



Shooting Sports Minutes Thursday, September 29, 2022

The meeting was Called to Order by Don O'Dell, Chair, at 6:16 pm in the Tulare County 4-H Office Conference Room.

The Flag salute and 4-H Pledge were led by Scott Scheer, Vice-Chair.

Introductions were made by those present: Don O'Dell, Elbow Creek; Kelly Lang, Exeter; Keith Whitney, Exeter; Ryan Gates, Springville; Clint Blackmon, Prairie Center; Evette Hall, Burton; Pete Keeney, Vandalia; Corey Gill, Springville; Jason Gill, Springville; Jody Scheer, Ducor; Scott Scheer, Ducor; Rochelle Mederos, Staff; and Eric Withrow, Pleasant View joined on speaker phone.

A motion was made by Clint Blackmon to approve the [Minutes from 3/31/22](#). The motion was seconded by Evette Hall. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business

Rochelle showed the mockup for the Mail-in Match and Shotgun Match belt buckles for each discipline. The trap and skeet buckles showed a rifle. The group wants the rifle to be replaced with the broken clay figure from vendor's website. Rochelle will have the change made and place the order.

At the previous meeting Jimmy George suggested having Countywide Fun Day Events during the 2022-23 year to build competitive spirit among youth from all clubs. For archery it was determined that less participation has occurred at their fun day events versus competitions, therefore, archery is not interested in having any this year. For rifle, the group is open to the idea once they are able to begin shooting due to the issues with AB 2571. Rochelle let them know that if they are interested in hosting something to reach out to her for assistance and she will help support the event(s) and get the information out to all clubs/project leaders.

New Business

Rochelle discussed the [COVID Update and UC ANR 4-H Guidelines](#) and informed volunteers/project leaders to check this page often for updates to COVID safety protocols for in-person 4-H activities. The current guidelines include the [Basic Safety Standards](#), updated 9/2/22, which should be displayed at entrance to meeting/event and includes the following guidelines: Symptom monitoring and stay home when symptoms are present, diagnosed with COVID-19, and/or if public health guidance advises you to quarantine; Masks are generally not required, but are encouraged in areas with high rates of transmission in the community. Masks are required when a person is recovering from COVID-19, a person has been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, local public health order requires them, and/or if the facility requires them; Communication – maintain a record of attendance at meetings; if you or someone you live with tests positive for COVID-19 within 48 hours of attending a meeting or event, notify the leader/coordinator ASAP and the leader/coordinator will contact the local 4-H Office; Hygiene and Cleaning – Encourage everyone to wash hands frequently with soap and water and/or use hand sanitizer; when planning a meeting make sure you have access to hand washing facilities, a supply of hand sanitizer, masks, cleaning materials, etc.; and frequently

clean high-touch surfaces, equipment, and shared materials; Facilities – hold activities outdoors as much as possible; open windows and doors, place fans with airflow going out the window; and use air purifying filters, if available; and Food Service – when meals are prepared and served, at least one 4-H volunteer serving food at the event must complete the [ServSafe training](#) (does not apply to snacks or pre-packaged food items served at 4-H meetings or activities).

The [2022-2023 4-H Enrollment](#) procedures are available on the Tulare County 4-H website. Remember that all [Returning Adult Volunteers](#) must complete 4-H Online enrollment and eXtension training. [New Adult Volunteers](#) requirements and links are on the website and new recruits and additional Shooting Sports project leaders are encouraged to reach out to Rochelle and Shari for help navigating the process. Youth member enrollment must be completed through the [4-H Online enrollment system](#) and the \$40 enrollment fee is paid directly to UC Regents through the [online credit card payment survey](#) or by cash/check delivered to the Tulare County 4-H Office. Payments no longer go through the 4-H Club accounts.

Only those listed on the [CA 4-H Certified Shooting Sports Volunteer List](#) and currently enrolled through 4-H Online may serve as a 4-H Shooting Sports project leader and assist members while on the line shooting.

Rochelle will be attending the [CA 4-H Instructor and Leader Meeting](#) on Saturday, October 1, 2022, at Safety First Shooting Association, River Oaks Range, Winton, CA.

