Idaho State Leaders’ Association
Executive Council Meeting
Red Lion Downtowner, Boise, ID
February 17, 2007

In Attendance:

**District I**
- Latah County: Arlinda Nauman (State 4-H Director)
- Cearwater County: Bobbi Flowers (IYHC VP & International Programs)
- Kootenai County: Jo Anne Fortier (District I Rep)
- Kootenai County: Susie Scarcello (State Treasurer)
- Kootenai County: Jim Wilson (Extension Educator)
- Erika Thiel (Extension)

**District II**
- Ada County: Linda Webb (State Specialist)
- Canyon County: Claudia Brush (State Secretary, Dist. II Rep.)
- Canyon County: Tass Heim (WRLF 2008 Co-Chair)
- Canyon County: Debbie Lowber (WRLF 2008 Co-Chair, State Past President)
- Canyon County: Tim Lowber
- Canyon County: Andy Smith
- Canyon County: Debbie Lowber (State Past President)
- Gem-Boise County: Beth Kienitz Carter (District II Rep, State DSA)

**District III**
- Shelby Anderson
- Twin Falls County: Mary Davidson (District III Rep, Endowment Board)
- Twin Falls County: Kevin Davidson (District III Rep, State President)
- Minidoka County: Donna Gillespie (Extension Educator)

**District IV**
- Bannock County: April Ward (Extension Educator)

**CALL TO ORDER:**
President Kevin Davidson called the meeting to order at 9:05 am

**INTRODUCTIONS:**
Introductions were made around the table.

**AGENDA REVIEW:**
Under Committee Reports, added g. Idaho Youth Horse Council – Bobbi Flowers
MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:
Secretary Claudia Brush read the minutes of the last meeting, November 10th, 2006. They were approved as amended.

REPORTS:
Treasurer Report and Budget Review:
Claudia Brush gave the Treasurer’s Report. Our current balance is $1081.72 in our checking account. The savings account has been closed with the funds moved to checking. The CD matured on December 15, 2006, $1,695.26 was moved to the checking account and the remaining $5,000 was rolled over to the CD, to mature on June 15, 2007. Discussion on the proposed budget was centered on how to fund Leader’s Corner and the budget in general. Linda said we will have interest from Endowment for 2007. Discussion was on how do we cut costs. April moved and Debbie seconded the formation of the Ways and Means committee. Motion passed. Volunteers for a committee to discuss budget are: Susie Scarcello, Andy Smyth, Claudia Brush, Donna Gillespie, and Mary Davidson

District IV
April Ward gave an oral report. April is working to inspire her leaders to attend a Mini Forum, moved from end of March to June. Andy said he would go down to help. They are asking volunteers and youth to do workshops. Working on changing classes at fair to show the bigger picture. Arlinda asked if there was interest in WRLF. Not yet, leaders look at Eastern Idaho Fair as the event, good participation, but nothing beyond.

District III
Donna Gillespie submitted a written report. District III Leaders Association met on January 30 and welcomed new county youth and adult representatives and elected new officers and representatives. They also updated their brochures. Donna also has submitted an article to Leader’s Corner, Especially For You Day.

District-wide activities:
4-H Camp Board
Winter Camp (Feb 23-25)
Leader Retreat Mar 2-4
Horse and Pony Council
Hippology (Feb 14 - Jerome)
District Contests (April 13-14 – Minidoka)

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

District Day/Summer Camps:
Fair Volunteer and Superintendent Training (Feb 3 - Jerome)
Rabbit Education Day (April 14 – Twin Falls)
JMG Training (March 30-31 – Blaine)
Wildlife Camp (May 19 – Blaine)
Lamb Camp (June 7 – Blaine)
Swine Camp (June 8 - Gooding)
Summer Youth Camp (June 18-21)
Dutch Oven Camp (June 28 – Jerome)
Summer Youth Camp (July 9-13)
OMK Camp (July 13-15)
Livestock Judging (July 18-20 – Jerome)

District II
A written report was submitted by all representatives. Sandy has 40 teens signed-up for camp counselor training. This will be Sandy’s last year as Director.

May 5th District II will host a Shotgun and Rifle Jamboree. This shoot is open to all members in the State and will also be a qualifier for national competition. March 31 and April 1st, at the Rod & Gun Club in Parma, there will be a state Shooting Sports leaders training.

The District II Oral Presentation Contest will be co-chaired by Myrn Gosse and Faye Yoctorowic, both from Payette County.

There have been many staff changes in the District. Becky Settlage from Washington County has accepted an educator position in Hawaii, Stephanie Shank from Gem County has accepted an educator position in Arizona and Tina Platt from Canyon County and Rite Gillespie from Owyhee County quit their coordinator/program assistant positions. Rikki Wilson was hired as a livestock educator in Gem County and will also serve as the County Chair. Rikki began in Gem County February 5th.

Counties in our District have been training new leaders, holding Horse Bowl competitions and there was a Super Saturday in Ada County in January attended by leaders from several counties.

Our District was well represented in Arizona at the WRFL.

A Cosmic Bowling Night was hosted for District teens in Weiser. 41 teens and adults attended.

This will be the 6th year for Horse Camp (June 21 – 24) in Donnelly. The Horse Judging Contest date is June 9th. The Working Ranch Horse Project is going strong in its 3rd year.

57 youth from our District are attending KYG as delegates.

