

# **FAE4-HA Membership Meeting**

## **September 1, 2009**

### **Minutes**

*Present:* Adam Cletzer (Indian River), \*Debbie Clements (Okeechobee), \*Yolanda Goode (Gadsden), \*Renee Gore (Baker), \*Kate Fogarty (state), Cindy Higgins (Columbia), Shane Michael (Seminole), \*Joy Jordan (state), \*Wendi Armstrong (state), Gary Thomas (Flagler), Vanessa Spero (Brevard), \*Jessica Kockert (student), \*Nicole Walker (Polk), Christi Pryor (DeSoto), Cathy Suggs (Lee), Jean Hink (Pasco), Brent Broaddus (Hillsborough), Chris DeCubbellis (Gilchrist), Brian Estevez (Suwannee), \*Andy Toelle (Duval), Ruth Hubing (Collier), \*Rick Godke (Duval), April Butler (Highlands), Heather Futch (Hamilton), Christa Kirby (Manatee), Courtney Davis (Glades), Jean Rogalsky (Pinellas), Stephanie Kraatz (Clay), \*Monica Brinkley (Liberty), Jacqueline Hunter (Hillsborough), Holly Jordan (Hillsborough), Amy Harder (AEC), Meg Brew (Marion), Xiomara Diaz (Marion), Diana Smith (Manatee), \*Sarah Hensley (Sumter), \*Bryan Terry (state), \*Pat Hogue (Okeechobee), Geralyn Sachs (St Johns), \*Geogene Bender (SC RSA), Sonja Crawford (Hendry), Norma Samuel (Marion), \*Sherri Hood (Wakulla), \*Debbie Nistler (Bradford), \*Bill Heltemes (NE RSA), Tim Pelke (Orange), \*Vickie Mullins (Santa Rosa), Pam Phillipe (Charlotte), Marcus Boston (Leon), Angelina Toomey (Broward), \*Dale Pracht (state), Michael Bond (Seminole tribe), Julie Dillard (Washington), Melanie Taylor (Gulf), \*Tracy Tesdall (Leon), \*Lori Wiggins (Taylor), \*Marilyn Norman (state), \*Mary Williams (Nassau), Jennifer Heady (Okaloosa), Paula Davis (Bay), \*Karen Henry (Osceola), Ivette Valentin (Miami-Dade), and \*Whitney Cherry (Calhoun), Alex Diaz (Miami-Dade). Guests: Katie Cursio and Stephanie Farmer.

Meeting was called to order by president, Debbie Clements, at 2:32pm. Sign in sheet for years of NAE4-HA membership and highest award sheet and attendance sheet distributed. Star your name on sign in sheet if attending Rochester NAE4HA meeting.

Pledges were led by Nicole Walker (Am) Kate Fogarty (4-H.)

Stephanie Farmer received the Friend of 4-H this afternoon. Jean Hink introduced her. Jean described how to make a Styrofoam clover. Stephanie gave an update on county budgets.

Dale Pracht introduced Disney Youth Education Series Coordinator, Katie Cursio. There are 20 educational programs: Career based, leadership, etc. Ten students or more qualifies as a group. Don't pay gate price with group. Two

programs: youth education series (3 hour workshops – Disney YES program) and park adventures.

**Minutes** were read by Secretary: Tracy Tesdall.

**Treasurers Report** – (Adam Cletzer) see attached. Expenses need to be sent in by the end of September to be reimbursed. Nicole moved to approve. Seconded by Yolanda.

**Program Leaders Report** (Marilyn Norman) – In-service training calendar are available on PDEC this week. Administrative conference has been moved to Jan 25-29 (M-R) time frame. Youth Development Institute. In-service state dollars must go for agents. But this institute will involve volunteers and paraprofessionals. Tool kit CDs for those who attended the 4-H SET in-service available. See Marilyn. National Youth Science Day experiment information is available. Youth attending 1<sup>st</sup> exec board will be trained in this experiment to help their agents. Governance changes to get external people on Goal and focus teams and PDC are restructuring so the decision making process is changing. Focus teams are recruiting to help make the program move forward. Each two years, do most respected agent award. 2009 winners are Sarah Hensley, Shelda Wilkens, and Judy Butterfield. Nassau County 4-H has a Centennial Corn Maze. Lots going on with centennial. Sell books.