[CA 4-H Shooting Sports and AB 2571 \(Firearms Advertising to Minors\) Fact Sheet](#) was discussed and several in the room shared that other shooting organizations do not agree with the stance that the UC ANR Risk and Safety team has taken regarding how AB 2571 affects organizations that offer youth shooting programs, most ranges are NOT allowing youth to shoot through those organizations, including 4-H, youth can only shoot with their parent. Rochelle stated that the Fact Sheet provided by 4-H has language stating that 4-H Volunteers are agents of the University and are provided protection when acting in the capacity of 4-H. Rochelle will provide more information as it becomes available.

Rochelle reminded everyone that the [CA 4-H Shooting Sports Website](#) offers the following for Shooting Sports leaders and members:

1. [California 4-H Shooting Sports Program Policies and Procedures](#)
2. [4-H Shooting Sports Mailing List](#) all Shooting Sports leaders are encouraged to join the list so that they are receiving important information when it is released.
3. [CA 4-H Shooting Sports Program Code of Ethics](#) needs to be signed by each Shooting Sports volunteer (only once, not annually). Rochelle will follow up with individuals next week and email the form if they need to sign it, so that it is on file in the office.
4. [4-H Shooting Sports Project Leader Position Description](#) completed annually by each project leader. Rochelle will send the document out and the last page with signature should be returned to her via email or postal mail.
5. [Equipment Checkout Log](#)
6. [Firearms and Ammunition Storage and Transport](#)
7. [Maintenance Log](#)
8. Club [Shooting Sports Risk Management Plans](#) are required by all Clubs that offer Shooting Sports projects. Rochelle will check the files and follow up with the clubs that need to complete the document.
9. [National 4-H Shooting Sports Website](#)

CA 4-H Shooting Sports Trainings are listed under the Workshops & Events section of the [CA Shooting Sports webpage](#). The [CA 4-H Shooting Sports Program Training Request and Registration Form, 7/2019](#) must be completed and signed by County 4-H Staff and given to the instructor or registrar prior to training course. After completion of the course the participant

must complete the [CA 4-H Shooting Sports Program Application for Certification as a Shooting Sports Adult Volunteer, 7/2021](#) AND turn it into the 4-H County Office prior to attending training. John Borba is willing conduct a training for us here in Tulare County. Esther Gibson said that the Visalia Sportsman's is willing to host, and she will provide food. Eric Withrow is willing to provide a Rifle training and will get a date to Rochelle. Don O'Dell and/or John Borba will provide a Shotgun training and will give Rochelle dates. Rochelle will ask John Borba to help her find someone to provide an Archery training.

County Events for 2022-23 were discussed. Archery would like to have only one Tulare County 4-H match, which will be an in-person event, date TBA. Archery will also participate in the Porterville Fair match on May 6, 2023, and encourage participation in the State Mail-in Match (mail-in matches take more time for the club to shoot, therefore in-person matches are preferred). Rifle leaders would like to continue to have a mail-in and Dale Wimp (in-person match). Dates for the Mail-in match TBA. Don O'Dell will let Visalia Sportsman's know that we would like to have Dale Wimp on either 4/15, 4/22, or 4/29. The Porterville Fair Rifle match is May 13th. The County Trap and Skeet match will take place on June 3rd and shotgun will be offered as part of the Tulare County 4-H Mail-in Match with members also being encouraged to participate in the State Mail-in Match. Pistol has very few members, therefore, it may be possible to host an in-person match in conjunction with the Dale Wimp or Shotgun match, in addition to participation in the Tulare County 4-H Mail-in and State Mail-in matches.

Other Items/Announcements

Keith Whitney announced that those interested in the Exeter Sportsman's Pheasant Hunt on November 12th (2nd Saturday of November aka opening day) should contact the club via their Facebook page or reach out to Paul Brown.

Corey Gill announced that those interested in the Tulare County Sportsman's Pheasant Hunt on November 19th and 20th can contact Ashley Montgomery to sign up.

The next Leader's Council Meeting will be October 17, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the UCCE Auditorium. All 4-H volunteers, Senior 4-H members (ages 14+) and parents are invited to attend to help plan countywide events for the youth members.

The next Shooting Sports Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the 4-H Office, dinner will be served, and a white elephant gift exchange will take place.

The meeting was adjourned by Don O'Dell at 8:19 pm.