

**Los Angeles 4-H Leaders Council**, Saturday, March 20, 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 and 4H Pledge was led by Ashley Arana .

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Noel, seconded by Judylynn, passed.

**Minutes** of the January 30, 2021 meeting. –Alison moved we approve the minutes as printed. Seconded by Noel. Voted on and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Discussed as printed. Alison Johnson moved and Noel Keller seconded that we approve the report, voted on and passed. San Fernando club closed and their funds are on hold.

**Correspondence:** We received some thank you notes for awards given in the fall.

**Council Officer Reports: President**—No report.

**Vice President's report**—Amy Lockmann—Excused, sent calendar draft 2021-22.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president report**—(Youth) Sophie Loewner—No new report. (This is the report from the last meeting. It is still relevant.) 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.

**Healthy Living Officer**—Abby Lockmann Healthy Living Event—Following COVID safe guide lines, I put together an excellent way for virtual 4H members to participate in a county wide event safely! Via Zoom, members will be actively participating in a variety of 5 breakout rooms, to help achieve better mental health, alleviate stress and encourage inspiration. Four rooms include: an art breakout room, a meditation breakout room, a walking breakout room, and a “quiet” breakout room. Finally, in the last room, we will all meet to hear a guest speaker discuss mental health and the importance of maintaining a positive attitude through tough situations. (These were then given in great detail. A date has not yet been chosen. Alison Johnson volunteered to be the speaker)

**Reporter/Historian**—Ashley Arana -- [Ashely.k.arana@gmail.com](mailto:Ashely.k.arana@gmail.com). She is asking that you invite her to speak for 5 minutes on zoom at your next club meeting about her project. Hello everybody! • Project has been going really well! • Thank you for your collaboration • Visited Altadena Foothills 4-H Club on the 13th this month to give a summed up presentation of the one I gave last County Council meeting • I started a pilot Instagram Account for LA County with the first post up • Observing analytics and taking down information as to what happens • Posting schedule from March 19th to April 2nd 2021 will be one post every Friday • Following the updated National 4-H guidelines • For every photo/video/media suggestion from a club I will be asking if every member has filled out the Proposal for Recording Youth Images during a Virtual 4-H Activity • Where can I find a complete roster of clubs and contact information

**County Office Report:** Charlene Moore--We are now in the red level, and are able to have outside meetings in person with 100 outside and inside with a 36 foot space needed for each person. Be sure that you keep a list of all attendees and wipe down all the inside surfaces before the meeting. Everyone should be wearing masks. We will be watching for the next level which is orange.

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

**Committee Report** by Noel Keller **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 LA County 4-H All Star Ambassador applications** were due by Feb. 19, 2021. We had one applicant this year. The new LA County 4-H All Star Ambassadors will be announced on March 27.

**2021-22 State Ambassador applications** – At this time, there is no information on state website about this. We have heard from State 4-H that they will still be offering this opportunity sometime this Spring.

**2019-2020 State Record Book Competition** – LA County had one record book go to the State Record Book competition this year.

**Club Officer Recognition** There is a county program to recognize good work done by club officers. Club officers should be encouraged to create an Officer Book during the year and then submit it at the end of the year for recognition. The guidelines for the officer books is on the county website. The officer categories are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Historian/Memory Book, Other Officers). All club officers are eligible to submit an office book. The evaluation of the officer book is Danish, so that all officers have a chance to earn a gold officer pin.

**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 was encouraged to submit Friend of 4-H nominations to the County council by the council meeting in March. Today we will be voting on any district nominations submitted.

**Leader Appreciation** At this time, the LA County 4-H office is not planning a Leader Appreciation event for this year. The office will award leader pins to leaders (first year, then at 5 years, 10, 15, etc.) if they are specifically requested by the club leader. The I&R Committee is recommending that districts honor their 4-H leaders this year, instead of having a county-wide leadership appreciation event. It is thought that leaders may be more likely to attend or participate in a more local leader appreciation event. county and state levels will be much the same as last year. The 2021 county record book competition information is on the county website.

**Reminder – Record Books** Please be sure that your club members are using the correct 2020-2021 Record Books forms for their records this year. At this time, expect that the record book competitions at the county and state levels will be much the same as last year. The 2021 county record book competition information is on the county website.

We are using a new 4-H Record Book Manual this year. The LDR (Leadership Development Report) has been changed and now requires more details about a member's leadership activities. The I&R Committee has had a request to make the completing of the new LDR optional for Intermediate LA County members. The I&R Committee discussed this request and decided to support it. The State Record Book Manual requires the completion of the LDR by Intermediates and Seniors, but Intermediate member record books are not eligible to go to the State Record Book competition. We will discuss this matter later in this meeting under New Business.

