

Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
August 5, 2015
4:00 P.M.
Kewaunee County Administration Center
Committee Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Chair Tom Romdenne at 4 PM.
2. Roll Call – Tom Romdenne, Ron Paider, Gary Paape, Bob Garfinkel, all members present. Educators present, Claire Thompson, Aerica Bjurstrom, Renee Koenig, and Jill Jorgensen.
3. Approval of Agenda/Minutes – Motion to approve made by Ron Paider, seconded by Bob Garfinkel. Motion passed.
4. Citizen Input - none
5. Joint Meeting with Door County Ag & Extension – The meeting is set for September 9 at 2 PM at the Peninsular Agriculture Research Station in Sturgeon Bay. Aerica will meet Ron Paider and Bob Garfinkel at the UW-Extension office at 1 PM and Gary Paape and Tom Romdenne at 1:15 PM at the highway shop in Algoma. The meeting will include joint county programming efforts in the last year and a tour of the station.
6. Educator Contracts – Agent contracts with between UW-Extension (UW-System) and the county were presented. They are a contract guaranteeing UW-Extension will provide programming in the county. Motion to approve the contracts made by Gary Paape, seconded by Ron Paider. Motion passed.
7. Educators Reports – There was general discussion about the roles Aerica and Jill fill at the Kewaunee County Fair. They fill many roles in education and assisting with shows, youth exhibits, and the 4-H food booth (Jill). Chancellor Cathy Sandeen of UW-Extension/UW-Colleges visited the Kewaunee County Fair on July 17. It was her first visit to a Wisconsin fair and met with UW-Extension partners, 4-H youth, and local agriculture supporters. Other discussion focused on the First Impressions program in conjunction with Oconto County.
8. Overtime - none
9. Approval – Travel - none
10. Approval – Bills. Motion to approve bills made by Gary Paape, seconded by Bob Garfinkle.
11. Set Future Committee Meeting Dates – The next committee meeting will be held Wednesday, September 2 at 4 PM at the Administration Center.
12. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn made by Ron Paider, seconded by Gary Paape. Meeting adjourned at 4:49 PM

Aerica Bjurstrom
Agriculture Agent
Prepared for August 5, 2015

Farm Consultations – Began work with a dairy looking to modernize their facility. They are taking steps to make the facilities usable for the next generation if they choose to farm on the site. Dr. David Kammel and I will visit the farm together to work on a long-range facilities plan in August. I also met with two farms that raise small ruminants (goats and sheep). The operators are looking for ideas on alternative feeds and pasture management.

Kewaunee County Fair – July 16-19. Although the fair is officially four days long, two of us at UW-Extension spend the majority of the week at the fair assisting with shows, fair events, and programs. I assisted with youth livestock and dairy judging, as well as provided an educational aspect to the auction animal carcass ultrasound evaluation. I help with multiple events at the county fair such as hog show, dairy show, dairy futurity, and the livestock auction. This year our Chancellor of UW-Extension/UW-Colleges, Cathy Sandeen attended the fair to learn more about programming in Kewaunee County.

Wisconsin Farm Technology Days – The Executive Committee continues to meet monthly and most of the committees now have chairs and even members. Currently we are at 18 committees and many of them are hard at work making plans for the show. Publicity/Promotion and Fund Raising/Hospitality are doing the most work right now due to the nature of their jobs needing to be done sooner than later. Tent City, Toy Tractor, Youth, Family Living, and other committees are beginning to meet and have great ideas in progress.

Beef Cow/Calf Meetings – As part of my agreement with UW-Extension, I have a Beef Team commitment that requires me to plan and carry out a series of cow/calf producer meetings. The meetings began in July and will carry through September. My topic is proper weaning of calves, two other speakers present on dewormer resistance and the value of body condition scoring. The series of meetings will be held in eight locations around the state.

Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update

Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Agent

August 2015

Kewaunee County Fair: I spent a considerable amount of time in July with the Kewaunee County Fair. Approximately, 450 youth displayed their talents by showing around 5000 projects. Everything from cultural arts to animals showcased the hard work and dedication that youth put into their projects throughout the year. Also, the fair allows the community to see all of the great activities and projects that 4-H youth are participating in all year long.

Furthermore, youth not only show their projects during the fair but also display great sportsmanship and youth leadership. In many cases, community members can witness youth working together to help prepare the best project possible, even when they are competing against each other. Also, they congratulate each other when someone does really well. This is when you find the difference between blue ribbon projects and blue ribbon youth. Blue ribbon youth represent the best attitudes, teamwork, and sportsmanship that they can offer.

Chancellor's Visit to Kewaunee County: We had the opportunity to meet with Chancellor Cathy Sandeen in August during the Kewaunee County Fair. She was able to spend time with our office team learning about Kewaunee County and the programming that we are focused on through Kewaunee County UW-Extension. I utilized this opportunity to tell her about the program focuses, events, and initiatives that we are working on in Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development. However, the most telling part of the visit from 4-H youth development was her meeting with a group of Kewaunee County 4-H teens. The teens had the opportunity to introduce her to a program that they were working on and talk about how the 4-H program impacted their lives. As the teens spoke you heard overarching themes from the teens about "how they wouldn't have the opportunities that they have in 4-H any other place" and "that this is the one organization where the teens feel like they have a voice and is helping make their voice/presence important in the community." The Chancellor was fully engaged in learning from the teens and commented that the 4-H teens spoke with eloquence beyond their years.

Round Robin Showmanship at the Kewaunee County Fair: I have been working with a group of 4-H leaders to plan the annual round robin showmanship contest at the Kewaunee County Fair. In a round robin contest, members that have won senior or advance showmanship for their particular species have the opportunity to compete against one another for top overall showman.

A few notes about the contest:

- During a Round Robin Showmanship Contest, handlers show and answer questions about an animal for 10 minutes.
- Youth show a mini class of each species. The species included in this year's round robin contest include dairy, beef, horse, swine, goats, sheep, rabbits, and chickens. All exhibitors show the same species at the same time and then we will switch to the next species. For example, we might begin with showing dairy, and then the entire group will show beef and so on. However, for safety reasons, some classes were split into two heats of animals.
- Judges gave the exhibitor a placing of 1st through 8th. All scores were tallied and the winner was named top show person at the Kewaunee County Fair.

There was a tie this year that could not be broken for first place and Phillip LaCrosse and Dalton Smercheck were the winners of this year's contest and named the top showmen at the Kewaunee County Fair. In addition to their title and ribbon, the top showmen will received a \$500.00 scholarship that was donated by a number of groups and area businesses. All other participants received special ribbons and shirts for their achievement. Leading to and during this contest, I witnessed some of the best sportsmanship that I saw at the Kewaunee County Fair. It wasn't because these youth were friends, showed the same species, or even spent time in the same social circle. They were helping each other because they are exhibitors that know that winning a ribbon or placing first is not the important product of a contest. It is how you treat others and your animals that really matters. I could not have been more proud of these 4-H members. They truly embodied what the principles of the 4-H program.

Upcoming Events:

Enrollments: We are working with the 4-H club to re-enroll 4-H members for 2015-2016. I will be spending time working with leaders and families over the next few months to enroll in 4-H. Re-enrolling members will receive some extra time to enroll in the 4-H program. New members are able to enroll throughout the year. However, new members need to enroll by February 1st, 2016 to be eligible to show at the 2016 Kewaunee County Fair.



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Renee Koenig, Family Living Educator, UW-Extension

Kewaunee County Ag & Extension Committee

Activities Report for August 5, 2015

Bicycle Blender – A bicycle with a food blender attached to the back fender was used to promote physical activity and nutrition. I set up the bike blender at the County Fair and encouraged fair goers to pedal the stationary bike while blending up a nutritious smoothie made of spinach and fruit. This was a fun way to get people talking about their health and their health insurance options through the Affordable Care Act. After the Fair, I set up the bike blender in the employee breakroom at the County Administration Center to encourage employee wellness.

