

4-H Leaders' Association
September 9, 2008
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Present: Sally Forster, MaryEllen Lowe, Bob Durham, Audrey Stephens, Gaylene Howell, Crystal Conley, Denise Minson, Betty Odom, Mike Verbeck, Kim McCullough and Lynette Black.

Minutes:

Minutes from the August Leaders Association were approved as presented.

Financial Report:

The September Financial Report was approved as presented. It was noted that the deficit in the Trophy/Award category was due to the pre-purchase of awards.

Old Business:

Superintendents were each asked to give a summary of their 2008 fair experience and any ideas for change for 2009. The following was offered:

- Move rabbit show to Friday
- Move all Adventure small animals to Saturday
- The fairboard is getting another freezer for the Small Animal barn; it will be available for ALL Small Animal exhibitors, both OPEN and 4-H
- Move goat shows to Thursday and Friday afternoons
- Possibility of moving goat obstacle to Saturday
- Photo times for Auction Buyer cards discussed: Sheep will be Thursday, Swine after Showing on Friday; Beef will do in the arena as they show
Lynette will set up species specific times for the photos
- Each 4H member that has a market animal will be given an "Auction Card" in 2009, identifying which animal they will sell through the auction. The date and time that these will be turned is still to be determined.
- 2nd Animal cards will be due by 5pm on Saturday
- Weigh-in data will be posted in each barn **after** weigh-in is completed. No information will be given at the table.
- A question was raised on dog shot records ... are they checked?
- Animal health forms will be **required** next year; animals will not be getting on the scale without it. The Clean Animal Form will no longer be available.
- Positive response given to 2 day set-up for fair. Lynette would like to see clubs each take on an area of responsibility.
- Training needed for Jr. Superintendents, though all agreed it was helpful to have them.
- Suggested having a Superintendent for Herdsmanship.
- Club concerns expressed over herdsmanhip, judging clinics and wash rack cleanliness.
- Concern over the cleanliness of the bleachers around the barns. It was suggested that washing/wiping off bleachers be added to barn duties.
- Dirt fill requested over exposed cement in the sheep barn. Denise will follow up with Tyler. Crystal suggested talking to the state workers.
- Concern expressed regarding traffic pattern around barn area-it will be addressed at the October meeting.

The following priorities were set for the 2009 fair:

- Misters for the Swine Barn:
Mike Verbeck has been pursuing a source.

- Misterters in the Small Animal Barn
After much discussion, it was agreed that this would only work if the misterters would be placed down the center aisle. The concern is having moisture on the animals. Changing the location of the fans was discussed

Priority for mister installation agreed upon as Swine, Small Animals, Sheep and Beef

- More large fans
ID tags needed on these WITH Wasco County 4-H and the specific barn. Bob informed the group that the purchase of 2 additional fans had previously been approved by the Leaders' Association, though never purchased. The group approved the purchase of 2 more, giving the purchase authority for 4 additional fans for 2009. Bob Durham will purchase these.
- Repair blades to existing overhead fans.
Mike Verbeck will follow up on with the purchase of replacement blades.
- Auction has to be removed from 4-H.
Bob Durham will ask Virginia Albrecht, auction treasurer, to pursue getting a separate tax ID#.
- Sheep Panels
Jaci Alsup will take the lead on researching repairs/replacements/additional panels. Ken Polehn had some ideas; he will be invited to attend the October meeting. Bob will also check with the Dufur shop class.
- Bikes
Problems with bike riding around the bars. It was suggested to provide bike racks. Placement will be discussed at the October meeting.
- Shade Cloths
Fairboard has purchased 2 rolls of 30% shade cloth for wherever needed. Lynette suggested having one section off the Open Class Textiles building and one by the beef barn. Placement will be discussed at October meeting.

The October Leader's Association Meeting will be at the fairgrounds (October 14, 6pm, in the Small Animal Barn) so that any further fair change discussion could be visualized (i.e. fans, sheep panels, etc.)

Lynette expressed her intention of visiting each club this year. This will be a chance for the clubs to hear first-hand opportunities available to members locally, regionally and nationally. She is also willing to teach lessons at those meetings. Leaders were asked to contact her to schedule a time.

A committee is needed for both the Al Brown and the Bill Thomas awards. Jaci Alsup has agreed to take the lead on these. Other committee members will be Greg Johnson, Denise Minson, Gaylene Howell and Barb Thomas.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 14th, at the Tygh Valley fairgrounds, Small Animal Barn.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim McCullough