

Dairy Curriculum Minutes-November 22, 2008

White River Junction, Vermont

Present: Trent Schreifer, Maryann Kasprzak, Andrea Sawyer, Marcia and Brooke Clark, Anita Cate, Jadene Patch, Sharlene and Kirsten Beaudry, Labette Page, Holly Bersaw

Trent opened the meeting with a presentation on Curriculum Committees, and passed out a Committee Member Service Description and Volunteer Agreement. Trent talked about how to set up curriculum meetings with a chair, vice chair, etc. Very long discussion how committee should run: Sharlene Beaudry is Chair, Marcia Clark is Vice Chair, and Andrea Sawyer is Secretary.

Sharlene and Marcia expressed concerns about when changes are recommended from meeting they get stalled or overridden at State level. Lack of communication from State 4-H Office to Curriculum Committees. Maryann felt that the State did drop the ball on the decisions regarding resumes, the State 4-H office to the curriculum committees. All changes must be approved by Wendy Brock. Marcia stated that maybe Wendy should be at Curriculum meetings.

Questions were brought up about lack of judging clinic in 2008. Trent said that the quiz bowl date change was a huge time consumer which is why some spring events did not get planned.

Funding: Trent brought information about 4-H Foundation and the costs of National trips. There was quite a bit of confusion on the cost of National Trips. Trent will go back to office, and see if he can get current information and will mail it out to the curriculum committee members. Trent writes grants to the 4-H Foundation to fund the National Trips. Jadene spoke about having the 4-Hers involved in the trips do a power point presentation to State and County 4-H Foundations. Members felt that this would be a good idea.

Dairy judging Clinic will be February 21, 2009. Marcia Clark will contact Norwich Farms to see if they have the availability to do it there. Bob Fitzsimons will also be contacted to help with the judging.

Dairy Quiz Bowl: Will be held March 21, 2009 at Cornish School.(near the fairgrounds) Jadene expressed interest in having a skillathon- non competitive quiz bowl for the 8-11 year olds. Jadene will do a write up to include in the packet. Joslin and Cathrin Goss, Molly Dole, and Kourtne Flanders will be asked to help with the novice room. The committee to look at questions will include: Trent, Jadene, Sharlene, Kirsten, and Alex . People to help run the contest are needed. Suggestions for junior room include: Jessie Chickering and Alex Patch, Senior room: Liz Clark, Labette Page, Tom Beaudry. Andrea will do overall scoring.

State Dairy Judging; May 2 and 3, 2009:The tour may be through Vermont this year. Andrea and Marcia are working on farms in the area. UVM has been contacted, also looking into Four Hills in Bristol, and a Shorthorn Farm in Randolph. Looks like we might go up route 7, and come back on 89. We are also looking into an opportunity for younger kids to experience one day of tour.

National Trips: A lot of talk on age and readiness for National Trips. Members may have to pay part of their own way if funding is an issue, Changes should be made to all packets so members know that ahead of time. There was a lot of talk about skipping years for trips, Holly felt that trips should go every year so no one misses out.

State Show: August 4 and 5th. Adam Liddle is the judge. Plans are for the show to be in Hopkinton at this time. There was some conversation on how to select kids for Eastern States in the future if the PDCA show does not remain a viable event. No decisions were made.