

Idaho State Leaders' Association
Executive Council Meeting
Bonneville County Extension Office
October 27, 2007

In Attendance:

District I

Latah County	Arlinda Nauman	State 4-H Director
Clearwater County	Bobbi Flowers	IYHC VP & International Programs

District II

Canyon County	Claudia Brush	State Secretary, Dist. II Rep.
Canyon County	Andy Smyth	Deans Advisory
Canyon County	Debbie Lowber	State Past President, WRLF 2008 Co Chair
Gem-Boise County	Beth Kienitz Carter	District II Rep, State DSA
Owyhee County	Maurine Johnson	District II Rep

District III

Twin Falls County	Samantha Anderson	District III Rep
Twin Falls County	Mary Davidson	District III Rep, Endowment Board
Twin Falls County	Kevin Davidson	District III Rep, State President

District IV

Bear Lake County	Bonnie Caywood	District IV Rep
Bonneville County	Andi Skinner	County Coordinator
Bonneville County	Cindy Wescoat	District IV Rep, County Advisory Council Pres
Bonneville County	Becky Cook	District IV Rep
Bonneville County	Brian Cook	District IV Rep
Bonneville County	Jan Doman	District IV Rep

CALL TO ORDER:

President Kevin Davidson called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm

INTRODUCTIONS:

Introductions were made around the table.

AGENDA REVIEW:

Under New Business, added
g. Salute To Excellence Nominations
h. Nevada Leaders Event
i. 4-H Stories
j. Officer Elections

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Mary Davidson moved and Bobbi Flowers seconded to suspend the reading of the minutes. Motion Passed.

REPORTS:

Treasurer Report and Budget Review:

No report was received. Discussion about Leader's Corner funding. Andy moved and Bobbi seconded to give Linda approval to spend \$3000 for this issue. Motion passed. Andy put in an ad again, it was suggested that we ask others for the same. Possible advertisers – implement dealers, banks, Farm Credit were all suggested.

District I

Fairs wrapped up and they are starting up again for the new year.

District II

A written report received – Beth Carter

Cabelas hosted youth events Sept 22-23, 4H youth invited to attend

District Shooting Sports trailer now housed in Canyon County

Canyon County is proposing to change fair schedule (major changes)

Holding many new leader trainings throughout the District

5 Youth delegates and 2 chaperones to National Congress from District II

Owyhee County leaders council is beginning to form, mission statement has been established, and working on scholarships for teens who remain in 4H through Senior year of High School

Updating animal barns in Owyhee County also

Will promote ready to wear category for District fashion revue

Advanced tailoring workshop to be held in January

Canyon County hosting 4H Blast for 6th & 7th graders in November

Nancy Shelstad new Extension Educator in Canyon County

Working Ranch horse up and going again

Buckaroo's program along with Ranch Horse

Several 4H program coordinator positions open at this time

New District Camp Director Dan Allers

District III

Written reports received – Donna Gillespie and Mary Davidson

The District III 4-H Team met in September in conjunction with the Statewide 4-H Orientation, and will meet in November to review the progress on the goals we set last year and schedule professional development for 2007-08. We are also meeting in December to review the NDSU Baking curriculum and some social time (Christmas treats and eats). The Team also attended the Statewide 4-H Training in October in Caldwell.

District III Leaders Association is meeting on October 11th in Lincoln County to elect officers and plan 2008 activities, meeting will be followed by bowling for everyone. The 2008 State Leaders Forum planning committee is meeting in Salmon on October 26-27 to look at facilities and continue Forum planning.

Donna R. Gillespie is planning on attending the State 4-H Ambassador Training with youth from District III in November.

Fairs:

All County Fairs were well attended and went smoothly.

District Contests:

- Dog (September 8th – Jerome)
- Rabbit (September 8th – Twin Falls)
- Style Revue (September 15th – Cassia)
- Horse (September 22nd-Twin Falls- Jerome hosts)
- Public Speaking (September 29th –Minidoka) – **Cancelled**

Staffing:

Steve Hines moved from Lincoln County Crops to Twin Falls County Crops
Christi Falen returned to Lincoln County Crops
Mario de Haro Marti is new to Gooding County
Tiana Fife is new to Twin Falls County Livestock
Kristy Boguslawski moved from Lincoln County 4-H Assistant to 4-H Coordinator
FCS Position in Lemhi County is being interviewed
FCS Position in Gooding is approved
CYFAR Afterschool Grant is ongoing in Cassia County
Kathy Kimball has resigned from Blaine County 4-H Program Coordinator

District IV

Eastern Id State Fair was in September. The Horse Show and Livestock Fair went well. Working Ranch Horse is taking hold. They are going to add Buckaroo Project. They are hosting State Horse Contests, hoping to secure Sandy Downs in Bonneville County. Sending a Judging team to Western National in Denver. The big fund raiser was Pass The Goat. Recognition Night will be Nov 3. Working on getting the teens back together. Bear Lake County and a few others have Friday 4-H, they only have a 4 day school week. They have lots of Project In A Day.