District I
JoAnn Fortier submitted a written report. The Panhandle District is busy with Super Saterdays and Leader Training. Kootenai County is doing a Souper Saturday on Feb 24th, to include homemade soup, bread and
desserts. The Horse Council has their camps and training sessions set for spring and early summer. The North Idaho Fair Board is hosting a two day judges training session on March 24 and 25. They are bringing in a trainer from South Dakota. Cost is $30 for two days or $20 for one day.

Endowment Update
They currently have $1,923,595.51 in the general fund. The scholarship committee was appointed. Scholarships are due April, with results before May. They are working on the MOU with U of Idaho. They are working with casinos to show how 4-H can benefit. Dale Maxwell is working on contacts for support of WRLF. Endowment has committed to $20,000. Still needed on the committee are: Youth from District I and a Volunteer from District IV. Kevin Davidson challenged leaders to give through Friends of 4-H for Leader’s Forum. He will write and article for Leaders’ Corner.

Dean’s Advisory Board Update
Andy Smyth reported there had been no meetings since fall.

4-H Advisory Board Update
Their meeting is this afternoon.

Leaders’ Corner
Linda Webb gave out the publication dates:

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The committee will meet after this meeting.

International Programs
Bobbi Flowers submitted a written report. Claudine Zender is still seeking host families for our incoming summer Japanese delegates. Idaho is taking 20 youth from Japan. We have lots of kids in the 13-14 year age range, so it would be great to find host families with kids that age. We will also need host families for the chaperones, so families without teens can host a chaperone for 2 weeks. There are still spaces left for 4-H members 15-19 who would like to visit Finland this summer. Deadline to apply is March 1. Claudine is working to find host families for three high school students for the 2007-2008 school year. School year host families need not have a child of the same age, so there’s lots of flexibility in family makeup for this program. Anyone interested in hosting or having Claudine prepare a presentation for a Super Saturday or other event should contact Claudine at Phone: 208-885-7700 or Cell: 208-827-1361.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
2006 State Leader’s Forum – District II
Nothing new to report except, they made money.
2008 State Leader’s Forum – District III
Donna Gillespie reported they need to talk about funding and how to share the profit/lose after. No date yet, probably sometime the end of October or the first of November.

DSA
Beth Kienitz Carter has a new cover letter to send to the county offices and county leader association presidents. Need to push participation in our counties. Beth will write an article for the May/June Leaders’ Corner.

Ways & Means
There are still 4 counties that haven’t paid their dues.

Public Relations & Communication
Kevin Davidson reminded everyone that we need to get the work out about 4-H.

2008 WRLF
The committee met last night. They will be visiting the hotel. Donna is looking for workshops. We want to push for a BIG Idaho delegation.

Idaho Youth Horse Council
Diane Tolley submitted a written report. Remind your districts of the 2007 State Horse Contest dates. District I will host the contest July 9th and 10th in Coeur d’Alene. Youth from all four districts will participate in Horse Judging, Oral Presentations and Horse Bowl. Idaho Horsemanship Award – Written examinations were completed by members in every District. Results of all District’s performance phases of the award were not available. The Spring semi-annual meeting will be held at the Kopper Kitchen Restaurant in Boise, March 9th at 2 pm. Dr. Dirk Vanderwall, DVM from the University of Idaho will present Equine Cloning: What is it and Where is it going? at 7 pm at the First Community Center, Boise. 4-H clubs are encouraged to bring their members, leaders, parents, and any other interested parties.

OLD BUSINESS:
Update SLA Handbook
Debbie Lowber reviewed the change the committee recommended. After discussion, additional recommendations were made. It was sent back to the committee for revisions and to be sent out.

Leaders’ Corner
Covered earlier, see Treasurers report above.

Update on vacant positions on State 4-H Staff
Arlinda announced that Karrie Stark is the new Livestock Specialist. She will start on April 1. Jo Campbell is working half time in a temporary position. Arlinda is trying to fill as a permanent position. Donna said she would talk to Charlotte to see why this is not a permanent position. Kevin will also send a letter from the State Leaders Association, stating that we want the position filled.
Revisit Leaders Dues based on feedback from counties
There has been feedback on how we are billing Leader’s dues for State Leaders Association. The complaint is that the after school leader’s shouldn’t be billed. Mary moved the we form a committee to discuss the problem. Susie seconded. Motion passed. The committee is: Mary, Brian, Arlinda and Beth.

NEW BUSINESS:
Suggested Changes for 07-08 Policies & Procedures
Arlinda handed out the 2006-2007 Policies and Procedures. Updates need to be made on the verbiage on background checks. Committee to review the Policies and Procedures was appointed. They are: Bobbi, Mary, Arlinda and JoAnne. They will review and report back at the June meeting.

Congress Chaperones for 2007
Debbie moved that the chaperones be Beth Carter and Steve Johnson. Bobbi seconded. Motion passed. It was also stated that Karen Utter from Canyon County would like to go sometime.

Preliminary Findings from Tufts Study
Arlinda handed out the results of the study. In general, 4-H is doing a good job, but we are doing a better job with girls than boys. We will need to add focus towards boys.

Issues of Concern from Districts
District IV is struggling. See District IV report above.

Needs for Marketing 4-H
Debbie suggested for the next agenda to look at giving 4-H a better presence at Legislative Day.

Other
Nothing presented

Next Meeting
The next meeting will be held June 9th at the Ada County Extension Office at 9:30. We will have a potluck lunch.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Brush