October 2009 KAE4-HA Minutes

The regular fall meeting of the KAE4-H A was called to order by President Susan Schlichting on October 19, 2009 at 1:30pm in the Flint Hills Room.

The Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge were recited. Introductions were made by sharing something your excited about and your preference of how to hang the toilet paper, with 36 members and 3guests present.

Beth Dresher moved to approve the minutes as emailed out. Abbie Grossnicklaus seconded, the motion carried. Secretary, Robyn Deines, read 3 thank you notes from Jim & Pat, Phyllis Kriesel and 4-H Foundation.

Jim Adams, gave the treasurers report (see attached reports) He also stated that we had $323 for the First Timers to National Meeting. Sarah Laib moved to accept the Treasurers report and Sarah Maass seconded, motion carried.

Melissa Thimesch stated that the Fall newsletter was on the website and she would be asking for articles for the next issue soon.

Beth Dresher, gave the KEAA report:

- in May met for conversation about plan of work and reporting process, professional development, program prioritization, districts, budgets at county and state level and the shortened Annual conference agenda
- June KEAA reps met with the university attorney and Dr Buchholz to discuss the revised contracts. A report to the general members will be given at Annual Conference.
- KEAA board is looking into trainings for agents and board members that can help them understand policies and responsibilities of Kansas 4-H.
- Next Meeting Wednesday October 21st at 4:00pm
- KEAA sponsored new agent lunches for 8 new agents in December, 11 in May all associations were represented.
- In August there was a brief conference call with Dr Buchholz about personnel concerns in Leavenworth county.

President Elect, Berny Unruh gave a report on 2010 KAE4-HA committees (see attached sheet). There was no president report.

Area Director reports were given: It was discussed that Director positions were a 2 year term elected on the even years. Anna Muir, NW Director stated that more district talk was taking place. Abbie Grossnicklaus, SE Director stated more district talk was taking place. SW Director, Amy Taylor announced Stevens County has a new agent. Justin Wiebers, State Director reported no changes, and NE Representative Diane Mack stated that Kaitlyn Peiney and Kendra Baehler were new to the area.

Committee Chairs reported for Standing Committees:

Membership, Jim Adams had membership forms and accepted membership dues.

Jill Martinson reported for **Diversity,** Chair Elect is Beth Dresher, activities planned are making newsletter contributions, Request to do a session at spring meetings to focus on working with English Language learners, a survey is planned to identify needs of agents on language, translations, trainings, and resources, would like to recruit members to the committee from counties impacted by diversity issues. **Member Recognition** given by Abbie Grossnicklaus, Chair Elect is Ginger Kopfer. Did not meet recognized outgoing chairs and officers**. Policy & Resolution** report given by Sarah Laib Chair elect is Eric Otte, recommend that gift giving be raised to $40, and request to remove the numerical dues amount from page 17 and to change it on the website as well. There was no **professional development** report given. Robyn Deines gave the **Programs report** as Melissa Thimesch as chair elect, Clover Night would be Tuesday at Rusty's Next Door and If you hadn't paid for National States Night out you need to do so to Melissa today. Lori Shoemaker reported for **Public Relations/Web** as Barb Addison is chair elect decisions were to: 1) work closer with KAE4-HA Area Directors, 2) Thinking about a new "welcome" package to new 4-H agents or transfers from FCS/Ag 3) Promote more national 4-H events /activities on state website, need more Kansas contacts on National Committees, 40 Update web after October meeting or committee meetings as soon as possible. 5) Continue program rally display at Emporia and Scott City, 6) Continue top promote at New Agents Training and 7) would like to begin a Kansas 4-H Hall of Fame. **Research and Evaluation** committee report given by Sarah Maass, no chair elect nominated at this time, did not meet will meet sometime in November, Welcome anyone to join this committee.

