

KAE4-HA Business Meeting

April 24, 2012

Great Bend

The meeting was called to order by President, Sarah Maass at 1:20pm at the Wetlands Education Center in Great Bend. The membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. A roll call sheet was passed around for those in attendance to sign.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were emailed to the membership. Robyn Deines moved to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded and passed.

Communications

There were no communications.

Guest Speakers

State 4-H Leader, Dr. Barbara Stone

Noted that she has been in Kansas for a year and gave an update from the State 4-H Office.

Associate Director, Dr. Daryl Buchholz

Gave an update on the National 4-H Leadership Circle and expressed his conviction to continue the formation of Extension Districts.

Officer Reports

Treasurer

Beth Hinshaw reported the following balances as of March 30, 2012

Checking \$14,236.90

Savings \$1,473.71

The association also has a CD at Commerce Bank that matured on April 23, 2012. The total available to re-invest is \$4,767.46 and can be put into a 12 month CD at .40% or a 24 month CD at .45%.

Newsletter Editor

Karla Hightower reported that the Prairie Professional was sent out last week and thanked everyone who submitted information.

President-Elect

Ginger Kopfer reported on the JCEP and PILD conferences that she attended on behalf of the association.

KEAA Representative

Aliesa Woods reported that a meeting of the KEAA board and Extension Administration has been scheduled for May 10th. Agenda items are being sought for this meeting. Items can be sent to Aliesa or to KEAA President Michael Vogt.

President

Sarah Maass mentioned that the KAE4-HA Directory was sent out yesterday with a version for Webmail and Outlook and an Excel file.

Area Directors

Northeast

Mark Flory mentioned that Riley County and Shawnee County both have open 4-H Agent positions and thanked Andrea Feldkamp and Sarah Laib for all they have given to KAE4-HA. Johnson County is currently hiring a 4-H Program Manager.

Northwest

Robyn Deines noted some staff changes in the FCS and Agriculture programming areas.

Southeast

Those present from the area selected Lindsey Friesen as Area Director. She reported that Meghan Davidson is the new Cherokee County 4-H Agent, Lyon County 4-H Agent Corinne Patterson is expecting a baby soon, and Frontier District is interviewing for a 4-H Agent this week.

Southwest

Amy Sollock reported about some agent shuffling and vacancies. Ford County has hired a 4-H Agent.

State

Sarah Laib was selected as the Area Director for the State. Gary Gerhard reported that Justin Wiebers has been loaned to National 4-H Council and that Sarah Laib is the new State 4-H Events Coordinator.

Business Committees

Membership

Beth Hinshaw said that KAE4-HA has 43 active members, 8 life members, and 5 associate members which equals a total of 51 members.

Budget

Beth Hinshaw passed out a proposed budget for 2012-2013 that the budget committee had worked together to prepare.

Nominating

Berny Unruh gave the following list of officer candidates:

President Elect	Jill Martinson
Secretary	Lindsey Friesen and Amy Sollock
Newsletter Editor	Robyn Deines and Kaitlyn Peine
At-Large KEAA Representative	Corinne Patterson and Nancy Pihl

Standing Committees

4-H Day with the Lady Cats

Sarah Maass reported that the 2012 event was very successful with 1357 registrations. Robyn Deines mentioned that those from the western part of the state really liked the event being the same weekend as CIA.

Diversity

Kaitlyn Peine reported that we will have a speaker tomorrow morning from the State Department of Education who works with homeless student liaisons. The committee will also be asking members to fill out a survey about diversity-related needs.

Policy and Resolutions

Jim Adams mentioned that suggested changes to the organization bylaws were sent out to the membership.

Programs

Robyn Deines said the committee has not met, but will be working on Clover Night for Annual Conference and State's Night Out for National Meeting.

Professional Development

Susan Schlichting said that the committee had worked hard to put on this two-day conference. Brenda Taxeras will be the committee's chair-elect.

PR/Information/Web

Amy Sollock reported that the website is up-to-date.

