KAE4-HA Minutes
April 13, 2009

The regular Spring meeting of the KAE4-HA was called to order by President Shawna Mitchell, on April 13, 2009 at 2:05 pm.

Susan Schlichting moved to approve the minutes as corrected, Barbara Addison seconded the motion, the motion carried. Secretary, Robyn Deines, read communications from Shawna Mitchell, Nancy Pihl, and Abbie Grossnicklaus.

Associate Director, Daryl Buchholz, and Northeast Area Director, Dale Fjell shared a few words with us. Dale thanked the groups for allowing him to be here, and Daryl also showed appreciation for us being a part of our Professional Association. He proceeded by sharing comments about the Logic Model Plan and that they would be due October 1st. He answered questions about districting and stated that 4-H will always be local and the importance of having someone local and to keep the local program vibrant. Diane Mack also gave some feedback on the Best Practices for a District. Daryl also made comments on the Department Committee on Planning (DCOP) that each Academic Department had one and that they were working on a DCOP of the Area Offices.

We moved into Reports of officers:
Jim Adams, Treasurer gave the treasurers report, he commented on Spring Workshop , Clover Night, and Lady Cats all showed an income for the year. He gave the current balances as CD Value $4488.48, Checking Account $5404.04, Savings Account $1468.37 for a total balance of $11360.89. (See Attached Sheet)

Melissa Thimesch, Newsletter Editor announced that the Spring issue was posted on the web. She will make an email call for articles for the Summer edition in July with the newsletter coming out in August.

Susan Schlichting, President Elect, reported on the JCEP conference and that new information would be posting to the web, there is a new National website with virtual Web Professional Development and a Portal for grants. There would be some scholarship monies available for first time attendees through NAE4-HA and that we are all encouraged to be Active in our Associations (See Attached Sheet)

Shawna Mitchell as President had no report at this time.

Jodi Besthorn KEAA representative, announced there would be a meeting with the Extension Administration on May 21/22 working on communication issues, if you had suggestions send to Bill Woodor a KEAA representative. Susan Schlichting announced there would be another KEAA event during Annual Conference so if you had any feedback from last year of round table topics for this year to let her or any KEAA rep. know.

Next we heard from the Area Directors NE Area Megan Cassidy, announced that Sarah Laib is now 4-H in Shawnee, Leroy Russell is now ANR in Shawnee, Mark Flory has moved to Douglas

County 4-H, Megan will be moving to Lyon County, Karen Mayer, Jill Deters Pottowatomie County, and Laura Marks Morris County.

Anna Muir, NW Area, reported that we still have a few openings, that Scott (Bronc) Barrows has been hired in Trego County.

Abbie Grossnicklaus, SE Area announced no changes other than Megan Cassidy moving to Lyon County.

Amy Taylor, SW Area reported that Bill Haney had moved to Wichita, Leah Robinson was leaving, Lacey Shapland has been hired in Haskell, Melissa Thomas will be moving to Edwards, and we are losing Kim Cerny of Kingman County, Stevens County has an opening for ANR.

State Report was given by Justin Wiebers as Pat McNally will be marrying Jim Rutledge on May 9, 2009. Together they have 338 years of combined 4-H work experience. We all congratulated Pat and Jim!

Jim Adams, reported on behalf of the membership committee, and the Budget Committee as treasurer he has presented a budget worksheet proposing $7500 budget for 09/10. (See Attached Sheet)

Diane Mack announced the candidates for the nominating committee, President Elect nominees are Ginger Kopfer, and Berny Unruh; Treasurer nominees are Jim Adams and Rod Buchele, Newsletter Editor nominees are Phyllis Kriesel and Melissa Thiemesh.

For Standing Committee reports:
Jill Deteres reported that the Diversity Committee would be part of tomorrow's workshop on School Standards.

There was no Policy and Resolution report.

Aliesa Woods reported that the Professional Development Committee had been hard at work planning the 2009 KAE4-HA Spring Conference, the committee also discussed the potential of a joint professional development with the other agent associations.

