

**Union County Leader's Association  
Animal Science Leaders Meeting  
July 15, 2009**

The July 15, 2009 Union County 4-H Leaders Association Animal Science meeting was called to order by Carole Smith at 5:30 pm. Those in attendance were Melissa Bennett, Ken Patterson, Rod McKee, Robin Gerber, Tammi Delcurto, April Leithner, and Carole Smith.

The minutes from the April 8, 2009 meeting were read and approved.

1. **COOL Affidavit:** Some members had been creative with changing the font and the color of paper, but used the same wording as the Extension office's copy of the affidavit, at EOLS and a superintendent told them that they could not do this. Carole said as long as the wording is the same as hers, the kids can be as creative as they want with the form.
  
2. **EOLS Review:** Overall everyone felt EOLS went fairly well. Ken brought up the fact that superintendents need to be flexible with kids who are showing in multiple show rings. This was not always the case and some kids had to choose what to show and what not to show. Carole agreed that kids should be able to do multiple animals. Ideas were discussed about how to overcome this issue. Melissa suggested having an orientation type of meeting the morning of EOLS Clean up day, so that everyone knows what needs to be done and who has a list of those items. Other ideas to communicate this information were discussed. Tammi discussed the beef judge saying that he was ok, really nice, but showmanship was a bit different. Tammi also discussed the arrangement in the beef barn. She talked about how to work out a few kinks with the new arrangement next year. She has great ideas on using the other barn more effectively, were to put trimming stands and cattle. Melissa discussed the size of the sheep ring saying it was very small. Several others agreed about the ring being way too small.
  
3. **Union County Fair:** Carole discussed the correct schedule for the fair. She also talked about the premium book and having our own premium book make. 4-H used to do this in the past. It would still be published in the fair premium book, but the 4-H copy would be smaller and copies would be given to each 4-H family. Robin talked about the Favorite Foods contest. She said that they were providing information with diagrams for the kids. Carole stated that kids must enter their own exhibits, unless a pre-arrangement is made with 4-H staff. If the member was in a show ring or with a judge than a sibling can enter the exhibit for them. Record books need to be turned in by Tuesday at 8:00 for state fair. Weigh-in for market animals is 2-7:00 pm this year. Kids with market animals need to fill out a feed and growth record, FFA kids can use the 4-H copy of this form. Ambassadors will have a float for the parade on Friday at 5:00. The awards program will start at 11:00 am on Saturday.

Next Meeting: October 14, 2009 at 5:30 pm in the Ag Service Center Conference Room.

Minutes submitted by: April Leithner