

Los Angeles 4-H Leaders Council, Saturday, January 30, 2021

On line Virtual Meeting Zoom, conference call. The meeting of the Leaders Council was called to order by President Peter Michel at 10:05am. Flag salute was led by Abby Lockmann and 4H Pledge were led by David Contreas.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Noel, seconded by Alison Johnson, passed.

Minutes of the September 26, 2020 meeting. -Noel Keller moved we approve the minutes as printed. Seconded by Amy Lockmann. Voted on and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Discussed as printed. Beverly Hills Heart Helpers club has closed. Alison Johnson moved and Noel Keller. seconded that we approve the report, voted on and passed.

Correspondence: Received thank you notes for awards given in September.

Council Officer Reports: President—Reminder to follow social distancing rules.

Vice President's report—Amy Lockmann

2nd Vice president report—(Youth) Sophie Loewner – This year the Junior Leadership Conference will take place over Zoom. A date has not yet been set. Some topics that may be discusses are: -How to lead successful project meetings, -How to plan a community service project, -Communication skills and positive body language, -Time management skills, -Stress management. We will also have fun teambuilding activities. I do not have any feedback from county youth members right now, but if I receive any, I will report it to the council.

Healthy Living Officer—Abby Lockmann She gave us an excellent report on Zoom. Goals are to focus on mental health. She had an incredible survey on how too much time spent on devices causes stress. She showed that to refresh we need to spend more time outside in the natural environment. This was an excellent presentation and needs to be shared with all the clubs.

Reporter/Historian—Ashley Arana -- She sent out emails to the clubs for pictures and information but only received information from 2 clubs, PVP and ER-HP. Other counties do this very well. She wants to post once a week to start. Send photos to her email, Ashely.k.arana@gmail.com. Let your club members know they can send them.

Program: Youth presentation—SSG David Contreras, from PVP, sang an opera aria from Don Giovanni. He is a baritone and advanced to the second round on the “Spotlight” competition. It was beautiful and very inspiring.

County Office Report: Charlene Moore--We are now able to have outside meetings in person with 2 adults and no more than 8 members for a total of 10. They should include no more than 3 families. If you have more than 3 families, they can be put in separate areas, leaving lots of room.

District Reports: **AV**—Clubs are doing regular Zoom meetings. Some are doing projects by Zoom. Some are doing face book live. Projects are being offered to more than one club. They are working toward events. Lots of baby livestock are being born right now. We hope to get some videos. **SFV**— Project leaders have adapted to Zoom for great meetings. Community service has been done by dropping it off. **SSG**—They are working on the San Gabriel Valley 4H Fair with North. **NSG** report by Noel Keller-- We a successful and fun NSG district Achievement event on Saturday, October 17 on Zoom. The spooky cake show and tell and the making of Outrageous Goo were thoroughly enjoyed by the members. We decided to have a series of zoom NSG district parties, which have been successful. Pomona Valley held a Halloween Party in October, Altadena Foothills held a Holiday Party in December, ERHP held a Celebrate 2021 New Year party in January and Pomona Valley is now planning a Valentine Party for February. This has been an opportunity for the district members to be together on zoom and a leadership experience for the members to plan and run the parties. We are very pleased to have Altadena Foothills 4-H Club participating in our district events this year. The district is now also planning the virtual LA County Field Day activities, which will be run much like last year.

Committee/ Other Reports: 1.— I&R County Incentive and Recognition

Committee Report by Noel Keller, County I&R Committee **2020 County Awards event**
_ The 2020 County Awards program was held on Zoom after the September County Council meeting on Saturday, Sept. 26. This was a first time to try this time frame. It seemed to work well, considering that we were also working with the COVID-19 meeting restrictions. The LA 4-H All Star Ambassadors MC’ed the program and did a great job. Of course, we wish there had been more participation by members in the competition, but the numbers were about the same as last year, which is encouraging because we were dealing with COVID-19 issues.

Record Book Manual for 2020-2021- The 2020-2021 manuals are on the county and state websites. Please read the Record Book manuals carefully and perhaps the districts should offer some leader and member training sessions. There are changes in the LDR form, so members and leaders might need help in working with the new form. At this time, we expect that the County Record Book Competition will be run much like last year. Encourage your members to keep their records up-to-date during the year and not wait until summer to start their records.

Junior/Teen Leader Merit Award - Reminder - If a member wants to apply for a Junior or Teen Leader Merit Award, they need to be in Leadership project during the 4-H program year to be eligible for the award. All clubs should consider offering a Leadership project.

