

**San Juan County 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting Minutes**  
**(Preliminary) March 7, 2009 Lopez Library, Lopez Island**  
**Proposed Annual Budget**

**People in Attendance:**

**Officers:** Jan Sanburg (president)- Shaw, John Gauthier (secretary)- SJ, Flo McAlary (Treasurer) SJ, Lorena Stankevich (Treasurer in training) Orcas **4-H Member:** Alyssa Hallock, SJ  
**Leaders: Lopez:** Delore Foss **Orcas:** Kathy Morris **San Juan:** Emily Hallock, Lou Mottet  
**Shaw:** None **Extension Staff:** Cindy Gauthier **4-H Teen Leader:** Geneva Mottet- SJ  
**Guest:** Karen Mottet

**7:53 Meeting called to order by president Jan Sanburg.**

**Jan opened the meeting by challenging 4-H leaders & members to promote 4-H through community service.** One of our jobs as leaders is to develop sympathy, empathy & humanity in our members in our crazy world. We should be giving time to our community in beautifying public spaces, beaches, etc and/or spending one-on-one time with older members of the community who could use some company. "Take 4-H to the Streets" might well be our motto.

**It was suggested that a San Juan Island 4-H History Informational Booth be set up at the Fair. Does anyone have photos of their parents or grandparents participating in 4-H projects through the years that we could obtain copies of? How about other 4-H memorabilia or stories?**

Delores shared her experience with a traditional Lopez 4-H Fundraiser "Bingo for Pies". The community came together when they found out it might not be happening this year to help create a successful event.

Jan shared her club's community service project "Miles for Mutts" to raise money for dog food for the dogs involved in the recent puppy mill fiasco. Her club ended up buying \$300 worth of dog food for the homeless dogs.

Alyssa shared her club's experience in supporting the Heifer International organization.

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**Delores brought up the topic of her club needing a \$40 food permit from the health center so they could have a bake sale. Cindy is to contact the health department for clarification on this.**

A question was raised about liability insurance needed for other 4-H fundraising events such as pony rides & picking pumpkins from a patch. Third party insurance is available for such functions. Call Cindy for details.

4-H member, Alyssa Hallock, gave a presentation on the 4-H CTR (Teen leader) program. Alyssa is a teen leader from San Juan Island. She's looking for other 7-10<sup>th</sup> graders to become CTRs with her. Three other positions are open. Interested? Call Cindy for details. Alyssa says she'll be more than happy to talk to any 4-H club about 4-H member leadership opportunities. She has a power point presentation to help her with this. She can be contacted at 378-6138.

**Teen Conference in Pullman will take place June 28 – 30 this year.**

Jan shared her idea of the practice demonstrations she does with her club. At a selected meeting, each member draws a number from a bag. There are stapled bags with numbers on them containing common household articles on a table. The member takes the bag who's number they have drawn & does a demonstration on whatever item is in the bag using a 3x5 card with an outline of how to give a demonstration on it for reference. In the past, bags have contained spoons, measuring cups, staplers, rolls of toilet paper, etc. This makes for impromptu demonstrations that the kids enjoy in a more relaxed atmosphere- since everyone's on the same level.

Geneva says she prepares examples of demonstrations for her group using a "perfect" demonstration, a "careless" demonstration and a "mean" demonstration (where the presenter is mean to the audience). The members in attendance judge all three demonstrations so they can get a feel for how demonstrations are judged and see examples of how & how not to do a demonstration.

**8:53 Leaders are encouraged to round up their members broken trophies & have them back to the extension office by the end of May so they can be repaired.**

A reminder to leaders on San Juan Island that "Consignment Treasures" on Roche Harbor Road will accept your no-longer needed but still useful household items. You can specify that once they're sold the proceeds go to the 4-H program. Please pass the word along to your 4-H members.

**Lorena moved & it was seconded to authorize Flo to pay this years insurance from Leaders' Council Funds- as the time to do so is fast approaching. The money will be replaced once clubs start submitting their insurance money to Flo. The motion passed.**

**John moved and Lorena seconded to purchase 3 flash drives not to exceed \$60 to store Leaders' Council financial data on. One for Flo, one for Lorena and one for the extension office to have. Motion passed.**

Flo encourages clubs to use the official form to list their members on for insurance purposes.

**Lorena moved & Kathy seconded to approve the Treasurers report given by Flo. Motion carried.**

Jan said it would be nice to have a sound system in the poultry/rabbit tent during judging contests. John relayed that the Country Critters had purchased a sound system years ago for such

a purpose. Cindy said it had come from the Seattle Yacht Club years ago & that it's usually around the Fair but it isn't used. Jan suggested using the \$100 labeled "sound system" in the LC budget to purchase lapel microphones so they'd be less intrusive to the 4-H member & judge. Cindy brought to our attention that there's also a sound system in the extension office that could be used if it suited our needs.

**9:15 Delores moved and Kathy seconded to move \$500 from our CD when it matures soon to our general fund. Motion carried.**

**Flo told the group that the horse clubs would like to have equitation & dressage horse jumping type class pre-qualifying for State Fair at the Bits 'n Spurs July 17-19 Horse Show rather than having it during the Fair.** This would open up the horse arena Saturday mornings for other events that would fit in better with the Fair's plans. The matter is to be worked out with the horse clubs involved.

Cindy requested that the Leader's Council recognize Kathy Morris and Lorena Stankevich for their efforts in increasing 4-H member's enrolments on Orcas Island. Those in attendance gave the two leaders a round of applause.

The Fair Board is considering giving the task of managing the Fair Grounds Camping area to 4-H during the Fair. This could be a potential fund raiser for us or at the very least, permit 4-H members "free" camping privileges in return for their time spent working in that area. Details have to be ironed out with Rev, fairgrounds manager.

**9:37 Clinton Gauthier's request for funds to be reimbursed for his 4-H College Leaders trip to Minnesota was discussed. The members in attendance felt that he should be supported in the amount of \$400 to be paid out of funds donated by Islander's Bank to support 4-H member's activities. A motion was made, seconded & passed.**

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The proposed annual budget was discussed at some length. Things are getting complicated with the IRS's interest in non-profits that generate \$25,000 or more. The 4-H Animal Auction is one such event that may be required to provide 1099 forms to their members who's animals sell for \$600 or more. Funds will need to be earmarked for an accountant to help us with such matters. Clarification on this matter needs to be made by the accountant we'll be using.

**The Whatcom County Youth Fair will take place the weekend of April 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**10:25** John moved & Kathy seconded to approve the proposed budget and expense as a working document. After some discussion, the motion was tabled until Flo & Lorena can tweak the income statement categories. The revised budget will be presented at our May meeting.

Flo suggested that starting next year, the treasurer bring a preliminary budget to the October meeting to be presented & discussed so the process can be sped up. Both Flo & Lorena thought this task would be possible to do at that time.

Flo requested that the Educational Activities Scholarship Committee Chairman provide a summary of scholarships provided to 4-H members & leaders at the end of the 4-H year for easy reference. John said that it would be do-able.

Next meeting tentatively set for May 16<sup>th</sup> on Shaw

**11:00 Meeting Adjourned**

**Motions Made and Passed:**

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