

MN 4-H Shooting Sports and Wildlife  
Project Development Committee Meeting

October 10, 2008

The meeting was called to order by, chair, Lyle Chapin. The following 43 members were in attendance: Kia Harries, Nicole Pokorney, Amber Runke, Mark Jaworske, Arlie Post, Willy Elliott, Dale Woodward, Mary Woodward, Judy Plank, Jarrard Woodward, Angela White, Katie Brotherton, Stephen Zinnel, Darlys Hamberg, Alan Pickar, Lynn Mollenhauer, Norman Stevens, Janet Schweigert, Lucie Bohanon, Arlon Fritsche, Cindy Holzmer, Bill Holzmer, Dan Porter, Claudia Fridstrom, John Fridstrom, Don Illies, Ann Illies, Cathy Korby, Jacob Goodroad, Rose Erickson, Mike Porter, Bill Frutiger, Bill Stevens, Elise Schlueter, Bob Hursh, Mary Holzmer, Jerry Ludwig, Rod Streng, Ken Bohanon, Kris Bohanon, David Kuhl, Laura Kuhl and Lyle Chapin.

Secretary, Judy Plank, read the secretary's minutes from the March 2008 meeting. Dale Woodward moved to approve the minutes and Lucie Bohanon seconded the motion. After voting, the motion passed. Kia Harries gave a financial update and reviewed the budget. Judy Plank moved to approve the financial statement and Mary Woodward seconded the motion, which passed after voting.

Lyle Chapin recognized the outgoing PDC members, Elise Schlueter, Laura Kuhl and David Kuhl.

Nicole Pokorney reported on attending the National Leader Training in Texas. She was trained in the 22 and air discipline.

Lynn Mollenhauer reported on the 2008 National Shooting Sports Invitational in Grand Island, Nebraska. Minnesota did very well and the air pistol team placed 1<sup>st</sup>, the air rifle team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and the shotgun team placed 5<sup>th</sup>. Next year's invitational will held June 23-28 2009 in Grand Island Nebraska.

Arlie Post reviewed the 2008 MN State Shoot. Overall, it went well. The MN Bound will be featuring the shoot on their show on November 9<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Registration increased this year by 5% with 758 shooters. Bob Hursh compiled the registration data and created graphs to explain trends in registration. This handout will be posted on the website. Discipline specific updates were held in the earlier meeting and will be reported on in the state shoot committee discussion.

Kia Harries gave a proposal for the 2009 State Shoot. The proposal requests that the 2009 State Shoot be held at Beaverbrook Tri-County Sportsman's Club and will be hosted by counties throughout the state. Kia and Nicole will take care of administration details and ordering of supplies. The counties will be responsible for the following components:

- Archery Range
- Air Ranges (2)

- Silhouette Range
- Muzzleloading Range
- .22 Range
- Trap Range
- Wildlife Exhibits – organizing set-up, working with judges, responsible for score sheets
- Food – this could be done by a county 4-H program, a local organization, etc. Discussion was held on asking Beaverbrook if they would like to run the Food Stand.
- Parking – could be local Boy Scouts, members of a county 4-H program, etc.
- Awards – organize awards and distribution at ceremony
- Targets – tape to cardboard and bring to event
- Skillathon – help score and facilitate the participants
- Facilities – maintaining port-a-potties, having transportation available to haul targets, equipment and help with set-up and take-down

Discussion was held on the September and October rent of equipment storage. It would cost \$3,500 to \$3,600 buy the trailer and any maintenance expenses. This purchase would require approval from the University. It currently costs \$100 per month to rent the trailer. Lucie Bohanon moved to rent the trailer until the March meeting. Dale Woodward seconded the motion and it passed after voting.

Discussion then continued regarding the 2009 State Shoot Proposal. Lyle Chapin is planning on discussing the proposal with Beaverbrook on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Arlon Fritsche moved to approve the proposal depending on Beaverbrook's decision and to allow Lyle Chapin and Kia Harries move forward. Cathy Korby seconded the motion. Further discussion led to Lucie Bohanon moving to amend the original motion to approve the proposal after Beaverbrook's decision and to allow Lyle Chapin and Kia Harries to move forward in planning with a 1 year commitment to be reviewed again next year. Bill Holzmer seconded the motion and after voting, it passed. Kia will have an update on the status of the State Shoot out by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Further discussion was held on Beaverbrook's concerns with site preparation and who will mow the grass, who has the keys to the grounds and how clean-up and take-down will be handled. Lyle also mentioned that the birm may need to be spruced up in the fall. Camping will be specific to workers and to provide security on the grounds.

Nicole Pokorney then gave a review of the 2008 Leader Trainings. There were 156 people trained, 8 advanced in 4 sites. There were no major issues. Nicole then proposed 3 sites for the 2009 Leader Trainings : Farmington on March 28-29, Grand Rapids on April 25-26 and Fergus Falls on September 19-20. Registration sign-up will be on the website.

Nicole ordered 1,000 Shooting Journals. They are \$7 plus shipping and tax. Contact her if you would like some ordered for your county.

