

**Los Angeles 4-H Leaders Council, Saturday, March 26, 2022** On line  
Virtual Meeting Zoom, conference call

The meeting of the Leaders Council was called to order by President Peter Michel at 10:03am. We remember our long time leader, Mary Lash. Her memorial service will be at the Downey United Methodist Church, 10801 Downey Ave., Downey, CA, on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Flag salute and 4H Pledge was led by Ashley. Every one present introduced themselves, their club, and their favorite food. Approval of Agenda: Moved by Noel seconded by Amy, passed.

**Minutes** of the January 29 2021 meeting. Noel moved we approve the minutes as printed. Seconded by Ibrahim. Voted on and passed.

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

**Correspondence:** Two thank-you notes were received for awards

**Council Officer Reports;**

**Reporter/Historian**—Ashley Arana -- Ashely.k.arana@gmail.com. Please send her information about events and pictures of events. - Hope everybody is doing well - Continuing the Instagram account project, for those who don't know the account is lacounty4h (put in the chat) and the goal of the pilot project is to align club communication across the County and increase exposure to potential members - Thank you for all of your support from the last e-mail that I sent out - Would appreciate it if all 4-H member participants sent photos of their participation or project for County Field day - I will shortly be posting the photos sent - Excited to see the response - Looking forward to seeing everybody's faces due to everybody now having the option to take off their masks - Please continue to send pictures, videos, and if possible a little background of what is happening in the media as well as an image description - For those continuing to hold meetings and projects online, the media sent in does not have to be from an in-person meeting it can be a screenshot of the 4-H members on Zoom using the grid feature, or separate photos of the 4-H members sent in by parents - My email is how to send the pictures and for any 4-H members who are listening who are unable to, then please send any of the media as well as a quick background as to what's happening to your club leaders who will then send it to me!

**Program—youth presentation -SFV.** Agura Hill's Civil Engagement Officer, Nate Eshaghpour, told of how he helped organize and carry out his club's work with the community during Covid. He is excited about his office, and very organized. They helped the homeless and many others.

**County Office Report:** Charlene Moore— 1. The new record book form/program has been shown to the I&R Committee. It is a pilot program. It can be sent to any club that is interested. 2. We have a County Primary Program, so do not go the State for their form. Ours has a felt star and a pin. 3. Charlene is planning a record book training on Zoom on the forms we use now. 4. Remember to take proper attendance of meetings including adults. Note when someone leaves early so we have proper records. 4. There is a position available in nutrition for Co-Operative Extension. It could be the South or North office. There is space available at the North office in AV. It is not 4-H but it is supportive. 5. AV Fair News—The livestock show will be in August. For the AV Fair, entries go in Sept. 15 to the 23, with no livestock. In 2023 the fair will be some time in April. 6. We have heard that National 4-H has received a large donation. We hope some will come down to us.

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

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

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**LA County 4-H All Star Ambassador program** The county Incentives and Recognition Committee will be taking on a more active role in the LA County 4-H All Star Ambassador program. We will be reviewing the current program and making suggestions for improvement. We want to move the LA County program to be more inline with the state guidelines. We want to give our county All Star Ambassadors more opportunities to expand their leadership skills. Patrick Kam has been the county All Star Ambassador Advisor this year. He is unable to continue in this position next year due to moving out of the area this coming summer. We are looking for a new Advisor or two. If you are interested in being involved in the leadership opportunity, please contact Charlene Moore or Noel Keller. Consider being an All Star Ambassador Advisor and working with our future leaders of tomorrow.

**2022-2023 LA County 4-H All Star Ambassador applications** We had no applications for 2022-2023 LA County 4H All Star Ambassador submitted by the due date of Feb. 18. All Star Ambassador is the highest honor for a member at the county level. All Star Ambassador is a working honor. The All Star Ambassador program is a great opportunity for experienced senior 4-H members to expand their leadership experiences above the club and district levels. We have decided to extend the application deadline this year to Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, with a tentative interview date of May 7<sup>th</sup>. The new LA County 4-H All Star Ambassadors will be announced on May 14 at our next county council meeting. Please encourage your experienced senior members to apply for this honor and great opportunity to make a difference in the LA County 4-H program and expand their leadership skills.