**EPAF meeting-** (Pat Hogue) EPAF has been a challenge this year. Added in-service trainings. EPAF has lost money the last three years. Cut costs significantly, but kept registration fees the same. Sign in at Dean's breakfast and lunch on Thursday to get per diem.

**NAE4-HA updates-** no report

**NAE4HA 2009-** (Pat Hogue) wearing new 2012 shirts at regional breakfast. Give shirt money to Debbie, Sonja or Judy.

**Annual Report-** (Andy) no report.

### **Committee Reports**

Pat passed around a committee sign up sheet. Please select a committee to serve on to be a chair of.

*Programs-* (Suzanne) no venues to do a program so working to do something at the Youth Development Institute.

*Professional Development-* (Sarah) Submitted and received an enhancement grant which we had plans to use for a free in-service training for new agents.

However, because only 7 people signed up we did not feel it wise to use our resources and are considering tagging on to Admin Conf. in November. All

materials are developed with a great agenda. Otherwise, scholarship applications were submitted and screened. Announced professional development scholarship winners. B.J. Allen: Whitney Cherry. Professional Improvement: Courtney Davis and Shane Michaels will each receive \$200. *Diversity* - (Marilyn) hired an external speaker to come to 4-H Congress. *Audit*- (Norma Samuel) Adam is doing a great job with the books. Suggested a few guidelines for the treasurer for when he transitions to new treasurer. *Policy & Resolutions/By-Laws*- no report *Public Relations*- (Tracy) basket submitted for Association of Counties meeting. Basket wasn't picked up and will be available at auction this week. Website updated regularly. *Agenteer*- (Adam) Applause for latest issue. Looking for writers for articles. Thank you to from Ag Ed to get grad students to write articles. *Member Services*- (Jean) Awards committee may change awards and titles of awards. Like possibly renaming "Rookie of the Year" to "Young Professional Award." Pat will double check there are no policies affecting this. *ASA/DSA/MSA* - (Debbie Nistler) filled all our slots. Please let us know what awards you have already received so we can remind you when you're due for your next award. Winners are: ASA: Christopher DeCubellis, Jennifer Heady, and Kate Fogarty. DSA: GERALYN SACHS, Heather Kent and Nicole Walker. MSA: Vickie Mullins.

*Communicator Awards* (Karen Henry) - COMMUNICATOR AWARD WINNERS

AWARD	NAME	County
Exhibit	Geralyn Sachs	St. John's
Feature	Jean Hink	Pasco
Media Presentation	Lori C. Wiggins	Taylor
News Story	Christi Pryor	DeSoto
Educational Package Team	*Heather C. Kent	Jackson
	*Monica Brinkley	Liberty
	*Kelley Heimstra	4-H RSA
Educational Package-Indiv	*Brent Broaddus	Hillsborough
Educational Piece-Indiv.	Cathy Suggs	Lee
Educational Piece-Team	Sonja C. Crawford	Hendry
	John D. Atrhington	Range Cattle REC- Ona
	Leslie E. Baucum	Hendry
	Bridget Carlisle	Polk
	Courtney B. Davis	Glades
	Andrea Dunlap	Range Cattle REC- Ona
	Lochrane A. Gary	Hardee
	Patrick J. Hogue	Okeechobee
	Christa L. Kirby	Manatee
	O. Patrick Miller	Okeechobee

	Brent A. Sellers	Range Cattle REC- Ona
	James F. Selph	DeSoto
	Maria L. Silveira	Range Cattle REC- Ona
	Joao M. Vendramini	Range Cattle REC- Ona
	Lindsey F. Wiggins	Hendry
Periodical Publication-Indiv.	*Brent Broaddus	Hillsborough
Periodical Publication - Team	*Jean Rogalsky	Pinellas
	*Janet Golden	Pinellas
Personal Column	Christopher DeCubellis	Gilchrist
Promotional Piece - Indiv.	Renee' L. Gore	Baker
Promotional Piece - Team	Julie Pigott Dillard	Washington
	Nicole R. Crawson	Holmes
	Kay D. Brown	Escambia
Published Photo	Renee' Gore	Baker
Promotional Package - Team	Andy Toelle	Duval
	Joseph Wood	Duval
	Thristina McKay	Duval

\*Regional Winners.

