4-H LEADER MEETING  
January 31, 2008  
MINUTES

I. INTRODUCTIONS
In attendance: Cyndi Futch (Bridles & Bits 4-H Club), Bill Burns (EZ Riders 4-H Club), Scott Lindsay (Trailblazers 4-H Club), Michelle Chandrasekhar (at-large volunteer), Sharon Ames-Dennard (Sakkara 4-H Club), Beth Huettel (Marine Science 4-H Club), Dawn Stephens (at-large volunteer), Joycelyn Joseph (Touch of Class 4-H Club), Tracy Tesdall (4-H Agent) & Marcus Boston (4-H Agent)

II. CLUB CHARTER & RENEWALS UPDATE
Tracy distributed club charter “renewal forms” to those present. Once you receive your framed certificate, you need to “renew” your charter annually. We still have a few clubs who are not yet chartered. They are waiting to elect their officers.

III. COUNTY EVENTS → DISTRICT EVENTS
County Events will be April 15th. Youth participating in the Area Horse show will receive half off their registration fees if they do either an illustrated talk/demonstration OR speech for the public speaking contest. Cyndi suggested leaders personally coax youth to do an illustrated talk/demonstration, but that if they simply won’t, ask them to attend the event, on April 15, and observe. This year, youth with no one in their category have the option of coming the week before (by appointment) to be critiqued by the 4-H staff. It was discussed that this is in conflict with the concept of more folks at County Events Night.

District Events is Saturday, April 26 at Fairview Middle School. Hopefully, we’ll have lots of entries.

VI. BRAINSTORM: 4-H Awards & Recognition Banquet – Aug 21, 2008
a. Recognition @ the club level
Discussion began on what’s good & what needs to be improved with the Awards Banquet. **Good:** decorations & location (free is good!) **Needs improvement:** (summary) use the banquet to promote the following year’s activities. Develop a series of posters or exhibits (like at the 4-H Open House in 2006). Mention community service hours at banquet. Showcase project books.

Marcus & Tracy then talked about the 4-H Recognition Model (see graphic @ end of minutes) and how our Awards Banquet doesn’t fully utilize all 5 components: participation, cooperation, peer competition, achieving standards and progress towards goals. How can we accomplish this? It was decided that we would start a sort of “blog discussion” on our 4-H volunteers’ website to continue this discussion. Options for recognizing cooperation and progress towards goals were passed out & will be linked to on our website. See: [http://leon.ifas.ufl.edu/4-H_Department/Volunteers/leaders_mtg.shtml](http://leon.ifas.ufl.edu/4-H_Department/Volunteers/leaders_mtg.shtml)

V. **UPCOMING EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES**
- **4-H Blitz: Exploring 4-H,** March 1, youth ages 8-13 4-H web calendar has all the info.
- **4-H Day at the Capitol,** March 12th—anyone available to help man a display? Lauren & Nikki Futch may be available for this opportunity. Tracy will get more information.
- **Share-the-Fun,** March 18 Registration forms & info distributed & on website.
- **County Events,** April 15th Registration forms & info distributed & on website.
- **Spring Break Day camp & workshops** See 4-H web calendar for dates & registration info.

VI. **DISCUSSION POINTS**
1. How is the on-line newsletter going? Can you suggest better ways for us to get the information “out there?” Can you help us
market our programs and information to current and potential members?
Tables at little league registration days; Joycelyn offered to make contact at the new community center in Woodville; having a 5k run to promote 4-H & raise money in conjunction with Gulf Winds Track club was discussed. (Scott said he could make contact with Gulf Winds.) Sharon & Joycelyn agreed to chair/co-chair this event possibility. Tapping into the governor’s physical education initiative was also suggested. Using “moderated list serv’s” were also suggested.

2. Club Enrollment – Distribute a list of your current members (that we have on record) Club enrollment lists distributed to club leaders.

3. Others?
   a. If you have any suggested topics for the Consumer Choices contest at the 2008 North Florida Fair, let Tracy know by the end of February.
   b. The Department of Health is looking for a small group of youth to get feedback from on their new 4-H YEAH (Youth Empowered Ambassadors for Health) materials. Tracy gave the contact info to those interested.
   c. Tracy apologized for unintentionally posting Marcus’ email address wrong since Jeanette left. His correct addresses are: marbusb@ufl.edu or bostonm@leoncountyfl.gov

VII. BUDGET THREAT UPDATE—holding our breath?
   a. Because the property tax amendment passed on January 29th, we are expecting a 19% county budget cut to the Leon County Extension office. At this time, we don’t know what will happen but will keep you posted.

VIII. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

**NEXT LEADER MEETING**: Tuesday, April 22, 2008
*** Don’t Forget***
Project Books are due June 2nd, 2008