

San Juan County 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2008 Skagit Valley College Community Room, San Juan Island
SJ Island Community Foundation Update & Policies regarding endowments

People in Attendance:

Officers: Jan Sanburg (president)- Shaw, John Gauthier (secretary)- SJ, Flo McAlary (treasurer)- SJ, Terri Brown (vice president)- SJ

Leaders: Lopez: None **Orcas:** Lorena Stankevich, Kathy Morris **San Juan:** Ginny Beaudoin
Shaw: None

Extension Staff: Cindy Gauthier

Guest 4-H Member: Geneva Mottet, SJ

9:04 Meeting called to order by president Jan Sanburg.

Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed by those in attendance. Lorena moved & Flo seconded to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Cindy mentioned that there will be no "hard copy" of the Fair Premium book sent to residences of San Juan County this year. The premium book will be available on-line with a few hard copies available at the island's libraries. An impromptu discussion was tabled.

Flo gave the treasurer's report. All the islands except San Juan have turned in their membership dues. **San Juan leaders are asked to get their dues to the extension office as soon as possible.** Dues are \$15/ member with a \$35/ family cap. Members only have to pay dues of \$15 once no matter how many clubs they're members of.

The question was raised whether Pam Guyer, the chaperone to Teen Rally, had been paid yet. The matter is to be looked into.

Fees for Teen conference this year are \$115 if paid by May 16th. After May 16th, the fee goes to \$125. The Leaders' Council can support 3 or 4 kids and 1 chaperone with scholarships this year.

Endowment discussion: The principle can be tapped on non-endowed funds. Only the interest can be used on endowed funds- none of the principle can be used. With the current situation in economy resulting in low interest rates it was decided that this might not be a good time to enter into an endowment with the San Juan Island Community Fund. A non-endowed designated fund with SJIC may still be a possibility. They still hadn't come up with a written agreement for us to review. It was decided to pursue raising enough money to add to our existing WSU endowment that generates a guaranteed 4% return. A 4-H Financial Development Committee was formed to set goals & let donors know specifically where money raised would be used. Members of the committee are: Lorena, Jan, Flo and Ginny. They will form a business plan and contact potential donors one on one. **Terri made a motion to form a 4-H Financial Development Committee. The motion passed unanimously.** One of their goals will be to establish long term financial support for 4-H in the San Juan Islands. "4-H Forever".

Committee Reports:

Livestock Market Auction Committee: **The livestock weigh in is scheduled for June 14th. There will also be a judging seminar.**

Trophy Committee: **Trophies need to get turned in to the extension office by July 1st.** Please get the word out to your members.

No other committees reporting.

Updated policy manual status: The policy manual is soon to be available on CD. When the SJC Fair Premium book is final, it will be included in the policy manual.

A discussion ensued on 4-H dogs. **We need to get the non-4-H dog groups/owners involved in Saturday activities during Fair week.**

10:30 The SJC Fair is considered a Youth Fair by Washington State and therefore qualifies for special funding. **It was suggested that all those people attending the Fair that are associated with 4-H wear a 4-H green arm band to increase our visibility to the general public.**

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Lorena moved and Ginny seconded to accept Delores' proposal to take effect at this year's Fair. The proposal is to increase the premium points allowed for table décor- Dept. 17. The proposed point changes are: Blue 50, Red 40, White 30. In the past and currently: Blue 25, Red 20, White 15. The table décor requires lengthy amounts of time to prepare and display. Delores feels that the points should reflect the involvement required for this project. The motion passed unanimously.

It was decided to have a 4-H work day at the Fairgrounds after the next LC meeting to have 4-H members past & present help spruce up the Fairgrounds before the Fair. The event will hopefully be "advertised" in local publications to further expose the 4-H program to the general public. There will be a pot-luck luncheon for those participating.

Next Meeting: July 26th, at the Marie Boe 4-H Building, San Juan County Fairgrounds

10:52 Meeting Adjourned

Motions Made and Passed:

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Actions to be taken:

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Items of Note:

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