

**Los Angeles 4-H Leaders Council**, Saturday, January 29, 2022 On line Virtual Meeting Zoom, conference call

The meeting of the Leaders Council was called to order by President Peter Michel at 10:07am. Flag salute and 4H Pledge was led by Ibrahim. Every one present introduced themselves and their club.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Noel seconded by Ibrahim passed.

**Minutes** of the September 25, 2021 meeting. Noel moved we approve the minutes as printed. Seconded by Ashley. Voted on and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Discussed as printed. Noel moved and Judylynn seconded that we approve the report, voted on and passed.

**Correspondence:** received 6 or 7 thank you notes.

### **Council Officer Reports**

**Reporter/Historian**—Ashley Arana -- [Ashely.k.arana@gmail.com](mailto:Ashely.k.arana@gmail.com). Please send her information about events and pictures of events.

**County Office Report:** Charlene Moore—1. We still have some leaders who have not gone through the returning leaders training. They need to do it soon or it won't get approved. On retraining, contact Roy when your leaders have completed it. 2. Meetings still have to be outside. 3. Charlene is doing cooking meetings on zoom. The instructions and lists of ingredients are sent out ahead of time and each member cooks at home. 3. To sign up new leaders, they need to do the online survey that is on the county 4H web site. Let Charlene know what club they are in.

### **Committee/ Other Reports:**

1.— **I&R County Incentive and Recognition Committee Report** by Noel

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**2021 County Awards event** - The 2021 County Awards program was held on Zoom after the September County Council meeting on Saturday, Sept. 25. The LA 4-H All Star Ambassadors MC'ed the program. 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 still dealing with COVID-19 issues.

**2021 4-H Graduates** 2021 4-H Graduate pins and certificates were given out at district Achievement events in the fall. A 4-H graduate who was in 4-H for at least three years is eligible to receive an engraved 4-H graduate pin. Please contact Charlene Moore if one of your 2021 4-H graduates did not receive an engraved pin.

**Record Book Manual for 2021-2022-** The 2021-2022 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. 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.

**2021-2022 Officer Book forms** The forms and information for the 2022 Officer Book Recognition program are available on the county website. All club officers are encouraged to prepare their officer records for award consideration after the end of the program year. Officers should start working on this now. Officers are encouraged to make their office the best it can be and try for a Gold medal. The evaluation of the officer records is done with the Danish system of judging so all officers have a chance to earn a Gold medal for their officer work.

**2022-2023 LA County 4-H All Star Ambassador applications** are due by Friday, Feb. 18, 2022. The new LA County 4-H All Star Ambassadors will be announced on March 26. LA County 4-H All Star Ambassador is the highest county honor for a member. Experienced, accomplished senior members should be encouraged to apply for this working honor. It is an opportunity to expand their leadership skills and experiences.

The current county All Star Ambassador Team Advisor is moving out of town so a new adult Advisor will be needed for next year. If you are interested in being considered for this position, please contact Charlene Moore. Next year we expect to have two continuing All Star Ambassadors and hopefully a few new ones. Please encourage your experienced senior members to apply. The application and information is on the county website.

**Friends of 4-H** Each program year the County Council considers honoring an individual and/or organization that have been particularly helpful to the LA County 4-H program. Each district is encouraged to submit Friend of 4-H nominations to the County council at its next council meeting in March. Up to five such awards can be made for a year by the county council. The awards are presented at a special occasion arranged by the district nominating the recipient. Friend of 4-H nomination forms are available on the county website and should be submitted to the council President Peter Michel by March 26.

**Reminder** – The county is not planning a county-level Leader Appreciation event again 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.

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 2021-2022 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. 22 at 7:30pm by conference call.