The next I&R meeting was scheduled for Tuesday March 23, but has been changed to March 30 due to meeting conflicts.

2. Summer Camp planned for the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: NSG district is currently running the LA County 4-H 2021 Virtual Field Day activities. We thank the volunteers who helped with the evaluating of the entries. We could not have this event without of help of these volunteers. The Entry by Video option was again used for our virtual County Field Day. We added an option this year for competing in State Impromptu Speaking, County Impromptu Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking. The competition was held on zoom on Saturday, March 6. We held an Interview Contest on zoom on Saturday, March 13. We are now processing YouTube video presentation entries, which was done by 9 evaluating teams. The teams have completed their evaluations and we will be notifying participants of their award assignments in the next few days. Participants will be receiving their evaluation scoring sheets and an event certificate. The gold medals earned will be sent to their Club Leader for distribution. If there is time at the end of this meeting I would like to read the award results to the group, since we will not be having a County Field Day Award Ceremony this year. The results of the County Field Day activities will be posted on the county website.

This year we had 61 entries for the virtual LA County Field Day, which was an increase over the 24 entries we had last year. We had 7 clubs participating. Those who earned a Blue or Gold award for their entry are eligible to go on to the regional presentation day competition.

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. This year there is no limit to the number of entries that can be made to Regional Presentation Day. Regional Registration – Feb. 15 – April 20 Regional Competition – April 10 – April 24

State Presentation – Regional Blue and Gold award winners can compete at State. There is a limit to the number of entries by a member. State Registration – April 10 – April 30 State Competition – May 10 – May 24 Look for more information about all of this on the county and state websites.

5. County Science Day – We have no science chair as yet. No event planned for May.

6. Antelope Valley Fair –Charlene Moore—It is being planned under another name, with the livestock events being separate.

7. County Food Fair and Fashion Review—Charlene Moore The food fair is happening in groups of clubs. This is a county event and gold medal winners do not go on. In Fashion Review, we have had good participation. The gold medal winners will have to be put in order to see who is the county winner and will go on to state. This may have to be done on Zoom.

8. Shooting sports—Dee Keese –Contact Dee Keese about State Shoot.

9. Jr. Leadership Conference—Date not selected

10. Jr. All-Star County Project—Dee Keese—No report

11. Emerald Star Applications/Projects—Noel Keller **[Emerald Star Projects/Activities](#)**

The Emerald Star program is designed for intermediate and senior 4-H members. In general, the Emerald Star Project's purpose includes:

Providing an opportunity for 4-H members to develop projects in their community or in 4-H beyond the club level

1. Improving, creating, and expanding 4-H programs
2. Helping individual 4-H members grow and improve in the areas of organization, leadership, and project planning

This program is designed to help youth learn about project planning, organization, and presentation. Typically, youth develop an action plan for some type of multi-club event. They then organize and facilitate this event. After completion and presentation of their project, they are awarded with an Emerald Star pin.

The Emerald Star is an award given to a 4H member for planning and implementing an advanced leadership activity. Emerald Star is separate from any star rank. Emerald Star is not a 4-H rank. It has

been designed to encourage members to plan and execute a goal outside the member's Community Club. The Emerald Star is for experienced 4-H members who have been in 4-H for at least two years and are at least 13 years old, as of Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> of the current program year. Each Emerald Star application will be evaluated for its value to the LA County 4-H Program, value to the community, practicality and feasibility.

The Emerald Star Program is run through the district councils with each district having at least one Emerald Star Advisor designated. The applicant can work with an Emerald Star Advisor from any of the districts. The advisor may not be a relative or actively involved in their club. It is the responsibility of the applicant to secure an approved County Emerald Star Advisor. The Advisor will work with the member to make sure that the applicant's proposed project will qualify as an Emerald Star project and that its scope is manageable and will offer advice on how they should proceed. The applicant will present his proposed project plan to his district council for their review and advice. The Advisor advises but does not do any of the work on the project. The advisor will meet with the applicant at least twice: first, to go over their Project Plan and, secondly, to review your Final Report/Reflection. However, the applicant can seek the advice of the Advisor during the planning and execution of the Emerald Star project, as needed.

More information and the application for an Emerald Star project are available on the county website.

**District Reports: AV**—Shooting sports will begin in April with fun shoots.

Archery is also starting up. Their learning and permits were done over Zoom.

