

General Project Advisory Meeting  
September 11, 2012

The meeting began at 7:09 pm.

1. Kimberly Griffiths is the new 4-H Program Assistant. She will be in the office Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.
2. Million Penny Radio Round-up:  
September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012  
Sponsored by Central Oregon Ranch Supply and KSJJ
  - a. Chili Cook-off Saturday September 22, 2:00 pm  
Sign-up sheet for the Chili Cook-off on page 4 of the September Over the Clover and send to Todd Williver at the Extension Office.
  - b. Volunteers will be needed to help with the Million Penny Round-Up.
3. Enrollment for upcoming year beginning October 1, 2012:
  - a. Re-enroll as a Leader
  - b. Re-enroll as a Club (even if you don't have members yet)
  - c. Members can enroll individually anytime (should be handed into the Extension office by the Club leader)
4. 2012 State Fair comments from the Deschutes County Advisory Meeting:
  - a. Long days with Dog Fair and other project areas.
  - b. Local Judges were not a good choice/Candi working on that for the future
  - c. #'s were down in livestock and all other project areas. Tom Katzke suggested that State Fair was not promoted as much as it should be.
  - d. Candi asked, "Why did you not go to the State Fair?"
    1. Cost prohibitive
    2. Too much vacation time used to do County Fair and none left for State Fair.
    3. State Fair runs at the only time that families have time to do their own family vacation during the summer months before school starts.
    4. Animals lame or not up to their best.
    5. Concern over static projects being damaged in route or at the State Fair. The need for the State Fair to take extra precautions with exhibits to prevent this.

6. The need for the State Fair to improve judging and the judges always being the best of the best.
  7. Concern over dorms being not ready for State Horse Fair but ready for regular State Fair. The concern that no one would send their child to the State Fair by themselves because of the housing situation.
    - e. A comment was made that State Fair was easier to work than our County Fair. And State Fair was easier to set up than our County Fair. Maybe there is a need to have an extra day to set up at our County Fair.
    - f. Comment was made that the Dorms were a good choice. A county chaperone was needed and they thought it turned out well.
    - g. Candi used a suggestion box at the State Fair. The number one question was why don't Jr.'s compete at State?
5. Present Awards:
- a. Now we have 2 ceremonies: Static Projects North Sister Sunday AM
  - b. Livestock with FFA Sunday PM

Thoughts for future Awards:

- a. A question was raised about the reason we have 4-H and FFA awards together. Answer: Candi says it has always been done that way since she has been here. Ralph McNulty awards apply to both groups. Should they be held together is another question. Candi says she will talk to FFA to hear their comments.
  - b. Comments were made that the two groups together was a good idea. It led to them cooperating together and lessens conflict between them.
  - c. While FFA and 4-H are together for awards, the need was stated that the Static exhibits and the Livestock awards for 4-H should be together as well.
  - d. There is a need to move the location for the awards to a larger location. That will be done next year.
6. Overall, thank you notes went well this year.
7. Leaders and Members Recognition Banquet November 10, 2012 6:00pm
- a. Send photos of last year and senior photos to Candi Bothum by e-mail or bring to the office on a disk for the end of the year slide-show.
  - b. Bring a dessert, dinner will be provided.
8. Comments on our 2012 Deschutes County Fair:
- a. Auctioneers were great

- b. Complaint of alcoholic beverages and intoxicated individuals in and around the barn.
  - c. Shalena Creech was thanked for her work at the Fair.
  - d. A new leader was happy with all the support she had this year from other leaders and individuals.
  - e. The deaths of two pigs were handled well by Candi and the Superintendents.
  - f. Kids helping each other get ready for events were great. This is what 4-H is all about.
9. Problems in both RV parks this year:
- a. Thefts happening at night.
  - b. Drinking
  - c. Youth drinking
  - d. Candi is going to talk to the Fair Board about funding or help with half of funding for a police officer each night of next year's fair.
  - e. There were many stories of locked gates, parking issues, and entrance issues. Candi said she will be talking to the Fair board to improve these problems.
10. Dress Code:
- a. Candi is going to write up a dress code. This way it is precise on what is expected.
  - b. The code will apply to awards ceremonies and the barn.
  - c. Suggestion was made by Candi to meet with members a half hour before awards to make sure they are dressed appropriately.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

Submitted by Lynne Shoffner DCLA Secretary.