2. . Summer Camp –Peter Michel—It is planned for July 1-5 at Mile High in San Bernardino. Kelly is contacting staff. Check the web site for details

[www.4hsummercamp.com](http://www.4hsummercamp.com)

3 All Star Ambassador Team—Sophie, Ibrahim -- Report of the Allstar County

Ambassador's county-wide Community Service Project by Los Angeles County All-Star Ambassador - Ibrahim Yaaseen-- I would like to first thank the countless number of people that pitched in, to make this happen in real life. So we're are looking at around 500 bags which means 500 people that will be using this to keep sanitary and hygiene practices, all thanks to all of you! Just to quickly brief on the timeline on how all this came together. We picked the place to drop these kits off. Sophie created the Flier Then I contacted Charlene regarding all the names and emails of the clubs which were around LA county. So I split the list in half, and I contacted the people out in Antelope Valley, that's how half of the kits ended up in the Livestock symposium, then the ones that ended up in the Alhambra L. A 4-H office were the ones from Alta Dena, which were also contacted by me. There have been numerous other donations by other clubs but I will not specify them. The ones in the Alhambra county office have been picked up by February 1st, 2022. Then just at our last community meeting, we asked members of our club to donate whatever hygiene supplies they had, and that was another 50+ bags there. So all in all one-lead-after another and it was going great. We additionally were asked to speak about it to the junior Allstars and our PVP 4H club. From me and my brother saving we additionally volunteered to donate 100 soaps, 100 shampoo/Conditioners, and 100 Deodorants. I just wanted to give a huge shoutout to all the clubs that participated. A immense round of applause to all the clubs that participated in this wonderful occasion, it looks like 2022 is off to a great start! We are super grateful to everyone that was in some way part of this county-wide community service project, now close to 500+ bags with extras. Thank you so much from the AllStar county ambassador team. We will be delivering these in February at the Los Angeles Homeless Mission Shelter. Allstar Advisor - Patrick Kam ( [patrickgkam@yahoo.com](mailto:patrickgkam@yahoo.com) ) Allstars Ambassadors - Ibrahim Yaaseen ( Ibrahim ) Sophie Loewner ( [9katze9@gmail.com](mailto:9katze9@gmail.com) ) Respectfully Submitted, Ibrahim

4. Jr. All Star County Project—Ashley Arana—They met in December to learn about what it means to be a leader, and how to be an All-Star ambassador. It was a fun and educational meeting.

5, County Science Event—December 4<sup>th</sup>—There was a small turnout, but a good time was enjoyed by those attending. Great science lessons were learned.

6. County Judging Day— It will be done on line. A new date needs to be chosen, because of time delays. Melyssa will but the posters on a line format in for judging online. It will probably be the month April. Club members will do it individually on line, supervised by leaders on a date chosen by their leader.

7. County Fashion Review -- Each district will do their review. Packets will be sent out Monday. Winners will go on to county. Contact Melinda Kasperson to schedule the judging.

8 County Food Fair—Charlene Moore It will be done like last year.

9. County Field Day—March 4—NSG—Plans for the LA County 4-H 2022 Field Day activities are now being made. Details of the Regional and State Field Days came out recently, so NSG district can now move forward with our county plans, which will be much like last year. The Entry by Video option will again be used for our virtual County Field Day. 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 earn a Blue or Gold award and want to go on and compete at Regional (and then State) will need to compete “in-person” in a zoom room environment. Two exceptions to this are the areas of State Impromptu Speaking and the Interview Contest, which would need to be done “in-person” in a zoom room for County competition. County Impromptu Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking will also be done “in-person” in a zoom room for County competition, but do not go on to the Regional competition.

The California 4-H Presentation Manual (Jan. 28, 2021) should be followed for presentation competitions this year.

Our county field day dates are as follows:

Mar 4 – entry forms due,

Mar 12 – Impromptu/Extemporaneous /State Format Impromptu Evaluation on zoom,

Mar 14 – YouTube videos due,

Mar 19 – Interview Contest on zoom

Mar 26 – results announced at County Council meeting

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 20

Regional Competition – April 9 – April 23

State Presentation – Regional Blue and Gold award winners can compete at State

Virtual state competition option – May 11-21

In-person state competition option – May 28

Award ceremony – May 29

Look for more information about all of this to come out soon.

10.. County Healthy Living Event---It is planned for April 2. A flyer is being prepared.

