## Imperial County 4-H Leaders Council Meeting – August 22, 2019-Minutes

The August 2019 4-H Community Leader Meeting was called to order by President Anita Martinez at 6:07pm.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the 4-H Pledge led by two of our new County All-Star’s – Gabby Esparza and Kennedy Pechtl with an assist from past All-Stars/State Ambassadors Kailah Alvarez and Hayden Hulsey.

Roll Call was done via sign-in sheet and a quorum was established.

Minutes of the May 30, 2019 meeting were approved by Shannon Magana (Holtville 4-H Club) and second by Stacy Britschgi (Verde 4-H Club).

Treasurers Report – a detailed copy of report was presented by Leaders Council Treasurer Terri Cartee – Ending Account Balance as of 8/22 was $69,477.44. The report as given was approved by Meghan Brummet (M&M 4-H) and second by Shannda Arreloa (Calexico 4-H)

All-Star Report was given by both Kennedy Pechtl and Gabby Esparza. They reported on their recent All-Star retreat that was Big Bear. While there, they worked on their plan of action along with planning for the 2019-2020 All-Star Year. A report was given on the SLC Conference held at UC Davis in July. Over 40 youth from the Imperial County attended. They thanked everyone for all the help especially the chaperones and van drivers.

**Staff Report**

Yu Meng– UC Extension Advisor/Acting 4-H Representative was in attendance and gave us an update on Shanna Fitzurka’s departure from the 4-H Program to take her new job working in the Vo-Ag Program at Southwest High School. Yu assured us that the Extension Staff will be covering the 4-H program needs until the vacancy is filled. Applications to fill the position will be available once there is state approval. Yu will be able to review any forms and reminded us that Fundraising Forms need to be submitted at least one week before the planned event. The eXtension Online Campus Leader training program is up and running. All leader training (new or returning leader) needs to be completed by December 2019. She plans to meet with each Club/Community Leader as we begin this 4-H Program Year. Shanna Fitzurka was in attendance to help in the discussion and added needed insight to some of our agenda topics.

**Old Business**

* Terri Cartee (SW Valley 4-H Club) reported on County Record Book Judging. She said it went well however it did take an additional day/more time to be able to review some of the books, including the Officer Books. It was suggested that we may need to move up the “due” date to accommodate reviewing the PDR portion of the Record Book Judging. A resume will be needed as part of the next Record Book Judging. A thank you went out to Niki Kenagy (M&M 4-H Club) for the data collection form/table she created to help keep track of the judging information.
* Achievement Night was held on Thursday 6/27/2019 at the Fairgrounds. Thank you to Magnolia and the All-Stars for planning and hosting the event as well as all who volunteered their time and talents to make the evening a most memorable occasion.
* Calendar Planning Updates – Citizenship Applications are due 10/23/2019, Interviews will be on 10/24/2019. Kelley Jackson (Mt. Signal 4-H Club) mentioned that The Small Animal Workshop previously scheduled for 11/16/2019 and to be hosted by Mt. Signal has now been changed to an actual ARBA sanctioned Rabbit and Cavy Show and sale for all local youth. A detailed flyer will appear in the next edition of the 4-H Intercom

**New Business**

* Enrollment – Fees are increasing - $58.00 for Youth, $25.00 for Adults. A possible online fee payment option for use of credit cards was discussed. The State is working on this option. Riverside County has been using this format. More information for possible use in our county may be available at a later date.
* 4-H Kick-Off hosted by the IC All-Stars will be this Saturday 8/24/2019 from 10:00am to 2:00pm – 12 Tables will be provided by the Mall. Members and Leaders from the various county 4-H Clubs will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on what the 4-H program has to offer.
* Southern Youth Summit will be held on 1/17/2020-1/19/2020 (MKL Weekend)-cost is $149.00 and open to youth from 11-13 years. Goal is to have 10 different groups with 3-4 of those groups comprised of youth from the IC – hopefully possibly 30 kids? Shanna mentioned we have applied for a $5,000 grant and along with funds from the Tractor Supply Paper Clover fundraisers. It was suggested perhaps some of these funds may be able to be used to rent passenger vans to be able to transport more attendees?
* Production Steer Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 8/27/2019 – 6:00pm IV Fairgrounds.
* 4-H Officer Training – Saturday 9/21/2019. The Church of Latter Day Saints is the planned location from 9:00-12:00pm. Theme is the “Glow in the Dark Luau”.
* 4-H BBQ Update – Danny Poloni will be back to help oversee the event with the understanding that we will be able to fully handle the whole event in 2020 with the hopes of having a designated committee and the “turn-key instructions that he will give us moving forward. Meat has been ordered at $2.59/lb to cover serving 6000 plates. It was suggested that we buy larger bean cups this year. Due the recent state e coli issues we can no longer use the Sperber Arena as an area to serve/consume food. The new location will be the Casa de Manana Building and rental fee will be no more than $1,000.00 according to Fair CEO Alan Phillips. Signup sheets were available for clubs to provide people to help. We will need help picking up supplies on Friday 10/18/2019 along with 3-4 people per club to help prep and wrap meet on at 9:00am on Saturday 10/19/2019 at Ben Abatti Farms Shop and finally to help shredding the meat on the day of the event. M&M 4-H Club will handle the advertising once again this year. The All-Stars are planning to attend our various October Community Club meetings to ask for help bringing items to sell at their Bake Sale. Cotton Candy and Snow Cones were mentioned as possibilities to sell at the event in 2020.
* Addison Rubin reported on the upcoming Mindful Me-Teens as Teachers Event. There is a grant from the state help provide resources for trained teens to work with youth ages 5-8. There are 10 different lessons to learn to run the program through the Holtville High School with a commitment of one day per week. She also spoke about the Mindfulness Retreat that will be held in Cambria CA from 11/1-11/3. Cost is $275 and the deadline to apply is 10/1/2019.
* National Youth Science Day/4-H Bike Ride will be held on Saturday 10/12/2019– Kailah Alvarez and Hayden Hulsey (McCabe 4-H Club) spoke about the 6.2 mile ride from McCabe/Corfman School to Sunbeam Lake RV Park where there will be swimming, games and lunch served. Reminder helmets are required to participate in the ride. 4-H Posters promoting National 4-H Day and the Educational Poster Contest are due to the 4-H Office on 10/4/2019 by 5:00pm. Magnolia 4-H will handle judging the Educational Poster contest and see that the posters are on display at the 4-H BBQ.

**Idea Sharing/Project Updates**

* Shanna Fitzurka reminded us that the upcoming Rabbit and Cavy show in November cannot be counted as a 4-H event. It is an event similar to a jackpot/SAILA show.
* Kari Smelser (Magnolia 4-H Club) reported that plans are being made to have the Large Animal Pre-Fair as well as a workshop. It is planned to be held on the MLK weekend-1/20/2019 likely at the Phillips Cattle Company-Main Feedlot on Lyons Road near Camacho’s Place.
* Poultry –Probably not due to the presence of the Exotic Newcastle Disease in the nearby counties.
* Dairy Project – If the Vanlewen Family decides to continue with the project, it may be only for 2nd year heifer-cow/returning members.

Raffle was won by All-Star Gabby Esparza

Motion to adjourn was by Stacy Britschgi (Verde 4-H Club) and seconded by Shannon Magana (Holtville 4-H Club). Meeting adjourned at 7:09pm.

August 22, 2019 Minutes recorded and respectfully submitted by Kelley Jackson – Mt. Signal 4-H Club