Member Recognition

Berny Unruh filled in for committee chair Kendra Baehler and recognized the following award winners:

Achievement in Service: Amy Sollock and Jill Martinson

Distinguished Service: Ginger Kopfer and Aliesa Woods

Meritorious Service: Jo Ellen Arnold

25 Years of Service: Ann Religa, Diane Mack, and Susan Schlichting

Communicator Awards:

Promotional Package Team: Kansas 4-H Marketing Action Team (Diane Mack, Andrea Feldkamp, Amy Sollock, Aliesa Woods, Lori Bower, and Kelly Terrell)

Promotional Package Individual: Robyn Deines

Periodical Publication Team: Golden Prairie District (Bronc Barrows, Julie Niehage, Amy Lorenzen, and Jen Schoenfeld)

Periodical Publication Individual: Jodi Besthorn

Promotional Piece Team: Sarah Maass and Beth Hinshaw

Promotional Piece Individual: Ginger Kopfer

Personal Column: Bronc Barrows

Educational Piece Individual: Nancy Pihl

Specialty Awards:

Excellence in 4-H Club Support Individual: Jodi Besthorn

KAE4-HA Lady Cats Scholarships to NAE4-HA Conference: Lindsey Friesen and Andrea Feldkamp

Research & Evaluation

Gary Gerhard reported that the committee would be happy to entertain ideas for a research and/or evaluation project. He mentioned that there is information in the Prairie Professional about a survey of Extension Staff being conducted by National 4-H Council.

NAE4-HA

Policy and Resolutions Committee

Eric Otte reported that the national board had a good spring meeting and that the National Meeting hotel has wonderful accommodations. The 2015 National Meeting will have a bid from Oregon. The board has been talking about a dues increase and is looking at the structure of the board.

Candidate for NAE4-HA President-Elect

Pam Van Horn announced that she is planning to run for President-Elect of NAE4-HA. She asked for support from association members, volunteers for a campaign committee, and funding help from the association.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Jill Martinson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented; the motion was seconded and passed.

Approval of Committee Reports

Jodi Besthorn moved to approve the Committee Reports; the motion was seconded and passed.

Committee Actions

Budget

Jodi Besthorn moved to approve the proposed budget with the additional expense of \$500 for a scholarship for one agent to attend NAE4-HA, with the funds for this being transferred from another account as decided by the budget committee to balance the budget. The motion was seconded and passed. Eric Otte moved that the budget committee be given permission to transfer money among the accounts as they see fit (a significant amount of the association funds are currently in the checking account where they are not drawing interest and the CD has matured); the motion was seconded and passed.

Policy and Resolutions

The membership reviewed and discussed the benevolence policy in the bylaws. Andrea Feldkamp moved to accept the change of the word "retirement" to replace the words "leaving system"; the motion was seconded. Rod Buchele moved to amend the motion to include marriage as a qualifying event for benevolence; the amendment was seconded and failed. Eric Otte moved to send the benevolence policy changes back to the Policy and Resolutions Committee to report back at the fall meeting; the motion was seconded. Rod Buchele called for the Previous Question which was seconded and passed. The motion to refer to the committee was passed. Jill Martinson moved to approve the suggested bylaws changes sent out via email; the motion was seconded and passed.

Election of Officers

Andrea Feldkamp moved that nominations cease for President Elect, the motion was seconded and passed. Eric Otte moved that nominations cease for Secretary; the motion was seconded and passed. Pam Van Horn moved that nominations cease for Newsletter Editor; the motion was seconded and passed. Andrea Feldkamp moved that nominations cease for At-Large KEAA Representative; the motion was seconded and passed.

The following officers were elected to take office after installation at the fall business meeting.

President Elect	Jill Martinson
Secretary	Amy Sollock
Newsletter Editor	Robyn Deines
At-Large KEAA Representative	Corinne Patterson

Robyn Deines moved to destroy the ballots; the motion was seconded and passed.

KAE4-HA Support for Pam Van Horn as candidate for NAE4-HA President Elect

Deryl Waldren moved that KAE4-HA provide \$500 in financial support to Pam's campaign; the motion was seconded and passed.

Celebrations

Those in attendance celebrated with Jo Ellen Arnold on her retirement.

Announcements

North Central Regional 4-H Volunteer Leaders Forum

This event will be held October 11-14, 2012 in Kansas. Robyn Deines mentioned that the State 4-H website lists help needed and encouraged everyone to promote this event to county volunteers. Registration should be open the end of next week.

NAE4-HA Conference

Online registration is open for this conference to be held October 21-25, 2012 in Orlando, Florida. For members early bird registration (before July 16) is \$425, regular registration (July 17 – August 31) is \$475, and late registration (after August 31) is \$550.

Hall of Fame

Pam Van Horn announced that Steve Fisher was the Kansas nominee for the Hall of Fame this year. He was not selected, but will be re-nominated next year.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Sarah Maass at 3:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginger Kopfer
Secretarial Proxy