*Special Awards*-(Kathie Roberts) not very many submissions. Looking for judges and co-chairs. (Jean Hink) – Friend of Extension award used to give a plaque. But the committee decided to give her something nicer. To truly show our appreciation. Looking for contributions to pay for this year's recipients platter and for next year's award recipient. Discussion on whether this is in the budget for next year. Winners are:

Rookie of the Year : Adam Cletzer

Literature Award (5 can be awarded): Shane Michael (individual) for "Horse Show Volunteer's Manual"

Heather Kent (team) for "4-H Awesome Afterschool Kits"

Christopher DeCubellis for "Vegetable Record and Project Book"

Search for Program Excellence (5 can be awarded): Renee' L. Gore (individual) for "Baker County 4-H Summer Camp Initiative"

Carrie T. Stevenson (team) for "Project BATS" Team: Kay Brown, Beth Bolles, Paula Davis, Sheila Dunning, Jennifer Heady, Nicole Crawson, Julie Dillard, Judy Ludlow, Whitney Cherry, Holly Ober

Germaine Pointer (team) for "Broward Co. Jr. Master Gardener Program"  
Team: Angelina Toomey

Christopher DeCubellis (indiv) for "Gilchrist Co. 4-H Laying Hen Project"

Lori C. Wiggins (indiv) for "4-H Summer Day Camps: Exper. The Adventure  
Friend of 4-H: Stephanie Farmer, Assoc. Publisher, Youth Editor for Farm and Ranch News

Outstanding Specialists Dale Pracht

Excellence in Camping: Renee' L. Gore (individual) for "Baker Co. Summer Camp Initiative

Georgene Bender (team) for Operation: Military kids Residential Camp Educational Technology: Rick Godke (individual) for Extension Success Tracker

Excellence in Teamwork: Monica Brinkley for Ag Adventure Program  
*Membership-* (Heather) new certificates of membership presented. Brian Estevez, Whitney Cherry, Courtney Davis, Stephanie Duda, Rebecca Harris, Angelia Toomey, Sherri Hood, Heather Johnson, Stephanie Kraatz-Conner, Alexia Lamb, Tim Pelke, Rick Godke, Vanessa Spero, Ximara Diaz, and from last year: Michael Bond, Megan Brew, April Butler, Laura Cash, Adam Cletzer, Alex Diaz, Crystal Fincher, Hutch Futch, Jacquelyn Hunter and Shane Michaels.

*Nominating-* (Christa Kirby) 2009-2010 officers

President: Pat Hogue, President-Elect: Heather Kent, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Andy Toelle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Cindy Higgins, Secretary: Nicole Walker, Treasurer: Adam Cletzer

District 1: Vickie Mullins

District 8: Karen Henry

District 2: Julie Dillard

District 9: Jean Hink

District 3: Sherri Hood

District 10: April Butler

District 4: Heather Futch

District 11: Sue Munyan

District 5: Renee' Gore

District 12: Pam Phillippe

District 6: Stephanie Conner

District 13: Angelina Toomey

District 7: Xiomara Diaz

District 14: Kate Fogarty

Renee moved to destroy the ballots and Marcus Boston seconded. Motion passes.

*NAE4HA 2012 meeting-* (Pat) progressing ahead of schedule, according to Kay (the nae4ha planner). The payroll deduction funds will be used for travel to national meetings. Must have contributed to payroll deduction to get the funds. Judy B is now the chair of the 2012 meeting. And Martha Maddox is co-chair. Pat is fundraising chair. We need contributions to payroll deduction. It's a better draw to show that our membership is supporting as well. Courtesy Agents can contribute with a routine check to the 2012 NAE4-HA account. If contribute to SHARE, you get taxable deduction. Committee planning members can use up to \$500 a year to shadow committee chairs. Starting in 2010, use NAE4HA scholarship form to ask for dollars. Blue shirts are \$31 each. See Judy Butterfield.