– The I&R Committee appreciated the help of the All Star Ambassadors at the County Awards Day program. We are looking forward to their help in our county programs this spring – County Food Fair, County Field Day, County Fashion Revue, the Healthy Living event, etc.

2021-2022 LA County 4-H All Star Ambassador applications are due by Feb. 19, 2021. The new LA County 4-H All Star Ambassadors will be announced on March 27.

2021-22 State Ambassador applications – There is no information on state website about this. Noel emailed Jenna Colburn in the state office about this but has received no reply. Charlene mentioned that she has nothing about this from the state 4-H office.

2019-2020 State Record Book Competition – The Intent to Submit a record book to the state record book competition was to be done by Sept. 27. At this time, there is no information on the state website about a 2019-20 competition submission date for the actual records.

County Judging Day Medals – At this time, we are expecting to award County Judging Day medals this year, except perhaps in the area of Large Livestock.

County Food Fair Medals - The judging for the virtual County Food Fair is planned to be Danish this year. Instead of just a few county food fair medals being available, all members who earn a Danish gold medal will receive one. Charlene would like the medals available to the club so they can be given out at the time of the event, with the clubs returning unused medals to her when the event is over.

Updates for State - Currently, no in-person **events** allowed through September 2021. In March, the state will decide about Oct-Dec 2021. The state will, however, review applications on proposed events that we think will pass the COVID restrictions.

- **Meetings** of 10 or less people may be allowable as soon as March or April, but that cannot be decided now until the COVID conditions are known for that time.

- California 4-H Management Board terminates on Jan. 31, 2021

- We are now in a REGION, not an AREA. The terminology has been changed again back to Region. It had been Region, then changed to Section, then changed to Area and now is back to Region.

- A new 4-H Public Speaking and Communications Advisory Committee has been formed with Steven Worker and Vera Bullard as Chairs.

- A new version of the California 4-H Presentation Manual (version Jan. 28, 2021) is available. Be sure to remind your members about this new manual as they prepare for field day competitions this year.

- Camps – cannot be held until at least after June 30, 2021

- Videos for leaders – there is a 6-part video series available on the California 4-H YouTube Channel

- Regional and state spring 4-H presentation day events are trying to move forward as they were run last year.

- 2021 Virtual Youth Summit March 26-28, ages 11-13
- 2021 Virtual State Leadership Conference July 23-25

Reminder – The county is not planning a county-level Leader Appreciation event this year. Districts are encouraged to plan their own Leader Appreciation event. If any of your leaders are due a special leader pin (for years 1, 5, 10, 15, etc.), contact the county office at least a month before you need the pins for your event.

Friends of 4-H awards – Each year the County Council honors those individuals or organizations outside of 4-H who have been particularly supportive of our LA County 4-H program. We can present up to 5 of these awards in a year. The nominations for the awards come from the Districts and are due to the County Council by the next council meeting in March. The presentation of the award plaque is done by the District. In the past, the presentation of the award was done at the county Leader Appreciation event.

District Representation on the County I&R Committee All districts should have two elected representatives on the county Incentives and Recognition Committee. The term for a representative is one year. The current 2020-2021 county I&R Committee members are Noel Keller and Judylynn Pelling from NSG, Dee Keese and Peter Michel from SSG, Jamie Litchfield from AV, and Amy Lockmann from SFV. The committee usually meets by conference call during the year. The next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7:30pm by conference call.

2. Summer Camp planned for the 3rd week in June, 2021 has been canceled.
3. All Star Ambassador Team—We are looking for an advisor for them with great communication skills, who will work remotely with them, encourage them, and help with their ideas for the Jr. Leader conference.

4. County Field Day—Noel Keller: Plans for the LA County 4-H 2021 Field Day activities are now being made. Details of the Regional and State Field Days came out last Wednesday, so NSG district can now move forward with our county plans, which will be much like last year. The Entry by Video ion will again be used for our virtual County Field Day. We will try to add an option this year for competing in State Impromptu Speaking and perhaps County Impromptu Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking. We hope to have the event packet for the virtual County Field Day activities out and on the county website by the end of next week. Although our county presentation activities will be done with YouTube videos, those who want to go on and compete at Regional (and then State) will need to compete “in-person” in a zoom room environment. One exception to this is the area of State Impromptu Speaking, which would need to be done “in-person” in a zoom room for County competition.

