Imperial County 4H Leaders Council

Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. at the Imperial County Farm Bureau in El Centro and was led by President, Yolanda Fiorenza.  The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4H Pledge

Roll call was accomplished by sign-in sheet and a quorum was established.

November 2017 Minutes were tabled until the February 2018 meeting.

Treasurer’s Report – BBQ profit was up slightly this year due to meat sales. Approximate net profit is $35,000. Checks will be issued to the clubs based on same percentage as last year. Checking beginning balance is $101,525.36. Enrollment will be paid to the State in January which will decrease balance significantly.

Special Guests and Correspondence: None

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Judge’s Awards-Just a reminder that judge’s awards are available at the County 4H Office.
* Southern Youth Summit-Nothing to report at this time.
* BBQ Update-I Pad was presented to Nate Hulsey from Holtville 4H at Christmas Market.
* 4-H Christmas Market-Event well received. We made a little over $1000 for the Inspiration Gallery. It was mentioned that as the needs of the Inspiration Gallery decline we can change what profits are used for. Suggestions were made to hold the event as a Spring Tea or Christmas in July or switch event to end of November to increase attendance. December is a very busy month for everyone.
* Small Animal Clinic-Next year the date of event needs to take into consideration Cattle Call and other small animal events taking place outside of the Valley. Vendors had another event in San Diego affecting who was available. Once date has been set the committee needs to reach out to vendors, so we can get on their calendar.
* Washington/Cal Focus-Four youth attending Washington Focus and five youths attending Cal Focus. Youth wrapped Christmas gifts and Tractor Supply. Fundraiser was a huge success.
* Tractor Supply Fall Clover Drive-Over $1200 was earned at Fall Clover Drive. The money must be used for leadership scholarships.
* 4-H Giving Tuesday-No details on earnings yet.
* No Other Old Business

**NEW BUSINESS**

* All Star Report-They will be at the February Meeting with their report.
* Knowledge Bowl Committee-Shanna Abatti is looking for a committee to help gather prizes. Approximately 200 prizes needed. Linda Sanchez, Jennifer Holdridge and Kim Grizzle volunteered. Knowledge Bowl will be held March 11th, 3:00pm. There are new materials available on the website. For anyone who purchased a book for studying new information printed out to add to your book. Anyone who would like to buy the book it is $25; three weeks’ notice must be given to the 4H Office. The book is available on the website for free.
* 4-H Livestock Entries-4-H deadline is January 19, 2018. Still Live entries due February 1, 2018. Livestock passes, and car passes may be purchased thru February 20, 2018. Each exhibitor may also purchase a carnival bracelet for $100 which will get you a bracelet for each of the 10 days. The parent, with an ID, must go with the exhibitor to the carnival office daily to pick up the daily bracelet.
* Plant/Flower Show-See intercom for information on criteria of plants.
* Large/Small Animal Pre-Fair-A flyer with information will be sent out on the event. There will be a white exchange at event. You may drop off whites at the 4-H Office.
* No Go No Show-See intercom for information.
* Project Updates/Idea Sharing
  + Motivate your members to get uniform ready including hat, tie, scarf
  + Talk to members about appropriate fair attire. No PJ’s. Dress code must be followed. Have a member give a demonstration at Club Meeting.
  + Have a member read a proper buyer letter at Club Meeting.
  + Members can enter previous year record book into the fair as Still Life Exhibit. See Linda Sanchez for more info.
  + Great communication Apps to use-GroupMe, Remind, Band.
* Other New Business
  + Jennifer Holdridge will ask the fair board to give us criteria on landscaping. Many complaints that money is spent to put in permanent landscaping and the fair turns off the water.
  + Judging Day-February 17, 2018. February intercom will have instructions on how to make a judging board and how to judge. There was a discussion on holding a zoom conference for anyone interested in training. Discussion on opening judging members who are not County Medal Winners.

Linda Sanchez motioned that we change the format of judging boards to encompass any member and may do so if County Record Book Winner declines. Jennifer Holdridge seconded. Motion passed.

The deadline for Record Book Winner to accept judging board is February 1st. All Stars will be holding a Livestock Skill a Thon during break at Judging Day while points are being tallied.

* + Jennifer Holdridge will ask the fair board to give us criteria on landscaping. Many complaints that money is spent to put in permanent landscaping and the fair turns off the water.
* Suggestion made by Chris Holdridge to get a copy of all approved Club Livestock Agreements, so he can have a copy for any problem that arises at the fair.

**4-H STAFF REPORT**

* Everything covered in the meeting.

**LIVESTOCK LEADERS REPORT**

* Next Meeting January 18, 2018, 6:00pm at Farm Bureau.

Linda Sanchez motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.  Meghan Brummet seconded. Motion passed.