

4-H Animal Science Curriculum Committee Minutes May 26, 2004

4-H Dairy Curriculum Committee

In attendance: Andrea Sawyer, Lora Goss, Rowen Goss, Sherry Morrill, Katy Hurd, Holly Bersaw, Michelle Bersaw, Beth Dalh, Dave Dahl, Lisa Townson

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The dairy committee discussed rule changes for quiz bowl in 2005 and updated the packet to reflect the age change. The junior contest will be for 12, 13 & 14 year olds and run in the same format as previous years. The senior contest will be for 15 year olds and older – and all will be eligible for the state team. The addition of a Phase B – bonus-type round to the senior contest makes its format more similar to the national contest. (Updated rules will be posted to web)

The committee suggested a state-wide dairy skill-a-thon also be held on quiz bowl day for younger members. (Note: Per state office, this is not in keeping with the spirit of the skill-a-thon proposal. Skill-a-thon events are to be held locally and also cover animal science from a broader perspective than just one project area in a fun, non-competitive manner. – A state-wide skill-a-thon event will not be held).

A copy of the 2004 state show entry information was shared and reviewed. A couple of clarifications over dress code were made. The committee suggested the kids at the show vote for who they would like to represent them at ESE at the clipping contest – perhaps asking them to write 4 names on their quiz. Some concerns were expressed about the rising cost of fuel and traveling up to Lancaster.

ESE was discussed and there is a need for 10 more show boxes. Suggestions were to see about the prison wood shop doing this. Sweatshirts for ESE delegates were discussed and Lisa told the

group the Foundation doesn't buy shirts or jackets for other ESE delegates and suggested the dairy group look for outside donations and purchase the sweatshirts on their own. The beef kids do this and the horse kids get their jackets paid for by the NH Horse & Trail Association. Beth Dahl will be reworking the display, and doing all of the decorations including the signs. The display board is located at David Conway's if she wants it. Further discussion followed about how feed for ESE will be secured – through donations or youth paying for their own.

Dairy Judging for 2005 was discussed and it was decided that a clinic would be held at Norwich Farms on **March 26, 2005** – a one day clinic for all ages and Tom Fairchild will be asked to present. The two-day trip will be in the direction of Maine over the weekend of **April 30 & May 1, 2005**. Youth 12, 13 & 14 will judge and stay over night and a informal reasons clinic/practice will be held. Youth 15 and up will judge, stay overnight and present oral reasons in competition for a slot on the 2005 state team that will represent NH at Madison, WI.

There was a discussion with Lisa about the possibility of sending a judging team to the national contest on a more flexible schedule – in stead of every other year as it currently is scheduled. Lisa told the group this was not possible because there are some senior members who plan their other activities around the fixed, every other year schedule – opting to concentrate on quiz bowl or apply for dairy conference on the years they know a judging team won't be going to Madison. Further, it's difficult to come up with a criterion as to how a decision would be made to send a team or not. Questions were asked about numbers – how many youth have participated in the senior contest as Lisa told the group that the numbers had been too low to field a mature, well-qualified team **every year**. Youth who have returned from this trip report they have a more positive experience as older, more mature members. There have been several instances in the past few years, when younger members who have qualified have opted not to go, but wait and try again to qualify as older members.

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4-H Horse Curriculum Committee Meeting Notes

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Topic	Action	Next Step	Who assigned	Date target
Skill-A-Thon events for 2005	Station suggestions – colors, breeds, tack, hay & forage, grains, farrier tools and shoes, poisonous plants	Suggestions to state office	Maryann	Feb 2005
New Web site resources – demonstration	Would like up: ad sale packets, links to QB resource sites, calendar, fact sheet on opportunities have hot links added, fair links	Lauren bring to web team	Lauren	5/28
Other questions/issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harness driving manual that we chose is on web, print up for members for fall 2004, QB and State Show source for 2005 • Colorado book is currently being reviewed for errors. We would like to NHerize sections like poisonous plants and other areas where regions are different 	Check minutes to id past vote, if no evidence present proposal for Feb 05	Maryann Curric Comm	9/04 Fall 04
State Show	Revise guidelines and judging process for State Show Stable management. Add appeal process.	Changes presented to State Horse Advisory Council – State show implements	Committee Show comm	5/28 6/10 7/27
State Show	Chaperone orientation content should include: Attire, warm up ring process, stable management and appeal process, medical alert and emergency procedures, orange vests		Maryann/Lisa	7/04
Spring Events review	<p>Quiz bowl – have previously passed rule that we would implement source changes the year after national did. Thus starting with the Feb 05 contest the Equus glossary would be dropped and IDET added for both Jrs and Srs.</p> <p>Discussed hippology scoring but no way to speed up process unless more multiple choice and word banks are used which doesn't test the same knowledge level.</p>	2005 contest will be Feb 12 at Merrimack Valley, Belmont, or similar central location.	Maryann	10/04
State Leader Training Nov 13	Topics suggested: Record and resume preparation, recruitment, horse psychology, natural horsemanship, Alternative therapy such as acupuncture, massage & magnetic therapy, chiropractics, dentistry. Contact-Kim Schlemmer Hatch does massage therapy for horses	Lauren send to Jolee for conference committee	Lauren to Jolee	5/04 done

4-H Livestock Curriculum Committee

Committee Members: Andy Howe, Carol Howe, Kate Sartell, Felicia Sartell, Ted Sartell, Nate Sartell and Jim Smith.

