

San Juan County 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2008 Shaw Community Center, Shaw Island
Election of Officers, Etc.

People in Attendance:

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

Leaders: **Lopez:** Lisa Steinbrueck **Orcas:** Lorena Stankevich **San Juan:** none **Shaw:** Monte Larsen, Neal Foley and Andrea Schmidt **Extension Staff:** Cindy Gauthier and Alice Hibberd

7:35 Meeting called to order by president Jan Sanburg.

Jan opened the meeting by talking about effective meetings
from <http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/committees/topten.html> :

Top Ten for Committee Members

1. Come prepared to group meetings.
2. Seek common direction in working with others.
3. Share oneself as a resource in the group.
4. Be open to listen to ideas of others.
5. Take responsibility for helping the group make decisions and solve problems.
6. Speak only for oneself.
7. Evaluate the group effort.
8. Evaluate one's own contributions.
9. Help celebrate and honor successes.
10. Follow up and do that which is agreed upon after the meeting of the group.

Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed by those in attendance. A correction is to be made to the July minutes: The bricks for the fundraiser costs us \$20 for the smaller ones & \$29 for the large ones. Monte moved to approve the July minutes and Lisa seconded. Minutes were approved with corrections. Monte moved to approve the August minutes. Andy seconded and they were approved.

8:10 Alice announced that there are updated forms available for special events- waivers, medical forms, etc. These forms can be filed out once & kept on file. See her if you have any field trips or other special events your club plans to participate in this year.

Jan discussed sales of bricks for our fundraiser. Many leaders were unsure of how the program works. Buyers will be purchasing "Lines" on a brick- not the brick itself. If they want to pay \$100 or more, they can buy the whole brick with up to 3 lines on it with 15 letters per line. Otherwise, they pay \$33 to buy one line and share the brick with 2 other buyers, whom they may or may not know. For more info please visit www.bricksareus.com or contact Jan. Jan has already had success selling lines on bricks. The bricks will eventually be used somewhere on the

Fairgrounds. Let Jan know if your club is interested in selling bricks at your next fundraising event so you can get samples of the bricks, etc.

After some discussion, **John moved and Monte seconded that any 4-H club that sells \$300 worth of lines on bricks will get a free 4x8 brick with whatever wording they'd like put on it. The motion passed unanimously.**

Leaders evaluation of monthly Leader's News. After feedback from around the table, it was agreed to keep the newsletter with some modifications. There will no longer be columns- it'll be in letter format so that readers won't have to do as much scrolling to get articles read. It was agreed that deadline notifications and upcoming events are important. The email format suits most people that were in attendance but not everyone takes time to read the newsletter on line. It was suggested that any pertinent information that affects a certain club or clubs be sent to those leaders that the information affects.

9:10 Election of officers After Jan explained the duties of the officers and the time commitment involved for each position and after no one in attendance expressed an interest in becoming an officer, **John moved to keep the current slate of officers. Lisa seconded & the motion passed.** A discussion ensued about the possibility of getting some "outside" help for the treasurer's position (hiring a bookkeeper). If anybody is interested in becoming an officer, they can let the person holding that position know & they can become an officer in training. They don't have to wait until this time next year. Lorena expressed an interest in the treasurer's position.

9:25 Would it be beneficial to have LC meetings at different times? Would virtual meetings on line appeal to anybody? Send out email to get feedback.

9:40 It was suggested that if island leaders hosting the LC meeting couldn't commit to attending the meeting on their own island that the meeting be moved to a different island to improve attendance. A discussion took place centered on how to get more people involved in LC meetings and committees. Raffles? Trips to Hawaii for those in attendance?

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Next meeting January 10 on Orcas tentative meeting place: The Orcas Hotel more info to follow

An Executive Officers meeting will take place in December

10:10 Meeting Adjourned

Motions Made and Passed:

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Actions to be taken:

Send out email to get feedback on having LC meetings at different times and if virtual meetings on line would appeal to anybody.

Items of Note:

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Preliminary minutes for October 11, 2008 LC meeting (October 31, 2008)