Endowment Update – Mary Davidson

Endowment Board met September 21st and allocated \$84,000 to: Seed Grants; KYG; Teen Conference; Transportation for Teen Conference and KYG; WRLF (\$5000); Volunteer Recognition; Shooting Sports; \$10,000 for college scholarships. There will be 2 Travel scholarships new for next year. They need a District IV Rep on the board.

Dean's Advisory Board Update – Andy Smyth

Met last week. Sounds like funding coming to a settling. University is looking to move out to the communities with all their Colleges using the Extension model.

4-H Advisory Board Update – Debbie Lowber

They met Oct 3, but didn't have a quorum, so no decisions. Policies and Procedures 2008- 09 decisions will be at the February meeting. Debbie will send out the current proposed changes.

Leaders' Corner – Kevin Davidson

Need articles.

International Programs

A written report received – Bobbie Flowers

Year-Long Student Exchanges: If you know of an families who are interested in hosting an international exchange student from Japan or the former Soviet Republics for 2008-2009 school year, please refer them to Claudine Zender now so she can begin the application process and reserve space in their local high school. These students all have health insurance and their own spending money. Host families need provide only a bedroom (shared or single), food and open hearts.

Outbound Programs: The 4-H endowment doubled International programs scholarship funding for the 2008 travel year. We now have funds available to offset travel costs for both youths and adults. 4-H members aged 14 and above and adult chaperones can participate in International Programs by traveling to Finland, Japan, and Australia next summer. The deadline to apply for summer 2008 travel is February 1, 2008. Anyone interested in outbound travel should be referred to Claudine Zender very soon so she can help them prepare their application.

Summer 2008 Inbound Exchanges: It is not too early to start thinking about hosting for summer 2008.

Families may host a Japanese student age 12-16 or a student form Finland age 15-18. Host families need to have a child of approximately the same age and gender as their exchange. We will also need host families for chaperones in homes with or without children.

Idaho Youth Horse Council

A written report received – Bobbie Flowers

The IYHC met on October 5, for their fall meeting. New state livestock specialist, Carie Stark, was introduced.

The 07 State Horse Contests that were hosted in CdA was reviewed. Those qualifying for national competition and receiving scholarships were stated. It was announced that Bonner County from Northern Idaho placed 5th at the AQHYA horse bowl competition in August.

There is to be a state Junior Horse Bowl contest to be held during the 08 State Horse Contests which will be held in Idaho Falls, July 08. Final guidelines are due out to each district by January 1, 08.

As the CCS curriculum is about to end, Idaho equine projects are looking at becoming involved in a tri-state guideline. The PNW would be comprised of Idaho, Oregon and Washington states utilizing the same set of guidelines for conducting their 4-H horse project, shows and O-mok-sees.

The Idaho Horse of the Year Award will be presented during the States Night Out at the Western Regional Leaders Forum in March of 08. The deadline for the 08 contest is May 1, 2008.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2008 WRLF Update – Debbie Lowber

The Stampede is on – as of Thursday there were 34 registrations

2008 State Leader's Forum – District III

They had a meeting at Salmon yesterday and this morning. Looked at facilities, had a scavenger hunt to get to know the city.

DSA-Beth Carter

Received DSA's from all 4 Districts. Working on the dinner. It will be at the Red Lion. Will be working with Chris Roberts and Greg Heim to set up for dinner.

Ways & Means

No report sent.

Public Relations & Communication – Kevin Davidson

Contact your legislators.

OLD BUSINESS:

Continuing Review of Handbook

Debbie will send out proposed changes for approval at the February meeting.

Report from Eastern Idaho Fair Booth

Sent 70 names to Scott Nash from visits to the booth. Handed out bookmarks; showed the Teen Conference Tape, Ambassador Tape and Opportunities Tape; handed out lots of fliers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Suggested Changes for 08-09 Policies & Procedures

Appeal process is still up for vote at the February meeting. This group has a real problem with the proposed change.

SLA Rep(s) on 4-H Advisory Board

They need a District IV Rep and District I need to update with a new rep. Brian Cook volunteered from District IV. Kevin and/or Mary Davidson will contact District I.

Issues of Concern from Districts

District I has concerns about the Appeal process, because of leader/staff issues. They also have more stringent rules than Policies and Procedures. They are banning members from participation because they have not completed their project.

Using General 4-H Tax number for 4-H groups

Reminder that everyone needs to use 2704 General Federal Tax ID for 4-H.

Salute to Excellence Nominations

Tass Heim has been nominated for the more than 10 years. Need someone for under 10 years.

Nevada Leaders Event

They are having their State Forum in February in Reno. They want a Rep to promote WRLF.

4-H Stories

Trying to put together a 4-H Chicken Soup for the Soul. Please submit stories to Maureen Toomey.

Officer Elections

The following slate of officers was approved by acclamation:

President – Mary Davidson

President Elect – Bobbi Flowers

Secretary – Claudia Brush

Treasurer – Maurine Johnson

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held February 16 in Boise at the Double Tree. We'll have lunch with the Endowment Board then have our meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Brush