4-H Golf Tournament: try to recruit sponsorships for tournament. At Highlands Ridge, September 26th. In 2008, we didn't make much money. Discussion that Farm Bureau silent auction may partner with our golf tournament in March.

Passing of the gavel. Pat thanked Debbie Clements for all she has done. She has done a fabulous job.

## **District Reports**

*District 1:* (Vickie) Escambia 4-H/Livestock hopes to be filled soon. Kay proud to announce success in her Navy programs. Kay's youngest graduated from high school. Santa Rosa FCS Agent not slotted to be filled.

*District 2:* (Suzanne) Nikki Crawson has left to be with her husband. Holmes County is vacant and posted. Whitney Cherry is having a girl. Suzanne's son is in the Navy.

*District 3:* (Marcus) Elaine Shook, former Leon County 4-H Agent, was inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame. John Lilly is the interim Jefferson County Extension Director.

*District 4:* (Heather Futch) July 31 Heather Johnson had her baby.

*District 5:* (Renee Gore) Cindy Higgins son is in college. Renee is doing well. District 5 is alive.

*District 8:* Glad that the Lake County 4-H Agent position has been posted.

*District 10:* Glades- Courtney Davis- Work: Glades County is still going, we did some summer camps this summer and they went well. Camp Cloverleaf numbers were down but we had lots of fun because we were able to spend more time with the kids. We are getting ready for the new 4-H year. The fair guys are actually listening to many of my suggestions for this year fair, YAY!! I am making progress. We are getting some new clubs in Glades that are not animal related - this has not been done in close to five years!! SO I am really excited about that!!

Personal: My husband and I bought a house and some land, we are currently remodeling the house, which is not fun for me because I am about 8 months pregnant!! We are having a little boy sometime around October 29.

Highlands-April Butler - Professional:

- Highlands County Extension has been busy during the spring & summer months with our annual Club Olympics/County Events day, Tropicana Speech, camps, and those glorious record books.
- Highlands 4-H also held their banquet in August with our theme of "A Night at the Oscars" and the next day hosted Open Enrollment.
- Highlands 4-H County Council has already planned their the year, starting with breakfast and proclamation with county commissioners, an educational weekend at UF and gator football game, Welcome to Highlands County Signs, from Highlands County 4-H posted around the county, and several speaking engagements at local organization meetings.
- Highlands County is excited to host the Florida 4-H Gold tournament on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. Also on October 15, 2009 Highlands County 4-H Foundation will be hosting their annual 4-H Diner and auction. The event is in its 27<sup>th</sup> year, and annually raises between \$30,000-35,000, lets keep our fingers cross we can do that this year. Personal:

- Ben & I were able to spend 5 days in the keys lobstering this summer, it was a much need break.

District Report-Christi Pryor, DeSoto County – Professional :

- DeSoto County Extension has kept extremely busy during the spring & summer months, as we are revamping parts of our program. Our numbers are continuing to increase and clubs are dividing and new leaders are being brought in to maintain quality programming.
- DeSoto 4-H also held their banquet in June. We were able to use the Big Turner Center. Which originally was cut in half and to our surprise on the day of, there was standing room only. So several county commissioners pitched in and helped bring more tables and chairs about to accommodate everyone while the banquet proceeded on. I was amazed that so many people came out to see youth receive their 4-H awards.
- DeSoto County put on two summer camp programs. A 6 week sewing day camp and a 3 day horse camp. Both camps were a huge success as they grew in youth participation from beginning to end. The horse camp was co - hosted through the DeSoto County Turner Center and Laurel Valley Ranches.
- The Desoto Jr. Cattlemen’s 4-H Club competed at the State Cattlemen’s convention and did well. In addition, the DeSoto FFA Parliamentary procedure team that Christi coaches made it through to the state competition. They too did a great job.
- DeSoto County’s CED and Livestock Agent of 30 years, Mr. Jim Selph is retiring. He will really be missed by the county and by me.
- DeSoto 4-H’s plan for this year is to focus on citizenship. I feel that the county 4-H has been blessed in so many ways and I want the youth to realize it is more of a gift to give than to receive.

