

Los Angeles 4-H County Council, Saturday, May 14, 2022 On line Virtual Meeting
Zoom, conference call

The meeting of the LA County 4-H Council was called to order by President Peter Michel at 10:04am. Flag salute and 4H Pledge was led by Ashley Arana. Everyone present introduced themselves, their club, and their district.

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

Minutes of the March 26, 2021 meeting. Amy Lockmann moved we approve the minutes as printed. Seconded by Judylynn Pelling. Voted on and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Discussed as printed. The County office will be sending out the second installment of member insurance payments as soon as they receive it from the State. It should be received before the end of the 4H year. Noel Keller moved and Judylynn Pelling seconded that we approve the report, voted on and passed.

Correspondence: None received

Program—youth presentations -NSG Videos , Piano by Nicholas Villicana-Salzer (gold medal at county), Judo by Emma Quepons - (blue at county, gold medal at regional)

Council Officer Reports; President's report—I want to welcome everyone to today's very important meeting today. We will be voting on the 2022-23 L.A. County 4-H Calendar, 2022-23 County Council Budget, and voting on next year's L.A. County 4-H County Council Board Members. We need people to step up to positions to help make next year run smoothly. I encourage everyone to think about signing up and taking an Adult Leadership responsibility on the County Council. I also want to let everyone know that the County Council Executive Committee met 2 days this month to discuss important information and to work on some items in today's meeting. We need to finalize the 2022-2023 calendar and budget. I want to suggest that in the future the Council Executive Committee should meet before each Council meeting to discuss items on the agenda so the actual Council meetings can go more smoothly and quickly. We also will be forming a Committee to work on reviewing and updating the L.A. County 4-H County Council By-Laws and Constitution this Summer. To sum up, I want to wish everyone a good rest of the program year and a Safe & Warm Summer.

Reporter/Historian—Ashley Arana -- Ashely.k.arana@gmail.com. Hello I hope everybody has been 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 - I will be posting on Instagram soon, and am incredibly sorry for the delay - With upcoming fairs, please send pictures of both the preparation progress. - 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.

County Office Report: Noel reported for Charlene Moore — Charlene held a record book

workshop on zoom on April 6th. She is offering to do it again in June., if needed. No new information has come out about the new record book system.

Committee/ Other Reports:

1.— **I&R County Incentive and Recognition Committee Report** by Noel Keller, County I&R Committee Chair nkeller91711@gmail.com, 909-621-2373 – home, 909-957-6498 – cell
REMINDER - Record Book Manual 2021-2022 and forms Encourage your club members to complete a 4-H record book this year. Being organized and keeping records are life skills. Consider offering incentives to club members who complete a record book. We have stated that Record Book Manual 2021-2022 is the only record book manual and forms that should be used this year. It is available on the state 4-H website and on our county website. If you have questions, contact a member of the county I&R Committee or Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com). Please tell your club members that there are some LDR (Leadership Development Report) relaxed requirements for this year – **the LDR form is optional for Intermediate members and there are no word count minimums on the LDR**. Seniors will, however, be reminded that these relaxed rules are only for the county level of evaluating this year. If a Junior or Teen leader has done a particularly good job this year, remind them to apply for a Leadership Merit Award on their Record Book Competition ID Form. Remind your members that our 4-H program year ends June 30. Your 2021-22 4-H records only include activities up to June 30. Activities starting July 1 should appear in your 2022-23 4-H records. If a member is working on a Star Rank, they may need to complete a few requirements before June 30. Primary member record books are evaluated at the club level and not submitted to the County Record Book Competition.

Club Officer Book recognition

If a club officer has done a particularly good job in club in his position, encourage he/she to complete an officer book and submit it for recognition. The officer books are evaluated against a standard, so all officer books could receive a Gold medal. Officer books are submitted at the same time as Record Books to the County Record Book Competition. You do not need to submit a Record Book to be able to submit an Officer Book. More information about this is available on the county website.

Record Book Workshop

Charlene Moore held a Record Book Workshop session on zoom on May 5. The workshop was planned for older youth and the parents of younger youth who wanted to learn about creating a 4-H record book. She is considering running another Record Book Workshop in June. Please let her know if you have youth and/or parents interested in participating in this workshop.

