

**4-H State Advisory Board  
April 18-19, 2009  
Grand Mound, WA**

Treasurer's Minutes

Chuck Todd reported that the State Ambassadors have a balance of \$2,836.24. As of March 31, 2009, there is a balance of \$25,163.28 in the checking account, \$4,118.37 in the savings account, and \$17,734.43 in the investment account. This includes a balance of \$3,872.25 in our account for the Horse Judging School.

State 4-H Fair

The last cow affected by the MCF disease died in January. A total of 26 head owned only by FFA members died as a result of this disease. A new policy is being review by state vet. Sheep will need to be housed separately at events where sheep are on the same grounds as cattle. At the State Fair sheep will arrive the last 5 days of the fair and there will be no other animals except dogs and horses on the grounds at that time. Sheep will not be included in the Round Robin unless sheep are in a separate arena, possibly with horses. Exhibitors could carry disease from sheep to other animals on their hands, so they will need to clean their hands after handling the sheep. The incident is still under investigation.

Budget/4-H Program Funding – The budget satellite appeared to be very helpful and was an effective way of sharing the information. Pat BoyEs said she may not have any information about the affect of the budget cut on 4-H until June. The Provost received over 600 emails from current members and alumni across the state regarding the elimination of 4-H. These emails were very effective. 30 of the 50 state senators wrote personal letters to the Provost informing him that cutting 4-H was ill-advised. There will be cuts in the state 4-H program, but it will be proportional with the rest of WSU. Pat asked the State 4-H Advisory Board to let their leaders and county councils know how much their support was appreciated. A follow-up satellite broadcast will take place prior to the October meeting. Other members of public can attend. There will be impacts on the state 4-H staff as a result of expected budget cuts. Most of the 18 people on the state 4-H staff are partially funded by various grants.

Web Based 4-H Enrollment – The state 4-H program is looking at a web based enrollment system with leaders entering enrollment information on-line. It could go into affect as early as this fall. This will probably be discussed during forum as a best practice.

Challenge Course Status – Myers Point's full environmental report was completed March 31. It will take 6 months before the review is completed. There is a low ropes course in Thurston County on the grounds of St. Peters Hospital. Low ropes courses with three high elements are currently being created. Courses with high elements attract corporations whose fees help to finance this program.

Dog Committee – There is a severe shortage of leaders in the dog project. Leaders with a lot of knowledge about dog training are needed. The committee is looking into creating an e-learning module to help leaders learn how to train dogs.

Tufts Study – A non-land grant university created a study of positive youth development. Washington State has been participating in this study for the last five years. Pat BoyEs just

received an update of the data. Washington State 4-H'ers were evaluated in the areas of academic competence, future aspirations, character, peer support, etc. They exceeded the national average in all but one category. In the area of academic expectations they fall below the national average because they expect to receive a college diploma not just a high school diploma. According to this study, the 4-H program makes a more positive impact than any other youth agency.

2009 Forum – Just Cuz will be providing the entertainment. They are a group of 4-H'ers who will sing old 4-H camp songs as entertainment during forum. Part of Saturday night's meal will include salmon that will be baked by the Chehalis Indian tribe in the hotel parking lot. The Chehalis Indian tribe has a 30-40 person drum corps that may perform Saturday night prior to the start of dinner.

Volunteer Hour Reporting – Volunteers are covered by the Washington State Department of Labor and Industry under the Workman's Compensation Program. Washington State also provides liability insurance. The original agreement with the Department of Labor and Industries did not require reporting of volunteer hours because of the low risk of injury. Attorneys with the Department of Labor & Industry have determined that the 4-H program needs to report volunteer hours. A system has been developed to report volunteer hours on-line each month. This new reporting requirement will go into effect October 1, 2009. Training in the form of a workshop or half track will take place at Forum. A display with a laptop connected to the reporting site will be at Forum to introduce leaders to the new reporting system.

2011 WRLF – This event will take place on a ship from the Holland America cruise line. It will be less expensive to go on the cruise ship than have rooms in Seattle. The prices for the cruise are not set until we sign the contract a year prior to the event. We can schedule the cruise for the last week of April or the first week of May. The first week of April is preferable because of high school graduations. Today prices are \$599 for an inside cabin and \$699 for an outside cabin. All meals are included. We are expecting 300-350 attendees. The cruise line will allow you to book early and make monthly payments. For no additional fee, they will also set up one of the meeting rooms for us to use for group meals. The registration fee will cover the cost of the speaker fee and other expenses. Attendees could arrive the same day the ship leaves and free transportation from the airport to the ship is provided. Friday evening the ship would be docked in Victoria. We would return to Seattle on Saturday morning. You MUST have a passport if getting off the boat in Victoria. The enhanced drivers license will allow you to get off at Alaskan ports, but not at Victoria. All of the shows that normally take place on cruise ships will take place on this ship.

Fund Development Committee – The committee would like to enhance and build the 4-H Alumni & Friends Association database by automatically signing up graduating 4-H seniors. The registration fee would be waived for the first year. They would be sent a "welcoming packet" that would include instructions on how to register. Upon registration, they would receive an Alumni Association pin. The cost of the pin would be initially funded by the State 4-H Advisory Board. Alumni who register for the cruise will automatically be entered in a drawing to win a free room for the cruise.