Their first shoot is today. One of their Food and Fashion Reviews is today. A committee is working on the AV Fair on plans for livestock. If there is no crafts exhibit, the district will do one later for the clubs. They are having a lot of Zoom cooking projects and inviting other clubs across the county. **.SFV**—They helped with County Field Day. **.SSG**—They are working on SGV Fair. Entry forms are due

April 1. **NSG** report by Noel Keller-- Pomona Valley organized and ran a successful district Valentine Party on Feb. 14 on zoom. All three NSG clubs participated. The district is currently running the virtual LA County Field Day activities, which has included an Impromptu/Extemporaneous Speaking competition on zoom on Saturday, March 6, an Interview Contest on zoom on Saturday, March 13 and 9 evaluating teams processing YouTube video entries for presentations. The district is also helping to plan the SGV 4-H Fair, to be held virtually in April. We are also planning a NSG Home Ec & Field Day for Saturday, April 10, which will include County Food Fair entry categories. The NSG district will be hosting the next LA County Council meeting on Saturday, May 8. Our NSG Monte Farmer's Fair was moved again and is now planned for May 22. We forwarded our NSG dates for the LA County 4-H 2021-22 Calendar to Amy Lockmann.

**Old Business** 1. Accept submissions for 2021 Friends of 4-H nominations from Districts. There were none.

2. Dates for 2021-22 LA County 4-H calendar—Amy Lockmann rolled the dates from this year forward. We went over the calendar and added more dates. If you have dates for 2021-22 please send them to Amy Lockmann. The proposed calendar will be put on the web site for people to check. We will vote on the calendar at the May meeting.

3. Accepting nominations for LA County Officers for 2021-22—These were nominated or volunteered: Ashley for Reporter/Historian (youth)  
Noel Keller - I&R Chair Judylynn Pelling – Secretary Amy Lockmann –President  
Peter Michel - Vice President Mary Lash/Johanne Stewart – Treasurer  
Peter Michel - Technology Chair Dee Keese - Shooting Sports ?

If you want to nominate someone or yourself, please contact Peter Michel. We will elect our 2021-22 officers at our next meeting in May.

4. Discussion for the LA County Council 2021 -22 budget—Mary Lash/Johanna Stewart The budget will be similar to what it was last year. We have not spent much, but we have had no income. Insurance comes in and goes out to the state.

**5. Updates to LA County 4-H 2020-21 Calendar** The current LA County 4-H 2020-21 Calendar 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 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. It seems as though the calendar on the county website is not being kept up to date.

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 is May 22
- 2) All the camp dates for this year should be removed from the calendar
- 3) The Healthy Living event date March 20? Should be remove – what is the new date?
- 4) The Junior Leader Conference – when is it to be held?
- 5) Will there be a County Science event on May 15? I not, it should be removed.
- 6) The NSG Home Ec & Field Day will now be on April 10.

Are there any other updates needed?

**6. Changes to Council's Constitution/By Laws—Marjorie Rodriguez Tabled.**

**New Business** 1. County Council meetings format—in-person, conference call, zoom room was discussed. Everyone wants to continue zoom meetings because we are getting better attendance without the long distance driving. The only exception will be the first meeting of the year with the County Awards Ceremony. We hope to do it in person.

2. Record Book guidelines—LDR for Intermediates now optional. Judylynn moved and Noel seconded that the requirement for Intermediate LA County 4H members to complete a Leadership Development Report (LDR) form for their leadership activities in their Record Book be optional for this 2020-2021 year. Voted on and passes.

3. Noel read the awards from the County Field Day. Congratulations to all the participants. The lists will be published in the Clover Notes.

General Announcements: **1. Southern Regional Youth Virtual Summit**—March 26-28 Deadline to register 3/19/21 **2. Regional Field Day**—Registration closes April 20; competition April 10-24 **3. State Field Day**—registration April 10 -30; competition –May 8-22: virtual award ceremony May 23, 6-8pm. **4. State Fashion Revue**—registration April 10-30; competition May 8, 15, 16 on line via Zoom; virtual award Ceremony May 23, 6-8pm. **5. State Leadership conference (SLC)**—July 2021

Adjournment –We adjourned at 12:25

Next LA County 4-H County Council Meeting is on Saturday, May 8, 2021 (NSG) at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (6338 N. Figueroa St. in LA)

Attendance includes- NSG-Noel Keller- Pomona Valley; Alison Johnson, Julien Lopez, Claudine & Nico Voznick-Altadena Foothills; Judylynn Pelling, Eagle Rock-Highland Park; SSG- Peter Michel, Ibrahim Yaaseen, Lisa Loewner--PVP; Johanna Stewart --Green leaf; SFV- Abby & Amy Lockmann, Ashley & Laura Arana, Nicole Darway-- Agoura 4-H; AV- Candice VanderHyde, Diana Suttles, Amy & Milo Ellisarena- Leona Valley Racketteers; Amber Boeker, Shirley Byrne--Canyon Coyotes; Karen Glover--Eastside Antelopes; Charlene Moore, County office.

Respectfully submitted, Judylynn Pelling, Secretary