2021-2022 County Record Book Competition and Awards Day

The forms and information for the 2022 LA County Record Book Competition are available on the county website. County Record Book Evaluating will be done much the same as it has been in past year. Record Books are due to LA or AV office by 4pm on Tuesday, Sept. 6 or on Wednesday, Sept. 7 to a member of the county I&R committee by 9pm. Record Book evaluating will occur on Sept. 10. If a club has at least one record book submitted for the

county record book competition, the club must provide at least one evaluator on Sept. 10. Please notify Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com) by Sept. 8 who will be the evaluator from your club. Be sure all record book forms are signed properly. Be sure to use the correct forms and follow the current guidelines. Late record books are not accepted for the competition.

When evaluating the record books, the I&R Committee is recommending that the LA County evaluating form be used for all levels of record books and that in addition the state evaluating county forms be marked only for Seniors but not totaled. The state record book evaluation forms will not be used for Juniors and Intermediates.

We are planning to have the LA County Awards Program held Saturday, October 8 after the LA County Council meeting that day. Like last year, we are planning to have the county council meeting and the awards ceremony start earlier so there will be no lunch break between the council meeting and the awards ceremony.

2022 State Record Book Competition The state competition will be much like last year. Seniors who want to participate in the state competition should be ready to submit an Intent to Submit Form online to the state office by October 15, 2022. Completing this form does not obligate the member to submit their records for the competition, but rather it is intended to alert the state and staff working with record books to prepare to evaluate them.

Once your record book is ready to submit, you should complete the State Record Book Competition Cover for by October 31, 2022. You will provide the url link to your Record Book on this form, at which point your record book will be submitted to the State Competition. The results of the competition are due out in late January. Go the state website for more detail about this.

The State Record Book competition is focused on recognition for senior 4-H members who have demonstrated a well-rounded 4-H Experience. Books are evaluated against standard criteria. Those books recording the most outstanding 4-H work, goal management skills, and leadership and civic development are selected as state medalists and/or state winners.

If you are interested in being an evaluator for the state record book competition, you need to apply online by October 31, 2022.

Leader Appreciation Event

Reminder - No Leader Appreciation Event is being planned by the county 4-H office (but leader year pins can be provided by the county 4-H office by request). Let Charlene know if leader year pins (1, 5, 10, 15, etc.) are needed this year for your club volunteer leaders. This year again, Leader Appreciation should be done by district or club

Getting I&R information out to leaders and members

The Incentives and Recognition Committee will be trying to get their information out in the following ways:

- I&R committee members take information back to their district council meetings and clubs
- ask County Office to send out information to club leaders to distribute to their club members

- information will appear in Clover Notes, when it is sent out

2022-2023 State Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee

The State 4-H Office is now accepting applications for the state 4-H Advisory Committees, including the State Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee, for the 2022-2023 program year. All 4-H members, adult volunteers, and staff are encouraged to apply. The committees offer insight, review and input for the operation and management of the state 4-H program. Applications are due to the CA State 4-H Office postmarked by May 31, 2022 or entered online.

There are 11 other state advisory committees as follows. Our LA County 4-H voice should be heard on some of these committees. Considering applying to be on one of these committees. The Application deadline is May 31, 2022.

Animal Science Camping Civic Engagement Clothing and Textiles Healthy Living
Multicultural Equity and Community Engagement Policy Public Speaking and
Communications Shooting Sports Volunteer Development Science, Technology,
Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education For more information, see:
http://4h.ucanr.edu/Administration/Advisory_Committees/

District Representation on the County I&R Committee

This is the time when district councils are electing their new officers for the next program year. All districts should have two elected representatives on the county Incentives and Recognition Committee. The representatives should come from different clubs in the district, but if there are not representatives from two different clubs available, the district council can vote to have their I&R representatives from the same club. Please arrange to have your district represented on this important county committee. The committee usually meets by conference call on the 4th Tuesday of the months October through May, except not in December.

The next scheduled county I & R committee meeting will be on Tuesday, May 24 at 7:30pm as a conference call. Call your I & R district representatives with your incentives, recognition and awards comments, suggestions and concerns.

For more information about LA County 4-H record keeping and awards, consult the county website, the state website, the California 4-H Record Book Manual 2020-2021, the LA County 4-H Clover Notes newsletter, the county office, the state CA 4-H Newsletter, and/or members of the County Incentives and Recognition (I&R) Committee (Noel Keller, Judylynn Pelling, Amy Lockmann, Jamie Litchfield, Dee Keese and Peter Michel).

