

Dog Project Committee Meeting
Minutes
March 15, 2011

Attending: Anne Geser, Kelley Salber, Kandia Cross, Kellie Eldridg

I County Fair Dog awards

- A. We all agreed that it seemed a bit confusing and we would need to look it over more closely
- B. We were concerned with a Small Animal High Point, because it would seem like dog members had less opportunity to earn points as compared to other small animal members (as they have many more events)
- C. Candi explained to us that the number of award opportunities should not figure into the small animal award, only the qualifying ribbons that each member receives – we are assuming this means an average of sort is taken and that dog members will not be penalized for less activity options

II Cloverbud Clarification

- A. As with other larger animals, a 4-H member or non-member who is a 3rd grader and below, MAY NOT handle a dog at a 4-H event
- B. This includes even instructional classes or workshops– they may shadow an older 4-H member, but they may not handle a dog
- C. This includes 4-H events, club meetings, 4-H sponsored events at other locations, club field trips, etc.
- D. It does not matter the size or temperament of the dog (or the youth ☺) this policy is unilateral
- E. This confirms 4-H's policy that no child under the 4th grade may handle a dog both for safety reasons and to adhere to 4-H's policy of non-competition for youth under 4th grade

II Upcoming Activities

- A. Dog Judging is scheduled for Wednesday, 5/18, starting at 6:00pm in the North Sisters building
- B. Kellie and Danielle would like some help putting the test together – questions can be e-mailed in to Kellie or the 4-H office – PLEASE give us some input help
- C. Deb will handle the dog breeds, Anne won't be there for the test

III Dog Fair

- A. Ribbons will be handed out for showmanship call-backs – we will put that info down on the clerk sheet to help prevent kids getting lost in the shuffle
- B. Todd would like everybody to check out the Exhibitor's Handbook (Premium book) on-line to see if we need any changes
- C. It looks like we will have Rally-O at State Fair this year as an exhibition event

IV Next Dog Project Committee Meetings

- A. Tuesday, May 10 at 6:00 in the North Sisters