I. INTRODUCTIONS
In attendance were: Diane Molitaris (Tallahassee Tail Waggers); Michelle Chandrasekhar (at-large); Joycelyn Joseph (Touch of Class); Sharon Ames-Dennard (Sakkara); Les Harrison (Extension Agent) and Tracy Tesdall (Extension Agent).

II. 4-H & THE MEDIA TRAINING – Les Harrison (Extension Agent)
Presentation on how 4-H clubs can use the newspaper to recruit new club members and help to market the 4-H program. See LES’ THREE EASY RULES FOR GETTING YOUR STORY IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER fact sheet on the volunteer meeting webpage.

III. FLORIDA SUMMERTIME CAMPS/EVENTS
   Camp Cherry Lake, Wildlife Daycamp, Camp Bark-ly
Check out the April 4-H newsletter with dates and info on all our summer programming. There are spaces still available in each camp.

IV. BANQUET DISCUSSION CONTINUES
   Banquet blog was reviewed on the projector screen. Due to time constraints, the discussion was limited tonight. Tracy asked the leaders to please review what the blog says now and send her your comments and feedback to improve the banquet. She will be soliciting help to implements some of the ideas & suggestions. Great ideas giving so far.

V. FL 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS & HORSEMEN OF THE YEAR applications due May 23rd to the Leon County 4-H office (contact Tracy with questions)

VI. UPCOMING EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

VII. ON-LINE NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION HELP – please forward link each month to folks
   Please help us get the newsletter out there. We believe there are lots of 4-H members who simply stopped looking at the 4-H newsletter once it went on-line. We mail hard copies to one leader per club. PLEASE encourage your club
members to read it and even encourage them to participate in something if you think it might interest them.

VIII. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

4-H Enrollment Changes for new 4-H Year – starting in the 2008-09 4-H year, 4-H enrollment will be paperless! We don’t yet have much information about the new system, but 4-H members will enroll on a web-based system (called 4-H CONNECTS) starting in September. Members/parents will be able to enroll in 4-H, sign up for events, pay by credit card for registrations and more! You will be trained on this new system (hopefully) at the Sept 8th training.

4-H Centennial – Informal discussion about the 2009 Florida 4-H centennial evolved into a 4-H Centennial Planning committee meeting. Suggestions to celebrate included a 4-H member/alumni picnic with capital Health Plan as a sponsor and perhaps a 5k fundraiser (need to work through Gulf Winds Track Club). We will need to reserve a park ASAP for a 5k. Perhaps have it in early June 2009? Have the picnic itself at the North Florida Fairgrounds. Other ideas: have an open house with members doing demonstrations & illustrated talks. Have 4-H alumni judge the current members’ presentations. Have a series of events with each one focusing on one H. For example: HEALTH (5k run); HANDS (do a county-wide community service); HEAD & HEART: ?? Other ideas: “100 days of 4-H” – give simple ideas to 4-H clubs to do a particular thing, in the name of 4-H, every day for the first 100 days of 2009 or leading up to a bigger 4-H event for the centennial. Tracy will look at forming an official 4-H Centennial Planning committee ASAP.

NEXT LEADER MEETING: Monday, September 8, 2008

*** Don’t Forget***
Project Books are due June 2, 2008