

4-H LEADER MEETING January 29, 2009

Meeting Notes

In attendance were: John Papka (Trailblazers), M.L. Baker (Sewing), Beth Huettel (at-large), Michelle Chandrasekhar (At-large), Kalisha Stater (All Stars), Gwen Harris-Johnson (All Stars, future club leader on Orange Ave?), Sylvester Taylor (All Stars), Karen Horne (Archery), Linda Ptachick (Archery), Cyndi Futch (Bridles & Bits), Sharon Ames-Dennard (Sakkara) and Tracy Tesdall.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Tracy announced that Marcus Boston's wife had a baby girl on January 18th and his family obligations kept him from attending tonight's meeting. We congratulate him and will see him at the next meeting!

John Papka (Trailblazers Horse 4-H Club) announced that he needs volunteers to be crossing guards at the Red Hills Horse Trials on March 14-15. Youth will receive service hours. Please contact John at jppap1@aol.com for more information & to sign up.

II. CLUB CHARTER & RENEWALS UPDATE – Tracy reminded clubs that the renewal form for charters must be submitted each year and Tracy gathered signatures this evening. Clubs are invited to display their club charter certificates here at the 4-H office in a new lobby exhibit.

III. 4-H Online Explanation Tracy logged onto the 4-H Online enrollment database to give club leaders a peek at the new system. We are optimistic about this program but we are still learning its tricks. We had anticipated giving out passwords to club leaders so they could go online and see their members and contact information, but that hasn't worked yet. We anticipate having all club members using this system to enroll or re-enroll this fall. Arrangements can be made for large clubs that do not have easy access to the internet on a case by case basis.

IV. Update club list – the list of club information was passed around and updates made. The new list will be posted to the website & distributed in the new member packets.

VI. OTHER ITEMS

- Newsletter Update – we've been having technical difficulties with our newsletter since November, which is why they've been weeks late for the past few months. We're working on the problem and anticipate a new "newsletter template" to be used in the Feb and Mar issues. Thank you for your patience.
- Club Enrollment – Distribute a list of your current members (that we have on record) Tracy distributed lists of who we currently have in our enrollment system.

- V. Afterschool Kits – Tracy is working on recruiting an intern from VolunteerLEON to become an expert on our new 4-H Afterschool kits (for youth grades 3-5 and 6-8) and then to go out to 4-H clubs and other youth groups and conduct the activities. The subject areas include: science/technology, leadership/citizenship/communication arts, individual/family resources and environmental education. If your club is interested in having a volunteer come visit your members to lead them through these hands-on activities, please contact Tracy. At this time the All Stars, Sakkara and the Archery club are interested.
- VI. Volunteer Survey for Training in September – the panhandle 4-H counties are planning a Volunteer Leader training at Camp Timpoochee on Sept 25-26, 2009. As we plan, we want to know what topics you would be interested in. A survey was distributed. Please return to our 4-H office or the address on the bottom of the survey by Feb 23rd.
- VII. Overnight Chaperone Training – FYI: This training will be mandatory for all volunteers who attend overnight 4-H events (summer camp, horse camp, congress, executive boards, etc.) The goal is to have all out-of-state chaperones trained by the end of the 2008-09 4-H year; and then by 2010 have all out-of-county chaperones trained.

UPCOMING EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES See [website calendar](#) for more info, too!

- 4-H Blitz: Exploring 4-H, March 14, \$6 per person
- 4-H Day at the Capitol, April 14
- Share-the-Fun, March 17
- County Events, March 24
- Outdoor Spring Break Day Camp, March 31-Apr 2
- Financial Literacy Day Camp, Mar 31- Apr 3
- [FAMU Summer Enrichment camp for high school students](#)

VIII. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

NEXT LEADER MEETING: Tuesday, April 21, 2009

*** Don't Forget***Project Books are due June 1, 2009 or by time we return from camp on June 5th

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.