

4-H/FFA Judging Committee

Call to Order

Clint called meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Introductions were made.

Minutes of Pervious Meeting

It was moved by Pat Redden and seconded by Nancy Scott to pass minutes. Minutes approved.

Corrections to Agenda

Add to agenda:

1. Summary of proposed rule changes for soils
2. Administration of Area Dairy CDEs

Financial Report – No report given.

Committee Reports

Horse and Pony

First Saturday in May will be the date for the event. Potential facilities change from Lafayette to Hendricks County Fair Grounds (Danville) depending on if facility is built. Reported that 4-H winner was Kosciusko County and that FFA winner was Columbus FFA.

Poultry

130-140 contestants. 90% are FFA teams. The Indiana FFA Association needs to post all deadlines, entry dates, and contest dates on the Indiana FFA Website. All information can be found in the 4-H/FFA Judging Manual. Discussion on how to handle the checks. Concerns over how the contest was ran...reasons scores and judges, the poultry samples were not quality, due to alternations. Cancellings was changed...students did not have the same opportunity to judged fairly. Moved to have the following people participate in a poultry CDE evaluation, which will report back to the committee at the fall meeting. They included: Bob Lyons, Mark Muldeny, Richard Grubaugh, Glen Jones, Dave Addison, Colleen Brady

Forestry

270 contestants this past year, which makes it one of the largest CDE that we have. Publications need to be reviewed. Becky Halbert, Vermilion County, Don Harberlin, Rick McGown, Natalie Carroll will be on the committee.

Entomology

167 contestants, 22% above the previous high in 2003. Numbers continue to increase despite a decrease in junior teams. Issues with publications and the test...they do not coincide. Rebach is to get a committee to review publication, Sarah Furlmiller, and Hartley Crover suggested individuals.

Horticulture

Horticulture event is August 5, 2005 at the State Fair Grounds. Registration due July 29th to Dr. Orvis...usually runs around 45 to 50 contestants. 4-H numbers are low...could be due to the fact that the winning 4-H team represents the National Junior Horticulture Association, which includes attending meeting, poster and all entitlements that of the NJHA, which may be overwhelming to students and teachers. Website for information included: www.hort.purdue.edu.

Crops

Improving every year. State CDE have good samples, specimen, and test. Committee met in January to discuss rules changes...material was presented to the Ag judging committee at the June meeting.

Soils

State Soils will be on Saturday, November 5, 2005 in the central part of the state.

Dairy Cattle

62 4-H contestants. 84 FFA contestants participated. No feedback giving.

Dairy Foods

No changes to contest. State contest held on Saturday, January 28th, 2006 at Purdue. CDE coordinator is leaving; need some to "shadow" the 2006 event and run for 2007...food science department at Purdue would be the logical choice.

Livestock

190 participants in 2005. Next Livestock CDE date will be May 20th, 2006.

Dairy Goat

Date will be August 3rd 2005 at state fair grounds. Would like to increase numbers. Nancy Scott will run the contest.

Wildlife Habitat

51 contestants competed this year. Contest went well. Next event will be April 15th...Easter Weekend...may be changed.

Skill – a – thon

No report given. Contest will be Saturday, October 1, 2005 in Boone County.

Meats

Followed the National FFA rules, with 4-H using a slightly different set of rules, contest went well. Question proposed to add a junior division to the event, now that there is more room in coolers. Chair would be interested in seeing a proposal and bring it back to the November meeting.

Old Business

Crops

A motion was made to change the Agronomy CDE Skills Guide to Crops CDE Skills Guide and to make the proposed rules changes. Motion was made by Dave Shenck and seconded by Duane Huge. Motion passed.

New Business

Summary of proposed rule changes for soils

Proposed rules includes:

Agriculture

1. High potential for soil erosion by water
2. High potential for surface water pollution

Homesite

1. Growing acid-loving plants
2. Lawn care
3. Pumping septic tanks

Committee will take proposed rules changes to their areas; will bring back discussion items to the November meeting for a vote. Corrections and additions will be added to the website, no new book will be printed. Committee members included: Duane Hugh, Randy Warner, Mike Jones, Mark Meritt, Hank Carson, Brad Lee, Gary Steinhart

Administration of Area Dairy CDEs

Trouble with finding Dairies to host area CDEs...ideas include moving the Dairy CDE away from the Livestock CDE, making it a state invitational only. Other ideas are to combine two areas together for this CDE.

Registration Forms

Add email to the registration form

CDE Registration Fees

Should we increase the fees we charge for CDE registration. Question was asked, "Where are we making money and losing money?" December CDEs, Dairy Foods make

money. Soils, Horse and Pony, dairy lose money, rest break-even. Cost difference seems to be with the lunch items served. A motion was made by Dave Addison to increase the CDE where food is served from \$10 to \$12 and seconded by Pat Redden. Motion passed 14 to 2

Announcements

Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 8, 2005 at the National FFA Center

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:22p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Craig Rebich