

SD 4-H Leader's Association
General Meeting
August 30, 2008

Vice-President Donna Kubik called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm in North Clover Hall on the grounds of the SD State Fair. Members present: Donna Kubik, Karen Lambert, Sheila Dathe, Paula Hamilton, Tami Sshanzenbach, Jeanne Hansen, Lisa Bogue, Marily Schnetzer, Velma Kneen, Bruce Schilder, Janet Edwards, Carol Sweeter, Cora Peterson; Dr. Latif Lighari, SDSU Extension, Dr. L.J. Osborne, SDSU Extension, Steven Munk, Minnehaha Co Extension.

Vice President Kubik led the Flag Salute and 4-H Creed. Minutes of the July 28, 2008 Executive Board meeting were read and approved.

Constitution and By-Laws: The Executive Board recommended at the July 28, 2008 meeting to carry forward a change in the office of the President "The Position of President shall be a 2 year term initiated at the annual meeting of the Association; the elected official will continue to serve the full term of President even if their respective term as an FEU representative would end during their period in office and would continue to be a full member of the Board until their term as President would end." Motion to table to the Spring General meeting by Paula Hamilton, seconded by Sheila Dathe; following discussion, motion carried.

Dr. Osborne updated the group on the hiring process for the Executive Secretary for the Association; the job description has been posted and applications are being accepted; it is hoped that the selected individual will be able to assume their duties prior to October 1, 2008. Dr. Osborne introduced Dr. Latif Lighari, Director of SDSU Extension, to the group. Dr. Lighari shared his vision for 4-H for the state including his emphasis that 4-H is the main program, youth development is the outcome; the need to clearly identify the needs of the 4-H youth and their families; the necessity for strategic planning for program goals and outcomes. Dr. Osborne also noted that the hiring process has begun for an Assistant Director for Extension 4-H/YD and that the 4-H Advisory Board continues its work with a focus of having a representative from each county to serve on the Board and to establish a network of volunteers state-wide. Janet Edwards shared that the hiring committee for the Assistant Director of Extension 4-H/YD has met and is screening the applications. Dr. Osborne also noted the change in the email addresses for all Extension personnel – 'First.Last name followed by @state.sd.edu.'

State Fair activities: Updates and discussion on the 4-H Barbeque (Sunday at 5p.m.); tickets will go on sale at noon on Sunday; volunteers are needed to help with set-up, serving and clean-up. The 4-H dances will be held Saturday and Sunday from 9-12 pm; volunteers for chaperones are still needed, the Council Ambassadors will be setting up the panels and the sound system is in place. Discussion was held on the concerns over the 'growing pains' in Younger Hall with the large number of photography exhibits and the problems encountered with the new exhibit cards in the judging of the Static Exhibits. Dr. Osborne suggested that all of the concerns be put in writing and sent to him for

discussion by the Educators in their analysis of the State Fair. Various options for solutions were discussed.

Vice President Kubik reminded members to include their email addresses to both the county offices and the Leaders Association with their dues payments. This will facilitate more effective communication at all levels and be more cost effective.

There being no further business, Vice President Kubik declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lambert, Secretary