Personal

- I will be competing on the Florida Cattlemen’s Ranch rodeo circuit finals in October. I am really excited about that.
- I took my first real vacation since I became an agent. I went to the Bahamas’ with my sister. It was beautiful. I never knew water could look so blue.

Hardee County 4-H Happenings

- Completed the 8<sup>th</sup> annual 4-H summer day camp, “Back to Basics”. With the assistance of the Hardee County Home and Community Education volunteers, twenty-nine (29) children between the ages of eight (8) and eighteen (18) were enrolled in this six-week program. Held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings for three (3) hours from June 16 through July 23, 2009, children learned many different handcrafts, as well as baking, cooking, food preservation, and gardening to name a few. Guest speakers and special programs also completed the daily schedule as well. Eleven (11) of the twenty-nine (29) participants learned about the

opportunities available in 4-H with the probability of joining 4-H in the 2009-2010 4-H year.

- Hosted annual 4-H Open House Thursday, August 27, 2009 from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Civic Center auditorium with all leaders present and ready to sign up their returning 4-H members and new members. This annual 4-H Open House is the means by which returning and new 4-H members enroll in the new 4-H year.
- Two (2) adult volunteers and five (5) senior 4-H'ers attended annual 4-H Congress in Gainesville, FL July 27 – 31, 2009. Adults served as county chaperones and two (2) 4-H'ers participated in competitive events with illustrated talks, both receiving red ribbons in their categories. Two (2) participants served as District X delegates, attending daily meetings to conduct state 4-H business. One (1) participant attended the Community Pride luncheon to familiarize herself with potential community service projects in Hardee County.

Two (2) individuals – one (1) adult 4-H volunteer and one (1) senior 4-H'er attended annual 4-H Legislature in Tallahassee, FL, June 22 – 26, 2009. Adult served as county chaperone and senior 4-H'er fulfilled role of lobbyist during the weeklong event. 4-H Legislature is a mock legislative experience where 4-H'ers fulfill the roles of senators, representatives, and lobbyists, in order to gain a better understanding of the legislative process in the state of Florida and to understand the functions of leadership roles in government.

District Report-Debbie Clements, Okeechobee County  
Professional

- Okeechobee County Extension survived the County Program Review this May. It was intimidating as I looked ahead, but it made me proud as I listened to the preliminary and final report.
- I spent two weeks during June/July in Scotland, England, France, Luxemburg, and Germany, co-coaching Florida's 4-H Dairy Judging Team as they participated in the International Dairy Judging Contest at the Royal Highland Show and an additional invitational contest at the Luxembourg National Show. I am proud to say, even though we were competing against the top college teams, post secondary teams, 4-H teams and FFA teams from the United States, Florida 4-H won the contest, in addition to having the first, second and fifth high individuals in the contest. (Okeechobee County - 1<sup>st</sup> , Madison County - 2<sup>nd</sup> , and Lake County -5<sup>th</sup> ) I enjoyed my international experience, but I truly appreciate America and the things we take for granted daily (AIR CONDITIONING, SPACE, ICE!) Thank you to the Florida and Georgia Dairy farmers that opened their farms for us to practice (April Butler, Butler Oaks Farms included) as well as their wallets, contributing their hard earned dollars in this tough economic time so our youth could make their best better.