Supporting Children When Parenting Apart – More than 43 divorcing parents have attended the class during the past year. The average age of the parents attending is 37. Most couples were married between 7-13 years. After attending the classes, parents report that they are more likely to cooperate with their child's other parent and less likely to argue in front of their children.

Free Meals for Kids Summer Food Program – Kewaunee County is part of the USDA Summer Food Service Program. The Door County YMCA provides free meals to children all summer long in several communities. This program is made possible by several businesses and organizations including UW-Extension. I helped inform and connect families to these free, healthy meals. More than 60 children have received a free meal in Algoma at Perry Park.

Strong Bones- I am teaching Strong Bones exercise classes at Grand View Terrace in Algoma. I am continuing to partner with the Aging and Disability Resource Center to offer these wellness programs.

Algoma Night Out – I participated in the annual Algoma Night Out. My educational display featured the Home Alone program and showed parents and children the factors to consider in assessing their readiness for children to stay home alone safely. This event is a nice outreach opportunity for me because more than 700 adults and children attend the event.

New Baby Welcome Kits – The Kewaunee Public Library has partnered with me to reach out to families with newborn babies for early literacy. The library has assembled book bags with a free book and gift for the babies to encourage parents to start reading early to their children.

Food Safety and Preservation – Consumers are continuing to call the office to request food preservation guidelines such as canning pickles and tomatoes safely. We also offer free dial-gauge testing for pressure canners.

Kewaunee County Agriculture and Extension Committee
Activities Report for July, 2015
Claire Thompson, Community Development Educator
Kewaunee County Cooperative Extension

Economic and Organizational Development:

- Continued survey research work and planning for Kewaunee County Public Health Department's 2015 Community Health Assessment process.
- Coordinated First Impressions trip between the City of Algoma and the City of Oconto.
- Continued participation and planning work on Live Well Algoma Community initiative.
- Continued planning and support to implement Algoma Super Swim week in collaboration with the YMCA and the Algoma Parks and Recreation department.
- 2015 Door Kewaunee Counties Legislative Days debrief.

Local Food System Economy:

- Continued support to Farm Market Kitchen with education, facilitation and technical assistance to the FMK board and staff to support succession planning of staff members, and to continue support to new processor with a number of products.
- Marketing education and support to Kewaunee County Farmers Market.
- Planning for Taste of Kewaunee County event to be held in October.

Other:

- Administrative duties associated with UWEX Standards, Rank and Promotion committee.
- Administrative duties associated with Co-Department head role.
- Temporarily reduced appointment to 60% FTE from July 1 – December 31, 2015.

Zoning Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Administration Committee Room
August 5, 2015
Minutes

Call to Order:

Chairman Tom Romdenne called the meeting to order at 4:50 P.M.

Roll Call:

Members included: Tom Romdenne, Gary Paape, Ron Paider, Bob Garfinkel, and Glenn Selner.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Bob Garfinkel and seconded by Ron Paider to approve the agenda.
Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Bob Garfinkel and seconded by Ron Paider to approve the June minutes.
Motion carried.

Glenn Selner discussed the WI Fund Grant Program. \$1.6 million was put back into the State Budget which should be enough to pay the 2014-15 state-wide applicants. The amount in the State Budget for the 2015-16 state-wide applicants has been reduced to \$840,000.

Glenn Selner and the Committee discussed the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance which has to be updated by October 2016. Wisconsin Act 55 was included in the State Budget. Zoning regulations cannot be more restrictive than NR 115 regulations. There is much debate going on about this throughout the state. We will take a wait and see approach.

Glenn Selner informed the Committee that he has been very busy with sanitary installations and there have been no zoning violations.

Next Meeting Dates:

September 2, 2015 at 3:00 P.M. Kewaunee County Administration Committee Room.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Gary Paape and seconded by Ron Paider to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 5:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Andrea Schmidt, Recording Secretary