Nicole also gave an update on the Ambassador Program. The National Shooting Sports Ambassador Program is currently on hold, but MN would like to start a program to prepare for the future and benefit our state Shooting Sports program. Elise Schlueter, Steve Zinnel, and Nicole held an informational meeting at the State Shoot and 15 youth and 7 adults attended. Nicole will send an application in an e-mail. If you are aware of any events that are in need of promotion from ambassadors, contact Nicole.

There will be a Shooting Sports Camp on June 30<sup>th</sup>-July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 at the Deep Portage Environmental Center. Registration is limited to 30 students. It will be an exploration camp and will cost approximately \$175. A final flyer will be posted to the website by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Kia Harries then gave an inventory on equipment and updates:

- M4-HAVA Conference: February 20-29 in Duluth
- Wildlife Bowl References: program committee will review new references
- Creation of a Record Sheet: this will be done on November 13<sup>th</sup> at curriculum training and will be sent out
- Disabilities Information: be aware that people with disabilities can be allowed to compete as a person without disabilities as long as their disability does not change the position.
- National Committee & Training: we have reapplied, but have not heard back

## **COMMITTEE'S:**

### Financial/Annual Budget:

- Registration Fees: \$2,500.00
  - 10 People Foundation Grant for National Training: \$750.00 per person
- Ambassadors: \$800.00
- PDC Meetings: \$150.00
- Miscellaneous Copy Charge: \$200.00
- 4-H SS Educ. Proj. Manual: \$900.00
- Promotional Activities: \$1,000.00

**Judy Plank moved and Arlon Fritsche second, motion carried.**

### MN 4-H SS&W Youth Ambassadors:

- Map of where the kids are located.
- Assess 4-H page – this will be an on-line community program where we can do something with the program and the ambassadors.
- \$800 in the budget
- Ideas where we can attend for promotion:
  - Deer & turkey expo
  - Legion/VFW state
  - MN Deer Hunters Association
  - Local banquets
  - Cabela's

- Gander Mountain
- State Archery Shoot Duluth registration day
- Help with DNR laser shooting
- Hook up with Farmfest
- MN Firearms Collectors state show
- Muzzleloaders State Shoot Territorial
- ATA Shoot
- NWTF Jan. 17-18
- Pheasants Forever
- Federal Cartridge
- Safari Club
- US Fish & Wildlife
- MN Deer Hunters
- Ducks Limited
- Toastmasters – sponsor us?
- Other Ideas:
  - Attend Banquet not in their county
  - County contacts with group
  - Things for grab bags
  - SS & W Leader Trainings – have 5-10 minutes
  - Attend county ambassador or state meeting
  - State Shoot – sponsored from (DNR) (Safari Pheasant DU) – wildlife boxes
    - New families sponsors
    - Cloverbud wildlife sessions on Sunday
  - 3 hour training: Steve & Elise
  - Brief training before events
    - Public speaking
    - Etiquette
    - Elise – speaking
- Polo shirts
- How to get them together
- Send in reports of their speaking engagements, etc.
- Explore other State's Ambassador Programs
- Color flyers
- Business nametags for Ambies with name
- More generic nametags with program & website cards

State Shoot Review Rules:

- Hawk: 10 throws (all count) = 50 points (i.e. 5, 4, 3, 2, 1)
- Silhouette: Tie breaker = shoot one time at one spot
- .22 Rifle – Match Rules #8 change to:
  - 8a. No shooting jackets
  - 8b. NRA current edition (gloves that do not offer artificial support)

- Air Rifle Standard: Tables if possible

**Janet Schweigert moved and Arlon Fritsche second, motion carried.**

State Shoot Suggestions:

- Reference the State Trainers for State Shoot needs
- Communicate with incoming county
- 2 committees
- 3 way contact between the committees (Kia, State Trainer and County Contact)
- Communicate at least once a month or more
- Committees before November 15

Programs:

- Recommended the 4 new Wildlife bulletins from Purdue to be used as a reference for the 2009 Wildlife Project Bowl.
- Recommended the MN Conservation Volunteer Magazine (published by MN DNR) be used as a reference for the Wildlife Project Bowl beginning in 2010
- Recommend the acceptance of new PDC members, based on submitted applications: Willie Elliot, Angela White, David Kuhl, Laura Kuhl, Chris Bohanon, Elise Schlueter. Al Pickar will fill a vacancy, with his term ending in October 2010
- Programs committee recommends that other committees or work groups continue the work between meetings via conference calls
- Recommended making MN changes to the 4-H Shooting Sports Education book currently in print by Purdue. Kia will follow up with Purdue regarding the changes, timeline and costs.
- Recommended changes to the MN 4-H Shooting Sports Program Plan & Policy regarding the PDC structure:
  - Application and selection of three year terms for voting members
  - Terms for elected positions: Chair, Vice Chair & Secretary

**Judy Plank moved and Dan Porter second, motion carried.**

Motion to adjourn was made by Dale Woodward and it was second by Norm Stevens, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elissa Schlueter and Cindy Holzmer