- Okeechobee County conducted four weeks of Environmental Education Day Camp (A.K.A. H2O Encounter), three weeks of “Just Horsin’ Around” 4-H Horse Day Camp (Thank you to Courtney Davis, Glades County 4-H agent and Lindsey Wiggins, Multi-County Livestock agent, and Randy Gornto, Highlands County Ag agent for their instructional assistance) and a new “Blast To The Past, Adventures In History” Day Camp. These camps were funded through grants from Okeechobee County Children’s Services Council.
- Okeechobee 4-H has had an active summer participating in state and national level Quiz Bowl, Judging, CWF, and Congress, in addition to overnight and day camps.
- On a sad (for Okeechobee 4-H) and happy (for him) note, after 37 years in Extension, with 25 of those years in Okeechobee County, FAE4-HA member, CED/Dairy agent, Pat Miller has officially retired. He will be missed by all, but his CED position is being ably filled by Pat Hogue in the interim. We will be hiring another Dairy agent.
- The 4-H year is starting with a bang. The awards banquet is scheduled for September 12 and enrollment is well on its way to surpassing last year.
- Even in tough economic times with large budget cuts everywhere, our BOCC is still supporting Okeechobee 4-H financially☺

#### Personal

- My first grandchild, Claire Ashtyn Bond, was born on March 31 to my oldest daughter, Jennifer and her husband Jason. She is beautiful with big blue eyes, dimples, a big smile and lots of personality.
- My youngest daughter, Emily and her husband are doing well. Emily continues to be an entrepreneur with her on-line business, [www.rhinestonecowgirls.org](http://www.rhinestonecowgirls.org) as well as another marketing business.

*District 12:* Lee County - The Lee County program continues to grow and expand with Cathy Suggs now beginning new community partnerships and programs. On a personal note, she is now the mother of three college students, and she is still sane!

Collier County - Ruth Hubing has been on the job for eight months and has been recruiting and training many new leaders. Ruth is has begun a Collier County 4-H Blog for leaders, members and parents, and it has been a big hit. She just found out that her position has been filled - but with four people!

Hendry County - Hendry County 4-H is expanding with more leaders stepping up to begin new clubs and programs. Sonja's youngest child has begun kindergarten this year. How time flies.

Charlotte County - Pam Phillippe is getting over losing her two program assistants and finding out just how much she depended on them. Budget-wise, the overall 4-H program seems secure.

*District 13:* Miami-Dade County - The last proposed budget from the major suggested cutting the entire Cooperative Extension Service. We are now waiting

to see what will be the results on September 17, 2009. In a more positive note Kathie Roberts had an awesome week with her family with their traditional lobster season retreat at the Keys. Alex Diaz acquires a new hobby; know he grows Kefir. Ivette's daughter just started high school and is having an awesome time.

In Broward County we acquired a new agent; Angelina Tommey and lost a program assistant; Mrs. Loraine Bell resigned to go back to school.

*District 14:* Much is going on with the Centennial Celebration - we still have a few books left in our office to sell, looking forward to the banquet in Jacksonville in November. Budget cuts affect us also at the state 4-H office as Janice Cummings, our support staff who has worked for UF for 21 years, will be leaving us in the end of October. We are hoping and praying she will find a new position, inside or outside UF, in the near future. Wendi Zimmerman has experienced a name change from the end of our 4-H faculty and staff list to be promoted to very first. She and Gregg Armstrong, a rocket scientist (AKA aerospace engineer), were married in May and had a great celebration at Joy Jordan's house with numerous 4-H faculty and staff. 4-H Administrative Conference, originally scheduled for November, has become the Youth Development Institute: A premier event combining our administrative conference, our volunteer leader forum, and a professional development experience for 4-H faculty. A tentative and colorful schedule is available in the back of the room.

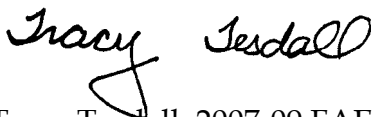
**Old Business** - none.

**New Business** - none.

**Announcements-** If you need your masters, look into Agricultural Extension & Communication Department. The association needs to use more than 4-H Agents list serv to get out information. New president will look into how to get info out to more than 4H Agents list serv.

Motion to adjourn made by Debbie Nistler and seconded by Renee' Gore at 4:50pm.

Minutes submitted by,



Tracy Tesdall, 2007-09 FAE4-HA Secretary