**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 officer book. The evaluation of the officer book is Danish, so that all officers have a chance to earn a gold officer pin.

**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.

**Friends of 4-H** Each program year the County Council considers honoring an individual and/or organization outside of our program that has 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. We can give up to five Friends of 4-H awards each year.

**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.

**New State Record Book and Achievement Rank Program** The State has been working on a new Record Book and Achievement Rank program since 2016. They want to simplify the record keeping and offer a variety of experiences over the years for a 4H member. The program has three phases – Clovers, Emerald Star and Impact Stars. This year they are trying to pilot their first part of the program - Clovers. LA County just learned about this opportunity this month. We decided that it is too late in the program year to start a new record keeping system and as a county not to participate in the pilot. The last day for clubs to register to be in the pilot was yesterday.

**Reminder – Record Books for this year** Please be sure that your club members are using the correct 2021-2022 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 2022 county record book competition information is on the county website. We are using a new 2021-22 4-H Record Book Manual this year. It is much the same as the prior Manual. We will continue the LA County variations that we had for completing record books last year. No required word minimums for the My Story section or the LDR. The I&R Committee is again making the completing of the LDR optional for Intermediate LA County members. 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.

**Next I&R Committee Meeting** The next meeting of the I&R Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26.

2. . Summer Camp –Peter Michel—It is July 1-5 at Mile High in San Bernardino. Kelly is contacting staff. Contract had been signed. Staff applications coming out soon. [www.4hsummercamp.com](http://www.4hsummercamp.com)

3 All Star Ambassador Team—Sophie, Ibrahim -- Around 500 bags were collected. The notes on the bags were really appreciated. Most clubs participated.

The representative came out and collected the bags.  
for All-Star Ambassador has been extended to April 28.

Applications

4. County Judging Day— SSG—Charlene Moore, We need more clubs to do their part to put together classes for judging. We need more time to work this out. We need a committee meeting. Do we need to do this at the District level?

5. County Fashion Review -- Melinda Kasperson --AV show was last night. The County one is April 9.

6 County Food Fair—Charlene Moore -- Every district is doing it. SSG has done it. NSG is on April 9.

7 County Science Event—Date:--- Need a chair

8. County Field Day—NSG—Noel Keller Los Angeles County 2022 4-H Field Day was held virtually this year due to the COVID-19 Los Angeles County and 4-H restrictions. Members from five 4-H clubs participated with all four districts represented. We only had 37 entries this year and we congratulate those who made the effort to compete during this stress time. We thank the volunteers who evaluated the County Field Day entries. We couldn't run the event without them.

The Entry by Video option was again used for our virtual County Field Day. Although our county presentation activities were 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 were scheduled to be done "in-person" in a zoom room for the County competition. County Impromptu Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking was also done "in-person" in a zoom room for the County competition, but do not go on to the Regional competition. The results of the event will be announced later in this meeting around 11:30am by our LA County 4-H All Star Ambassadors Ibrahim and Sophie.

Our 4-H members did well in the county competition this year. One area that could be worked on is having a good introduction and conclusion for your presentation or performance. That can sometimes make the difference between a Blue and Gold award.

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 virtually at Region

Virtual Regional Registration – Feb. 15 – April 20

Virtual Regional Competition – April 9 – April 23

In-person Region Competition – March 26 in Jackson

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

State Presentation Day registration closes April 29

Virtual state competition option – May 11-21

In-person state competition option – May 28 in Davis

Award ceremony – May 29

Look for more information about all of this with links on the county website. If you want to volunteer to be an evaluator at the regional and/or the state presentation competition, you can apply online on the state website.

## 9. Jr. All Star County Project—Dee Keese, no report

10.. County Healthy Living Event--- Abby Lockman Hi everyone, happy spring! My goal this year was to host the Healthy Living Event on April 2nd virtually through Zoom, allowing participants county-wide to easily participate in this event. I was looking forward to members getting the opportunity to experience a guided sound bath, a quick group yoga session, and meditative art all from the comfort of their homes. Each of these three things targets a different form of downtime, allowing the mind to relax. Unfortunately, the Healthy Living Event will not be this April 2nd because two of the three speakers that were planning to take part in this event backed out. I have been looking for people to replace them, but I have not been able to find anyone on such short notice. Hopefully, we are going to reschedule the Healthy Living Event to another upcoming date. Does anyone have any questions?