Staff member: Jolee Chase

No Swine members were present.

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The first thing on our agenda was to identify chaperones for the Big E. The members of the sheep committee did not have any names of youth who were going to the Big E, never mind chaperones. Jolee will talk to other Extension Staff and get names of the sheep members over 12 and see if any may be interested in participating this year. Most of the youth choose to go to Deerfield Fair that weekend.

Jim Smith told the committee his son is getting married that weekend and he will not be able to chaperone. He suggested that we get in touch with Bob Bickford for names.

I talked to the committee about Kids Night being moved to Saturday. All thought it was a good idea. The hopes are to make Saturday a family day with lots of fun activities for the families who come to the Expo. We also want to make it educational also.

The committee felt that the skill-a-thon idea is great. They will help where needed – but need to let them know.

The committee like the new web site and feels the more information that can be on the web the easier it is for them. Keep Up The Good Work.

Jim said that most of the youth who will be going to the Big E in the beef program will be from Cheshire County.

The report about the fairs was about the judges. Jim has a couple of names that he will email Jolee, and the rest of the committee will also send in names. The sheep members had a couple of judges who were related to some of the exhibitors who were showing in the ring. One of the judges they felt did not even know how to judge a sheep as animals who have won or placed high in all of the other shows were placed at the bottom of the class. The other judge put their family members at the top of the classes. The big issue with that judge was the fit and show classes. They suggested that this should not be allowed. Jolee suggested that they write to the fairs - tell them what has so the Fair has a record of these incidents. That may help. The group would not like to see this happen again.

The other fair issue is that the sheep superintendents are not choosing to follow the 4-H rules. The committee wanted help on how to handle this problem that seems to be growing. We looked in some fair books and suggested that some of the rules be written more clearly. Clothing seemed to be one of the biggest problems. Lisa said she would look into this for the committee.

The subject of approval forms came up with the sheep committee. They would like to see the date extended until June 15th. This will make it easier for youth to see how well their new lambs have grown, do a better job picking their market lambs and have time to have their reg papers back. so they can do a better job on their forms. Lisa sat in on this part of the meeting and gave her ok for 2005. At this time this is only for the sheep youth.

The committee would also like Lisa to email or mail them the minutes and also the latest list of members who are on the Livestock Curriculum Committee.

Meeting closed at 8:45 pm.

Minutes Submitted By

Jolee Chase

Home work for committee is to get names, phone numbers and addresses for sheep judges.

Jim and Denise Smith emailed me names for Beef Judges: Suzanne & David Green.

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Dog Curriculum Committee

Agenda – ESE plans – identify chaperones
Summer Shows/Clinics

Attendees: Robin Styles, Lisa Cody, Kim Catizone, Sherry Bohman, Chris Bohman, Sarah Gardner, Ashley Catizone, Sarah Cody.

Meeting Notes: July 10th, Saturday – Sarah Gardner’s Dog Show
ESE may limit entries. Will determine if it is necessary after this year.
The link for the obedience score sheet not working well. Note to self: call Judy for minutes from ESE dog committee meeting.
Family information packet missing on web.
Dog Camp at New Boston on Fathers Day Weekend 18, 19, 20 June.
ESE: Photo theme “A Job Well Done”
Quiz at ESE – Sporting Group, Field Tests and Hunt Trails information and rules from AKC (books \$2.00 a piece and there are seven books). Petedge – Source for first aid kit, Dog Care and Handling. See ESE packet for complete information.
Service Dog information not in Leaders Guide as yet. Look in last version of Leader Packet for Family Dog – Youth can be in Family Dog only one year and youth are 8-11 4-H age.

Action Items: Dog Clinic – Grooming Clinic –9-3 June 25th. Call Chris Bohman in Derry.

Skill a Thon Topics	Ring Procedure
Parts of Dogs	Grooming Tools
Vaccinations	Puppy proof your house
Cleaning Ears	Proper way to fit a collar
Identify external parasites	Safe toys

Simplify Dog Health Sheet – instead of listing vaccines separately use the combined listing.
Follow NH Health Regulations. Massachusetts changed regs for rabies for dogs from NH. See attached sheet.