We were then joined the Administrative Staff of Dr Cholick, Dr Buchholz and Dr McNally
Dr Cholick:

1) Gave a thank you from Advisory Board for what we are doing with 4-Hers
2) Made Comments to it being a stressful year with dealing with budgets and changes, a and encouraged us to think about ourselves FIRST in wellness.
3)Discussed Advisory Board and Strategic opportunities and was complimentary of what we were getting done. He also answered questions from floor, discussion on budget, proposed cuts from the state and federal, and that we are going to run a conservative budget for 2010. Beth Hinshaw commented and Thanked Fred for serving on the Kansas State Fair Board. Ann Religa asked for explanation on open positions at the Agent level, it was discussed that we are leaving 16positions open to keep within our budget means. When a county position comes open it will be put on a rotation. Beth Dresher commented on the verbal and written dialog given to Leavenworth Board about the issues there.

Dr Buchholz:

1) Complimented that it was great to have us all here.
2) Talked about the Strategic Opportunities document that just rolled off the press
3) Discussed Vacancies
4) Conversation about Districts, thank you for positive and open discussions that are happening at the county level
5) KSRE Online for Professional Revies thank you for interfacing and staying positive during this process.
6) Encourage each going to National meeting to ask about other state budgets.

Dr McNally: (Where are we headed?)

1) Nascar Event- thank you to Aliesa for heading this up, everyone should have names that can be dropped in an instant like this.

2) Kansas State Fair had a 10% increase and 8.6% was 9yr olds. The Governor Presentation was successful as he was presented photos to hang in his office.

3) looking ahead - Study on Positive youth development for regional

4) Engineering Grant College of Engineering connection

5) Entomology Top Award in Entomology Department on K-State

6) 4-H Job Descriptions for the Districts

7) Access 4-H Pilot or still use Blue Ribbon until next Fall.

Once again Dr Cholick encouraged us to have open and honest dialogue about these issues.

Sarah Maass gave the NAE4-HA Vice President for Research and Programs report as that the profiles were on the web, and each of should take the opportunity to vote. Pam VanHorn announced that Lois Redman was inducted into the National Hall of Fame. It was announced that NAE4-HA will be in Omaha October 24-28 of 2011, and that they are asking for Kansas help and support. Not one big project but individual help and there would be a sign up.

For Special Committees, the Day with the Lady Cats Basketball report was given by Ann Religa as January 9th 2010, Time 11 am tip off, Cost $15.00, Ticket Pickup 9:30 to 10:30am, Registration deadline is December 10th, Ginger Kopfer is accepting registrations, Sarah Laib is designing the registration, Andrea Schmidt is doing the Tee Shirt and Poster Session for $1, Kendra Baehler is doing the Facebook Page, Diane Mack and Ann Religa Marketing during the game.

There was no old business to come before the group.

In New Business we discussed:

KEAA President Nominations - Diane Mack moved and Ginger Kopfer seconded to forward Aliesa Woods name as a nomination. Motion carried. Election of the NE Area Director position to fill a vacancy was taken care of with Kendra Baehler as the new NE Area Director
Amy Taylor moved and Sarah Maass seconded it to accept the treasurers report and committee reports motion carried. Sarah Laib moved and Lori Shoemaker seconded to increase the benevlants from $20 to $40. Abbie Grossnicklaus moved to table the motion til the spring meeting, Deryl seconded. Eric Otte move to take the motion off the table and decide on the increase from $20 to $40 and Ginger Kopfer seconded it. Motion carried.

Beth Dresher presented a Baloon Activity to helped out Jodi Besthorn and completed the Installation of the 2009-10 Officers. Abbie recognized the outgoing officers

Susan recognized Kaitlyn Piene as a new member. Other Celebrations were Andrea Schmidt had completed a Half Marathon, Amy Taylor and Andrea Schmidt both announced upcoming marriages.

Announcements:
Susan Schlichting reminded us to vote for NAE4-HA candidates

NACAA update asked to help with in 2011 August 7th thru 11th

ACCESS webinar November 6th – Justin Wiebers
2nd Apps for those interested in Exchanges - Mary Kay Munson

Sarah Laib moved Adjourn