**District Reports** 1. AV – District meetings are on zoom, as are some project and club meetings. Leona Valley is planning a small livestock symposium on February 12 with some speakers who could not make the Livestock Symposium. The cost is \$5 and the flyer will be out soon. They are looking for a date for the AV Food Fair. The AV Fair is thinking about changing the date of the fair to April in 2024.

2. SFV- They hope to have a new club join their district.

3. **NSG 4-H district** report by Noel Keller We had a successful and fun NSG district Achievement event on Saturday, October 16 on Zoom. We decided to again have a series of zoom NSG district parties, which have been successful. Pomona Valley held a Halloween Party in October and a Holiday Party in December. In November, Pomona Valley invited the other NSG clubs on a tour of Amy's Farm. In December Altadena Foothills invited the other district clubs to A Walk down Christmas Tree Land. We hope we will be having other district activities, which are an opportunity for the district members to be together on zoom and a leadership experience for the members to plan and run activities.

The district is now also planning the Monte Farmer's Fair for Feb. 5 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and the virtual LA County Field Day activities, which will be run in March much like last year. We are also helping to plan the San Gabriel Valley 4-H Fair which will occur in April.

4. SSG— They are working on the SGV 4H Fair. They will be participating in the Youth Summit.

**Event Reports** 1. Livestock Symposium—Jan. 22—Charlene Moore --It was held outside. About 160 people attended. Small livestock speakers could not come.

2. CA Youth Summit—Zoom Conference—January 29 & February 4&5. We have youth planning on attending.

3. Jr. Leader Conference report—It was very successful on zoom. There was a lot of good learning lead by the All Star Ambassadors.

**Old Business** 1. Changes to Council's Constitution/By Laws—Marjorie Rodriquez-- tabled

**2 Updates to LA County 4-H 2021-22 Calendar** The current LA County 4-H 2021-22 Calendar is kept on the LA County 4-H website. This calendar was approved in May, 2021 at the county council meeting then. It was revised after our September county council meeting. As the program year progresses,

changes will probably need to be made along the way, especially since the COVID restrictions and guidelines are continually changing due to changing pandemic conditions. 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) Remove County Judging Day from Feb. 26 – there is no new date as of yet
- 2) Tentative camp committee dates should be added to the calendar
- 3) Is the Healthy Living event date correct – April 2 – yes, to be held in the morning
- 4) Will there be a County Science Fair event – not known yet
- 5) Remove SSG Food Fair from March 13 and move it to March 12
- 6) Move the horse bowl from 2/4 to 2/5
- 7) Add AV district fashion revue to 3/25
- 8) Remove county field day and fashion revue from 3/26
- 9) Move summer camp from June to July 1-5 – still list as tentative
- 10) For May 5, include (Thurs-Sun only) for LA County Fair listing

Are there any other updates needed?

### **3. Election of vacant positions on LA County Council**

We still need to fill these positions: Please think about volunteering.

Science Chair

Civics Chair

Agriculture Chair

Leader support Chair

Parliamentarian/Policy Secretary

### **New Business** 1. Call for nominations for Friends of 4H

2. Call for dates for 2022-2023 4H calendar

3. Call for nominations for Council officers for 2022-2023

4. Call for input for the Council budget for 2022/23

**General Announcements** 1. Next LA County Council meeting—March 26 (SFV) on Zoom 2. 2022/23 LA All-Star Ambassador Applications due—Feb. 18

Adjournment –We adjourned at 12 noon am.

Attendance includes- NSG-Noel Keller- Pomona Valley; Judylynn Pelling, Eagle Rock-Highland Park; SSG- Johanna Stewart, Peter Michel, Ibrahim Yaaseen, Lisa and Sophie Loewner, Sophie Alexander --PVP; SFV- Amy Lockmann, Laura and Ashley Arana, Agoura 4-H. AV—Shirley Byrne, Melinda and Rebekah Kasperson, Canyon Coyotes, Melissa Ferman, Road Runners, County office-Charlene Moore, Shirley Alexander

Respectfully submitted, Judylynn Pelling, Secretary