Melissa Thimesch reported that the programs committee is working on States Night out and Clover Night, we are passing around a list for sign up to see who is planning on attending National Meeting in Rochester NY October 25-29, the committee will be meeting today at 5:00pm. Members of the Programs committee are Melissa Thimesch, Megan Cassidy, Andrea Schmidt, Robyn Deines, Kelsey Holcomb, and Ann Religa.

Ginger Kopfer reported for PR and Web Committee- they had updated and emailed the KAE4-HA brochure to membership, also put it on the web and sent to Extension Operations to give to new agents, they had created a display about KAE4-HA and put up at 4-H Program Rally, attended the December 3rd new agent lunch to promote KAE4-HA, updated the association list serv, updated the association website, wrote profiles of the KAE4-HA officers and submitted to

the Prairie Professional and they were printed in the last issue, discussed a Kansas 4-H Hall of Fame to recognize and celebrate those people who have made a significant impact on Kansas 4-H and its members, that it will be virtual, still working on details will have more information at the Fall meeting.

Barbara Addison on behalf of the Recognition Committee reported that the KAE4-HA membership was notified about the KAE4-HA and NAE4-HA awards and how to apply by application. Notification was put on the state web site as well as the KAE4-HA list serve. After receiving applications by March 1st, applications were processed and data list of applicants was put together. The list was sent with copies of the applications to the committee members for final selection of category winner. Wendall Garnhart from A&T industries was contacted and plaque awards were ordered for ASA, DSA, MSA, and Clover Award. These plaques are presented to the award recipients from the KAE4-HA membership at the Spring Association meeting in Salina. All selected applications and bios will be submitted to the North Central Region for regional and national awards by may 1. Clover Award will be presented later in the year. 18 applications were received. ASA is Megan Cassidy, DSA Anna Muir, MSA Phyllis Kriesel, 25 Years of Service Eric Otte, Lori Shoemaker, and Pam Van Horn. Patricia Koons Scholarship goes to Megan Cassidy, Promotional Piece Team (Diane Mack, Jody Besthorn, Amy Collins, Aliesa Woods, Andrea Schmidt, and Nancy Pihl. Periodic Publication Sarah Maass, Feature Story Phyllis Kriesel, News Story Phyllis Kriesel, Published Photo Phyllis Kriesel, Educational Technology Beth Hecht, and we will keep the Clover Award secret til Annual Conference.

Sarah Maass reported for the Research and Evaluation Committee, we had several committee meetings via conference call. We are currently working on a survey for the membership to help guide the committee. Members should receive the survey via email in 2-4 weeks, they ask that the membership complete the survey with a 1 week time frame.

Special Committees:
Ann Religa reported on the 4-H Day with the Lady Cats, there were 821 tickets sold for a net profit of $3264.08. The committee of Kendra Baehler, Megan Cassidy, Diane Mack, Andrea Schmidt, Shawna Mitchell, Ginger Kopfer, Sarah Maass and Sarah Laib. The committee suggests that we use the proceeds to pay for Early Bird registration for the ASA,DSA, MSA for 2009. Drop the regular membership dues to $100 for full time members, area and state membership, Give two scholarships for Early Bird registration in 2009 and $500 to the Ag Agents Association for 2011 National Meeting.

Jodi Besthorn, President of State 4-H Advisory recognized who the agent representatives were from each area and stated that the next meeting was scheduled for May 2nd. SE reps- Nancy Pihl, SW-Todd Schmidt, NW Robyn Deines, Nadine Sigel, and Anna Muir, NE Sarah Maass, Glenn Brunkow, and Diane Nelson.

Shawna Mitchell reported on the State Livestock Advisory there would be Livestock Sweepstakes (Meats, Livestock Judging, and Skill-a-thon) on August 29-30 1 volunteer per team was being asked to help. Livestock Listening session will be April 15th, Animal Science Ag Leadership had 22 youth apply and took them all, Discovery Days Classes for adults given by

Brian Ferris, and Sharon Breiner. Sharon is also working on a FAQ sheet for the website. Household nominations sheet is complete, and Housing and Care Form is complete and required..