A new California 4-H Presentation Manual (Jan. 28, 2021) has been released and should be followed for presentation competitions this year. Regional and State Presentation Day activities will be run on Zoom and be much the same as last year and are set as follows: **Regional Presentation** – County Blue and Gold award winners can compete at Region. Regional Registration – Feb. 15 – April Regional Competition – April 10 – April 24 **State Presentation** – Regional Blue and Gold award winners can compete at State. State Registration – April 10 – April 30 State Competition – May 10 – May 24 Look for more information about all of this to come out soon.

Alison moved and Amy seconded that we open up County Field Day to other counties for a nominal fee to be decided by the I&R Committee, such as \$5 /youth. Voted on and passed. Charlene will check to see if we can charge a fee for Country Field Day.

5. County Science Day – We have no science chair as yet.

6. Livestock Symposium/Judging Day –Charlene Moore—The Fresno State conference call symposium had 73 attend. Judylynn moved to purchase pins for those who completed judging and the conference. Melinda seconded. Voted on and passed. Charlene will be shopping for them. She is hoping to have a virtual livestock camp. She is looking for speakers on different animals to speak on Zoom at different times. Next year they hope to have an in person symposium.

7. County Food Fair and Fashion Review—Charlene Moore They will be done together in small district groups. Charlene has sent out the forms and will hold a training on Zoom in Feb. for judges and leaders so the judging will be even and fair.

8. Shooting sports—There will be training May 2nd and the shoot June 13 as allowed. AV District shoot is scheduled for Feb. 20th.

Old Business 1. Changes to LA County Council’s Constitution/By Laws--tabled

2. Updates to LA County 4-H 2020-21 Calendar

The current LA County 4-H 2020-21 is kept on the LA County 4-H website. This calendar was approved in May, 2020 at the county council meeting then. As the program year progresses, changes will probably need to be made along the way, especially since the COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines are changing. We should attempt to keep this calendar up-to-date. Changes to the calendar need to be sent to the council Vice-President Amy Lockmann who coordinates the calendar dates. She sends the calendar date changes on to Roy Hillstock who then updates the calendar on the website. If an event is canceled or moved, the event date is canceled or moved on the website calendar.

Today we are looking to see if there are any updates that are needed for the current calendar on the website. The updates needed include the following:

- 1) Monte Farmer’s Fair will not occur on Feb. 6 – the new date has not been set yet
- 2) All the camp dates be removed from the calendar for this program year.
- 3) Healthy Living event date – not necessarily March 20, still TBD
- 4) Junior Leader Conference—still TBD
- 5) County Science event –not yet planned, not necessarily May 15.

At 12:10 Peter asked for a motion to extend the meeting to be over at 12:30pm. Moved by Amy, seconded by Noel. Voted on and passed.

New Business 1. We still need some officers.

2. Call for Friends of 4-H nominations from districts—send to Peter Michel or Noel Keller or bring to next county council meeting.

3. Call for dates for 2021-2022 LA County 4-H calendar –send to Amy Lockmann

4. Call for nominations for LA County council Officers 2021-2022—send to Amy Lockmann or Peter Michel

5. Call for input for the LA County Council 2021-2022 Budget. Send to Mary Lash and Johanna Stewart

General Announcements: 1. 2021-2022 LA All -Star Ambassador Applications are due Feb. 19. 2. Jr. Leadership conference--TBD

Adjournment –We adjourned at 12:25

Next LA County 4-H County Council Meeting is on Saturday, March 20, 2021 (SFV)

Attendance includes- NSG-Noel Keller, Cindy Hanlon, Kaitlyn Hanlon-Scardina, Pomona Valley; Alison Johnson-Altadena Foothills; Judylynn Pelling, Eagle Rock-Highland Park; SSG- Peter Michel, Sophie & Lisa Lowener, David Conteras, PVP; Johanna Stewart, Green leaf; SFV- Abby & Amy Lockmann, Ashley & Megan Arana, Agoura 4-H; AV- Candice VanderHyde, Leona Valley Racketteers; Jamie Litchfield, Westside; Melissa Ferman, Roadrunners; Melinda & Rebekah Kasperson, Amber Boeker, DeBoraha Townsend, Canyon Coyotes; Karen Glover, Eastside Antelopes; Charlene Moore, County office, and Alexandra Darway.

Respectfully submitted, Judylynn Pelling, Secretary