

PAE4-HA BOARD MEETING
Camp Swatara (North Lodge) – Berks County
April 26, 2005

Reminders:

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

October 18, 2005 – Extension Annual Meeting – PSU

October 19, 2005 – PAE4-HA Fall Meeting – PSU

October 20, 2005 – Outreach Professional Development Conference – PSU

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by President Suzanne Boarts at 9:15 a.m.

Members attending were: Suzanne Boarts, Cathy Brady, Wanda Braymer, Jill Broschart, Deborah Dietrich, Liesel Dreisbach, Becky Kaucher, Phyllis Laufer, Katina Musser, Pam Paletta, Roxanne Price, Darlene Resh, Toni Stuetz, Kelly Weisner.

Officer Reports:

Secretary's Report – Katina Musser

Those in attendance had a discussion on what items should be kept by the secretary. The group agreed that the following items should be maintained: Minutes of member, board & executive committee meetings; Correspondence; Annual Reports; Treasurers Reports. Other items that do not need to be kept include: membership lists & treasurers reports, which should be in the Annual Report; Expense Vouchers; Newsletters; Prof. Imp. Scholarship Apps.

An attendance sheet was circulated.

The following changes were suggested to the minutes: Correct spelling on Phyllis Laufer's name; Under Professional Improvement – the part about basketball and football should be under PR&I; Professional Improvement should begin with Kathy Weller; Add Nancy Stephenson to members in attendance. **M/S/P (Braymer/Resh) to approve the minutes, including corrections.**

Treasurer's Report – Phyllis Laufer

Phyllis presented and reviewed her report. There hadn't been a lot of activity. There was a problem at the bank – they were charging for deposits of more than \$30 – so she got that worked out. There was also a batch of checks that sat for a while due to a zip code error, so it appears under 2004 Actual that there are dues from two years included.

Suggested changes included: Under Awards & Recognition 101c, for the \$150 to Wanda & Bob, list as description "National Award Travel"; Under Awards & Recognition 101d list as description "Pens for Retirees"; Under Misc 106b, the first four entries should be moved under the Banking category; Under Misc 106b, for the \$457.34 from Cumberland County, list as description "Division of JCEP Savings Account"; Under Misc 106b, the last two entries should be moved under the Meetings category, AND for the \$40 from Dauphin County list as description "Registration Fee" and for the \$15 from Brenda B. list as description "Lunch Fee"; Under Other Income, both entries for Whale Done books should be moved under "Professional Improvement"; Under Other Income 07a, all three entries should be moved under "PR&I"; Under Prof

Improvement 109d, for the \$330 for ARDC list as description “Spring Meeting Speaker” AND for the \$689.91 for Ken Blanchard list as description “Whale Done Books”

The report, with indicated changes, was approved on a motion by Liesel.

Vice President’s Report – Becky Kaucher

Directors should check their regional list to follow-up on membership. The following forms were distributed: green sheet = membership as of today / blue sheet = committee membership w/ chairs & co-chairs / white sheet = membership by region. Becky also reported that she had 3 certificates (state & national) to be presented to new members.

President Elect’s Report – Pam Paletta

JCEP – Suzanne reported that they got a lot of stuff, which she’ll share at the membership meeting. They saw a video “Everyday Living” which talks about creativity. It was recommended that each state buy one and counties use it for their boards. Pam passed out bookmarks about www.4husa.org. We should be receiving “Giving them our best” posters through the state office. Jill Broschart mentioned there’s also a volunteer usa website. You can request enough bookmarks to send out with your newsletter through David Henderson at National.

PILD – Pam distributed several new 4-H flyers and pieces. Pam thought PILD was better than JCEP. They were trained to go to legislators to talk about the budget. Daney did this. There were volunteers there. They went in to request keeping Formula Funding. Right now they want to cut this in ½ this year and then delete it completely next year. It will still be there (\$), but in the form of competitive grants. David Henderson also spoke – he was very good. They also toured the National 4-H Center.

President’s Report – Suzanne Boarts

Many states have an affiliate membership where they offer state but not national membership. Toni shared by-laws from SC that Dwayne forwarded to her that list some alternate member options. Policy and Resolution will review this. Another item for thought – there is a discussion about joining the associations together. Liesel noted a concern that this can limit our time in committees. Ohio has done this. There’s an overall president and vice president of each group. Pam passed out the plan for the fall Extension Annual Meeting to be combined with the association meeting. Cathy voiced a concern as a member in two associations. Will she be able to fully participate in both meetings? Deb D. mentioned in discussion with an ag. agent, our numbers are dwindling and we have people serving as officers doing the same job. A concern is do we have different needs – even for a professional improvement presentation. We might be looking for different things. One good side is it would be nice to hear what other programs are doing. Suzanne will contact other associations (with help of a few other board members.)

Committee Reports:

Awards & Recognition – Cathy Brady

She got the awards delivered to the NE Regional Contact. She plans to discuss the idea of splitting committee duties in the committee meeting tomorrow.

Diversity – Roxanne Price

They discussed ideas for the fall meeting: 1) Invite Dr. Ermyn King to do storytelling; 2) Displays of things done in counties. Pam suggested lining up Ermine King as a program for the concurrent sessions at the fall meeting.

Newsletter – Ev Simmons

No report.

Policy/Resolution – Toni Stuetz

The by-laws are updated (hard copy & on the web) to reflect the regional changes. They will check whether the page listing the counties in the regions was updated.

We'll vote on the by-laws change proposal that was sent out at the membership meeting.

Professional Improvement – Kelly Weisner

There is a presentation scheduled for today and 4 members will present their scholarship presentations tomorrow.

Programs – Phyllis Wright/Martha Gregory (not present)

No report.

PR&I – Stacy Goetz/Sam Nicola (not present)

No report.

Regional Directors Reports:

None of the regions had a report.

Old Business:

NAE4-HA Conference – Seattle – Suzanne passed out a schedule and Pam shared a brochure. Darlene suggested good rates for Southwest when they open the window for tickets & Suzanne suggested SW & USAIR might merge which could create low rates out of Pittsburgh.

Membership/Association Idea – Came up in earlier reports.

Fund-raising – This was discussed at the PAE4-HA Board Meeting in Bedford. One idea was to work at an amusement park for money. Another idea was to serve in a concession at the PA Farm Show. Could we sell things at the PA 4-H booth at Farm Show? Christy said we could. Ideas – green bracelets – PA Farm Show limited edition t-shirt. Concern raised – What do we need? We should have a purpose in mind for fund-raising. Pam asked Farm Bureau for a donation and was denied because it wasn't educational. We could ask them to support/sponsor our professional improvement speaker. Can ask Farm Credit to support/sponsor awards.

Discussion ensued about cost recovery for our meetings – including our professional improvement speaker. For this spring meeting, the speaker and snacks, etc. were incorporated, so this meeting will be balanced. Deb Dietrich is willing to work on coordinating a fundraiser of Glory Bee farm animals. Committees need

to determine what amounts they need and we can determine whether to get sponsors or make it a fund-raising goal.

New Business:

None.

Adjournment:

Cathy Brady made the motion and the second was made by Darlene Resh. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Katina Musser, Substitute-Secretary
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