Sarah Maass reported on NAE4-HA, as VP for Research, Evaluation and Programs as the Early Bird registration was $425 by July 15th, Regular registration $475, Late registration $550, Part Time $125 per day.

Mary Kay Munson shared the updated information on the International Mentor and that there will be 1 staff and 1 volunteer from Tiwan.

There was no Old Business to come before the group. In New Business, Sarah Maass moved to approve committee reports and treasures report, Sarah Laib seconded , motion carried.

Election of Officers was held President Elect: Andrea Schmidt moved to cease nominations Sarah Maass 2nd Motion carried Berny Unruh, was elected. Treasurer: Sarah Maass moved to cease nominations, Sarah Laib seconded motion carried, Jim Adams was elected. Newsletter Editor: Sarah Laib moved to cease nominations, Sarah Maass seconded, motion carried, Melissa Thimesch was elected. Megan Cassidy moved to destroy the ballots by shredding them, Sarah Laib seconded, motion carried.

Ginger Kopfer moved to accept the Lady Cats Committee Proposal as presented, JoEllen Arnold seconded, motion carried. Pay rest of the Early Bird registration for National meeting for ASA, DSA and MSA winners for 2009. Make dues $100 per person in 2010 for full membership including area and state staff. Two early bird registrations to the 2009 NAE4-HA and Donate $500 to Kansas Ag Agents Association for 2011 National Meeting.

Ann Religa as a representative to the Annual Conference Committee asked for any agenda items for Annual Conference and also reported that Clover Night will happen that there is a Committee meeting at 5:00pm this evening.

On the topic of the budget, Ann Religa moved to approve the budget as presented with the amendments of the Lady Cats expenditures mentioned above. Amy Taylor seconded it, motion carried.

State of the State was given by Pat McNally as there was some temporary shuffling going on in the State 4-H office. Justin Wiebers is working on tech stuff, ACCESS 4-H, Heather Baumbgarner on til June, they gave up the Tech position as our part of the budget cut, Would be working through issues with State 4-H Advisory, she shared information about the Grow 4-H Grants, Animal Science Listening Forum, SET- food science and Clothing science and Action Teams.

Elaine Johannes reported on a research report “Why Kids” and that she was working with a NIH After School Grant.

Berny Unruh reported for the FACS Action Team they were trying to host 4 events, working on a clothing event, and working on some ideas about innovative Clothing Classes.

Celebrations: Announcements were made and a card was sent around for Pat McNally and Jim Rutledge. Also the KAE4-HA Awards were presented by Barbara Addison

ASA- Megan Cassidy
DSA- Anna Muir
MSA- Phyllis Kriesel
25 years of Service- Eric Otte, Lori Shoemaker and Pam Van Horn
Patricia Koons Scholarship - Megan Cassidy
Communicator Awards -
- Promotional Piece - Diane Mack, Jodi Besthorn, Amy Collins, Nancy Pihl, Andrea Schmidt, and Aliesa Woods
- Periodic Publication - Sarah Maass
- Feature - Phyllis Kriesel
- News Story- Phyllis Kriesel
- Published Photo - Phyllis Kriesel
- Educational Tech - Beth Hecht

Anna Muir moved we adjourn the meeting Abbie Grossnicklaus seconded motion carried.

Post Meeting Addition to the minutes:
Andrea Schmidt moved that we continue to do the Day with the Lady Cats in 2010 Melissa Thimesch seconded, motion carried. Committee will be Nancy Pihl, Jodi Besthorn, Andrea Schmidt, Kendra Baehler, Ginger Kopfer, Ann Religa, Diane Mack, JoEllen Arnold, and Megan Cassidy. Some other suggestions were possibilities of pre-game activities, applications for Extra Scholarships give to Awards Committee to decide.

Submitted by
Robyn Deines, Secretary