## 11. Shooting Sports Report—Dee Keese No report

12. Emerald Star Applications/Projects—Noel Keller The Emerald Star program is designed for intermediate and senior 4-H members. In general, the Emerald Star Project's purpose includes: 1. Providing an opportunity for 4-H members to develop projects in their community or in 4-H beyond the club level 2.Improving, creating, and expanding 4-H programs 3. 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** 1. AV – They had their District fashion review and Food Fair. They are planning on how to deal with the changes to the AV Fair.

2. SFV- They will soon have another club. They did a great job in community service.

3. **NSG 4-H district** report by Noel Keller The district had a small, but successful, Monte Farmer's Fair on Feb. 5 in-person at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in the Eagle Rock area. We were pleased to have 93 entries for the fair. The district is currently finishing up running County Field Day. Today the results will be announced later in this meeting. The district is now also planning the in-person NSG Home Ec & Field Day plus NSG County Food Fair for Saturday, April 9 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We are also helping to plan the San Gabriel Valley 4-H Fair, which will occur in April. 4.

SSG— They held district judging day, and had their Food Fair and Fashion Show. They are working on the San Gabriel Valley 4-H Fair to be held in April. Green leaf is planning to start up their club in September.

**Event Reports** 1. CA Youth Summit—January 29 & February 5—Ibrahim Yaseen It was virtual. There were about 80 participants. A lot was learned.

**Old Business** 1. Vote on 2022 Friends of 4H Nominations—no nominations

**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 and January 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.



Updates the current calendar on the website: 1) No County Judging Day dates yet 2) 2022 camp committee dates should be added to the calendar from the web site. 3) Healthy Living event date postponed 4) Will there be a County Science Fair event – not known yet 5) Summer camp from June to July 1-5 6) 2022-23 All Star Ambassador applications due April 28 7) NSG Home Ec & Field Day, April 9 8) No SGV Fair Meeting April 14 9) New dates of the 2022 AV Fair to August and September

**3. Discussion for dates for 2022-2023 LA County 4-H Calendar** Dates were discussed. Send any additional dates to Amy. Some dates are on the web site.

**4. Discussion for the LA County Council 2022-2023 Budget** Vote in may. We may need more for All-Star Ambassadors.

**5. Call for nominations for LA county Council Officers for 2022-2023** tabled to May

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

**New Business** 1. Venues for County events We ask everyone to look for places we can hold County Events with little cost.

2. County Council Meeting format for 2022-2023—Zoom or in-person meetings—Tabled to next meeting

3. 2022 County All-Star Ambassador Jackets—Patrick Kam Noel Keller moved we buy jackets for our 2 All-Star Ambassadors. Seconded by Judylynn. Voted on and passed.

4. Call for Scholarship proposals for 2022 CA 4-H State Leadership Conference, applications need to be turned in by May 14.

**General Announcements** 1. LA County Field Day Individual Results were announced by our All-Star Ambassadors, Sophie and Ibrahim

2. Next LA County Council Meeting—May 14, 2022 NSG

Adjournment –In memory of LA County 4-H Volunteer Mary Lash

We adjourned at 1:19pm.

Attendance includes- NSG-Noel Keller, Kaitlyn Hanlon- Pomona Valley; Judylynn Pelling, Ann-Marie Villicana, Eagle Rock-Highland Park; SSG- Johanna Stewart, Green Leaf; Peter Michel, Ibrahim Yaaseen, Sophie Loewner, Sophie Alexander, Patrick Tam --PVP; SFV- Amy and Abby Lockmann, Laura and Ashley Arana, Javaughn, Agoura 4-H. AV—Shirley Burnes, Melinda and Rebekah Kasperson,

Olivia Nibbeink, Canyon Coyotes, Sarah, Melissa, Ashley Arata, County office-  
Charlene Moore

Respectfully submitted, Judylynn Pelling, Secretary