Alaska State 4-H Volunteer Leaders Organization

Minutes of regular meeting

March 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the president, Ronda Sargent at 7:14 PM. Roll was taken and the following people were present, Ronda from Bethel; Forrest Nelson and Patty Miller both from Kenai; Nancy Graff from Fairbanks/Tanana; and Lee and Lon Hecimovich from Matsu/Copper River. No one was present from Anchorage, Nome, or Southeast.

Minutes from the February meeting were not available and a motion from Patty was made to table them for the following meeting. Nancy seconded it and it was passed. Ronda read over the agenda. After a few brief changes were made to it, it was moved by Patty to accept the amended agenda and again seconded by Nancy...motion carried.

Board Reports

There were no reports from the treasurer, secretary, president, or president elect. Patty, as the current past president did report that she was working on the leader’s to take the leader training online. Also she is reviewing the shooting sports training for leaders and putting a proposal together for the state in regards to shooting sports.

Committee Reports

Record Books: They have not met yet and are looking for a date for April or May, Patty said.

Fundraising: Nancy reported about the 4H signs and asked how the sales of said signs were going in our districts. They also talked about perhaps getting a discount on a quantity of sign so they could be given away at the fair for JML donors. Further discussion went on about getting names and address of companies for soliciting their support for the WRLF that will be in Fairbanks in 2016.

Horse: Horse bowl will be in Kodiak April 15, and 16th.

Shooting Sports: Lee may be having an audio conference with Wyoming about adopting their program in Alaska.

Other Reports, State Livestock contest: It was held at Matsu and there were 30 or so participants. Matsu would like to host it next year as well, after they get the “bugs” worked
out of it. There was some problem with the scoring method they used. A good time was had by all.

District Reports: What has been happening ...?

Bethel: Ronda. There was a fair steering committee meeting with 22 people. It was decided that the fair will be Aug. 25-28 several local agencies i.e. Cultural Center and other city officials were present. Lots of good brain storming went on, and they want it to be a city wide event. If you, who have planned fairs before, have any ideas and help aids please contact Ronda.

Fairbanks: Nancy. They are having a family night this Friday to earn money for travel scholarships it will be a carnival theme with chili, cake walk, and line dancing, $5 per person. Marla has just returned from a horse trip. Also the office had moved.

Kenai: Patty. We are planning for Nancy Veal’s retirement in June. Shooting Sports is getting new groups, have 4 going now. Last chance to sign up for JML was today. Have trees and shrubs ordered for our annual tree sale, May 11. Preparing for the Home Show Apr. 30-May 1. Others in our meeting asked what 4H did at such an event. Patty explained that they brought eggs, incubators and heat lamps, and scheduled the eggs to hatch at the event. 4-Hers are there to share about 4H and sometimes have posters and educational displays there as well and offer to sign them up right there. It inspired them to think about doing the same kind of things at their different Home Shows. Patty also reported on the preparation going on for the big Fair Fundraiser Dinner at Ninilchik on Apr. 30th. Also a workshop for the members in JML to teach them how to solicit buyers is planned.

Matsu: Lee. Demonstration practicing going on to prepare for the upcoming contest. Baking and livestock projects meeting and camp planning. Lee also asked if some of the other districts had any banners or displays that could be put up in the 4-H Fair building to jazz it up a bit. Right now there are only local banners; it would be good for the fair goers to know about all the other districts that are represented there.

No Reports from Anchorage, Nome, or Southeast

Prior to the Board Reports, Nancy had to leave the tela conference, when she returned she gave her report as the president elect: She too wanted to get more of the 4-H home signs and was told to contact Juneau, Kodiak and Anchorage to see if they wanted to place an order. For more orders of these signs contact people in the districts are, Ronda, Patty, Lee, Marion (Kodiak), Terry VanZelden (Delta) It was also talked about the WRLF coming in 2016 and how we could perhaps design an Alaskan “style” 4-H postcard or even signs to go along with the
Northern Lights theme, and sell them as a fundraiser. This money is going to Record Book scholarships and keeping the State organization going.

Old Business:

Companies to solicit for Fundraising: Ronda will supply a spread sheet for us to put contacts in. contact Jan for she is in charge of the WRLF 2016. We need to hear what the game plan is so far. Need ideas for table top gifts. Not too early to be bringing forth ideas for 2016.

VLO Goals: Leadership training going good. Focus on 2016. Leadership Forum, Lee. Would like to have input from leaders who don’t go...Find out from them what would get them to this event. What dates are best for them, and we can try to make it happen. We are flexible, it is just such a great opportunity to transport information and ideas and support for leaders. A grad time is ALWAYS had by all, (just need more ALL)

No job description is in place for our district representatives, and we need an incoming representative as well. Send ideas to Ronda.

New Business

Representative’s job description

Report on WRLF 2016 / fundraising

Agenda sent out earlier, say April 12 for the next meeting on April 19th at 7 PM, perhaps it will be an audio from the Extension offices.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM

Respectfully submitted by acting secretary, Forrest Nelson