

**San Juan County 4-H Leader's Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 2, 2008 Classroom C at Skagit Valley College SJ Island**  
**SJC Fair 4-H Ribbon Policy & SJ Island Community Foundation Presentation**

**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:** None, **San Juan:** Janelle Teasdale **Shaw:** None

**Staff:** Alice Hibbard

**9:30 Meeting called to order by president Jan Sanburg.**

A discussion of San Juan County Fair 4-H ribbon policy ensued. Members present gave their thoughts on what criteria should be used to give ribbons to Grand & Reserve Champion winners.

**10:05** Ribbon discussion tabled to hear a presentation by Wendy Wood representing the San Juan Island Community Foundation. Wendy was introducing us to the SJICF and the work they do. Basically, we can set up an account with them. Money in our account would be invested for us. Those groups that were in the foundation's sphere earned 9% on their investments last year. SJICF usually ask the groups that join them for a \$5,000 minimum investment. In our case, that minimum investment would be waived. Also, the 1.5% annual management fee they charge would initially be waived.

We could set up our account in numerous ways:

- 1) We could have a long term, endowed account to fund whatever we wanted (except salary). We can only utilize the interest on this account, not the principal. Ideally, we'd eventually have a large enough fund so we could have the interested earned on the account to fund Educational Activities, or whatever without touching the principal.
- 2) We could also set up a non-endowed account for operating expenses in order to take advantage of the higher earning interest the SJICF investments generate. On this account we could use both the principal and the interest.
- 3) We have the option to have both accounts simultaneously- a non-endowed account and an endowed account.

Wendy is recommending the third option for 4-H because of our needs and our limited start up funds. She suggest starting out with less restriction on our account and adding more later if desired. This way we'd have enough funding for annual needs, and we'd be planning for future program needs. Requests for withdrawal of funds from the non-endowed portion can be met within a week's time.

One significant advantage to belonging to the SJICF is that it would give 4-H exposure to the many Phalanthropists associated with the SJICF. Our new endowment could be featured at the Fair to drawn in donors. SJICF would assist us doing major press releases to the public also.

Wendy is to set up a meeting with the Treasurer of the SJICF to answer some questions we have that she wasn't able to answer. Alice will forward this info to the LC officers when available.

During the above discussion, it was suggested that the Leader's Council draft a letter to area lawyers and politicians explaining to them what *Know Your Government* is all about and whether they'd like to contribute to a 4-H member becoming more knowledgeable about government and law making.

**11:10** The ribbon discussion picked up again & concluded with the following motion moved by Flo, seconded by Terri and passed unanimously:

**For every 4-H Department at the San Juan County Fair a minimum of one Grand Champion and one Reserve Grand Champion ribbon must be awarded to the highest qualifying blue ribbons. The highest blue receives the Grand, the next highest the Reserve.**

**Only the highest blue ribbon entries should be considered for Grand or Reserve Champion. Red ribbon entries are not eligible for Grand or Reserve rosettes even if there are few, one or no blue ribbon winners.**

**Grand and Reserve Grand ribbons can also be allotted per class or lot if deemed appropriate.**

**11:20** The following 4-H livestock auction policies proposed by the 4-H livestock auction committee were voted on & approved unanimously:

The class description and contract for the Alternative Beef class was submitted and accepted.

The Policy edits were to clarify the Policy: to change the title of the document from "Policy and Guidelines" to "Policy"

Also, in the section concerning the duties of the bookkeepers the words "in a timely manner" were replaced with "within 30 days" in 3 places in order to make the policy more clear.

**11:35** Meeting adjourned. Next meeting March 1<sup>st</sup>, Lopez

### **Motions Made and Passed:**

#### **San Juan County Fair 4-H ribbon policy**

**For every 4-H Department at the San Juan County Fair a minimum of one Grand Champion and one Reserve Grand Champion ribbon must be awarded to the highest qualifying blue ribbons.**

**Only the highest blue ribbon entries should be considered for Grand or Reserve Champion ribbons in any class. Red ribbon entries are not eligible for Grand or Reserve rosettes even if there are few, one or no blue ribbon winners.**

**Grand and Reserve Grand ribbons can also be allotted per class or lot if deemed appropriate.**

### **Livestock Auction Policies:**

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### **Items of Note:**

During the discussion about fundraising, it was suggested that the Leader's Council draft a letter to area lawyers and politicians explaining to them what *Know Your Government* is all about and whether they'd like to contribute to a 4-H member becoming more knowledgeable about government and law making.

2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Preliminary 02/19

Corrected 3/9/2008 John Gauthier (See minutes of March 1, 2008)