submit entries for members.

4. **Animal Science Exhibitor Agreement**: Every member in the Animal Science area will need to sign one of these agreements and return it to the Extension Office by May 15, 2009. Carole suggested using this as a teaching tool for members. These will be entry packets for EOLS and they are on line for those animals that do not participate at EOLS. These were in the last newsletter and are on line.

5. **Club Auction Animals**: Carole received a question from a club in another county that wishes to bring a club animal for the auction. Carole said current rules do not say anything about out of county clubs bringing animals. The usage of the funds received from these animals was discussed. All funds must go for educational proposes within the club (guest speakers, materials, club equipment, etc.). Clubs must fill out a fund raising form that must be signed by Carole and the president of the Leader’s Association. Clubs can not sell two years in a row. There was discussion on how to handle club animals in the future. It was suggested that a portion of the money from the animal goes to the club and a portion to a building fund for EOLS 4-H. Lory Graham mentioned that these
animals take away money from the individual members. This was tabled until next meeting where we will have further discussion to implement new rules for EOLS 2010.

6. **Eastern Oregon Livestock Show**: Penny Diebel will bring EOU Ambassadors to help with livestock judging. Carole will be holding a judging clinic for new and young members after confirmation on Thursday. This will explain how to mark cards, how to rotate, etc. She is looking for people to volunteer now for the judging contest, so she can meet with them and have them ready before the show begins. She is hoping these things will help it be more organized. The beef judge is Anna Chamberlin, swine judge is Matt Kennedy, no sheep judge hired at this time, no goat judge hired at this time, one of the horse judges is Candi Botham, and one more horse judge needs to be hired. Carole will be confirming and finding superintendents shortly. Carole said that there will be the same type of shavings as last year. Only a light layer is to be used in stalls. She is looking for a sponsor to pay for the transportation of the shavings.

7. **Union County Fair Schedule**: Penny Diebel and Darrin Larvik will have a dog demonstration on Saturday at 4:00. Penny will ask some of her students about being herdsmanship judges. Shelly Batty brought up a conflict with horse judging and livestock judging. Carole will bring this up at the next horse meeting to work this conflict out. Small Animals will be shown on Wednesday instead of Thursday this year. Dogs will still be shown in one day. The pointing dog contest will be listed on the schedule. The Field Trail will be on Wed. July 22 at 6:00 p.m. Darrin is looking for grounds to hold this event. A large pasture near the fairgrounds would be great. The shooting event will be on Thurs. July 23 at 6:00 p.m.

8. **4-H Exchange Program**: Carole talked about the interstate exchange that our county will be having with some 4-H members from New York state. Twenty-two members and 5 chaperons will be here from July 2-9. The ages range from 13-17. These members are mostly livestock kids. Group activities will be planned for all those involved. Some members will be able to experience our Tri-County 4-H camp, which is going on during the time. Carole is looking for a female and male advisor from our county, plus she needs host families for all the members and chaperons. Expense is minimal this year, but next year the members from our county that participate this year will travel to New York were expenses will be far greater. An informational meeting will be help in two weeks.

9. **Upcoming Events**:
   - Favorite Foods Workshop: May 9 from 10-12. Open to everyone.
   - EOLS Clean Up Day: June 6 at 9:00 a.m. Bring shovels, rakes, hammers, wheelbarrows, etc. Potluck dinner, please salad or dessert.
   - Food Canning Workshop: June 18 all day. Must pre-register

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 15, 2009 at 5:30 in the Ag Service Center Conference Room.

Minutes submitted by April Leithner