

Indian River County 4-H Foundation

Minutes of - 6:00 p.m. Sept. 18, 2008 meeting

Present:

Adam Cletzer – 4-H Agent
Violet Krochmalny – 4-H Assistant
Sam Adams
Marsha Fromang
Margaret McCain (Maggie)
Kathy Smith

Visiting:

Mamie Wise

Location:

M. McCain's office
1826 14 Ave, Ste 201
Vero Beach, FL 32960

The meeting opened at 6:10 p.m.

Adam welcomed all and explained that, due to a recent promotion and some health issues, Brooke Wadsworth would not be able to continue as an active board member, but wishes to help in the future in what ever capacity she can.

Maggie passed out copies of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws she had drafted from the several different versions from other counties. The members discussed which changes were necessary, mostly regarding the establishment of a trust upon the possibility of dissolution of the 4-H program in Indian River County or the Foundation (Article IV A, and By-Law IV A). Currently the Articles and By-Laws both call for the property to be split equally among the 4-H clubs. There will be no 4-H clubs without a 4-H Program, so Maggie will remove this clause from the articles, and keep it in the By-Laws with the understanding it can be amended later to establish an interest-bearing trust account with a trustee chosen at the discretion of the Foundation President.

Article VIII B will have the 4-H Agent or delegate added as a non-voting board member.

Adam will check on the 4-H Chartering language to use for Article XI.

The address used for the By-Laws will be that of the Extension office. With the selection of temporary officers and a copy of the EIN for the Foundation (already received), the application for incorporation may be sent in and 501 (c)3 status filed for. Maggie is the registered agent.

It was decided to elect officers in the third quarter of the year and that regular meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the last month of each quarter (March, June, Sept., Dec.). The quorum for officers voting on Foundation business will be fifty percent.

The types of members were discussed: Board (voting and non-voting), Honorary and donor (non-voting), and dues paying Sustaining (non-voting). Various amounts of dues suggested for sustaining members ranged from \$1.00 on up to \$50.00.

Names of possible additions to the board are:

Sean Smith, Carey Bartlett, Robin Haffield, Mr. Fromang, Lisa Stanford-Davis or her mother Fay Stanford, Roy Raymond, Micky Westrope. For honorary members: Wesley Davis and Harriet and Barney Greene. Other sources would be Charles Searcy letting us use his name to approach Premier Citrus.

After a brief tussle and coin flipping, temporary officers were selected:

President – Margaret McCain

Vice President – Kathy Smith

Treasurer – Marsha Fromang

Secretary – Sam Adams

For the next meeting, lists of names will be brought in to go over for potential sponsors and donors. The 4-H office will make copies of the lists of recent candidate reports from the Supervisor of Elections' website. Maggie's husband may have some contacts through his agriculture background, and old 4-H buyers' lists will be reviewed. Current 4-H sponsors will not be contacted to avoid conflicts with the fair.

A letter writing campaign will be planned to start the fund raising year, with Adam creating a Foundation letterhead. Other types of events were explored with having one major event per year such as a cocktail party with silent auction. This year the 100th anniversary of 4-H could be tied into a party for alumni.

At the next meeting, new members will be invited and permanent officers elected.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 16, at the law office of MacWilliam, McCain and Hill:

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Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by Violet Krochmalny