2. . Summer Camp –Peter Michel—It is July 1-5 at Mile High in San Bernardino. The cost is \$300 including the \$75 deposit. Full camp payment & forms due June 24. Camperships are available up to \$150 and due postmarked by June 1. www.4hsummercamp.com

3 All Star Ambassador Team—Sophie Loewner, Ibrahim Yasseen -- Both were directors at the SGV Fair. Their All Star project was very successful. No announcement of new All Star Ambassadors yet.

4. County Fashion Review – Lisa Loewner reported –It went well, Sophie Loewner was county winner but can not go to state this year. Next year the competition will be open to all members.

5. Regional Presentation Day

All the regional presentation days were combined this year into one large regional-level presentation day held virtually, as it was last year, but there was also an optional in-person Regional Presentation Day held in Jackson, CA. Not all categories were offered, but those that were, followed the usual regional-level guidelines. The virtual competition was run through a series of Zoom rooms, where members performed live at pre-scheduled times. In most cases, you needed a Gold medal or Blue seal award at the county level to compete at the regional level.

We did have several LA County members earn Blue seals and Gold medals at the Regional competition. We thank the 6 LA County evaluators who made it possible for our members to compete.

6. State Presentation Day

State Presentation Day is being run virtually and in person much like the regional presentation day options this year. Again, not all categories are offered, but most require a Gold Medal or blue-level award to be earned at the regional level. The Zoom room competitions started on May 11 and ends on May 21. The in-person options will be held on Saturday, May 28. An awards ceremony is planned for Sunday, May 29 at 6-8pm.

To be able to compete, each county must provide a minimum number of evaluators based on the number of entries from that county. Evaluating is done in a zoom room and evaluations are submitted online immediately after the evaluation. If you are interested and available, additional evaluators are needed for the following times: Wednesday, May 18 6-8pm Saturday, May 21 10a-noon Saturday, May 21 1-3pm Please let me know if you are willing to be an evaluator for this year's state competition.

There are two new communication categories that are being piloted at the in-person presentation day this year: **Infographics** (poster or digital image that illustrates your topic using data) and **Video Essay** (up to an 8 minute video on the topic of Your Spark with a 3-5 oral introduction presentation). More details about these two categories are included in a new Presentation Manual Addendum on the state website. The state is asking for more ideas about new categories that could be added to a Presentation Day. New this year will be two events live on the California 4-H YouTube Channel -

2022 California 4-H Film Festival on May 29, starting at 1pm 2022 State Field Day Awards Ceremony May 29 6-8pm More information about all of this can be found on the State 4-H website.

7. Jr. All Star County Project—Dee Keese will not be running this program next year for the county. She will help a new advisor get started in this county project.

10.. County Healthy Living Event - Abby Lockman No update. It is being planned for next year.

11. Shooting Sports Report—Tulare County is having a trap shoot in Visalia.

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 and Judylynn Pelling This year we again successfully held all our district council meetings by conference call and we plan to continue with conference calls for next year. With the SSG district, we were busy helping with the planning and running of the San Gabriel Valley 4-H Fair, held in April. We held a successful NSG Home Ec & Field Day, including the County Food Fair categories, on Saturday, April 9. The event included presentation, illustrated talk, cultural arts, decorate your duds, baked goods/dessert, decorated cakes, recycled and center piece entries. This was the second year that NSG members participated in the County Food Fair. Today we are hosting this LA County Council meeting with a program.

We are currently operating a 4-H booth at the LA County Fair in Pomona during the month of May on Saturdays, Sundays and Memorial Day. We are asking 4H families be in the booth to tell families about how great 4H is and do a simple craft with the children. You get a parking pass in the farm area and free admission to the fair. E-mail jlpelling@yahoo.com to sign up (noon to 3 or 3 to 6pm) .

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

Old Business

1. Officers for 2022-23 Judylynn moved we accept the slate by acclimation. Seconded by Noel. Vote on and passed. Our new officers are:

President – Peter Michel, SSG – PVP

Vice-President - Amy Lockmann, SFV – Agoura Hills

- **2nd Vice-President (youth) – new LA County 4-H All Star Ambassador**
- **Secretary – Judylynn Pelling, NSG - ERHP**
- **Treasurer – Johanna Stewart, SSG - Greenleaf**
- **Report/Historian – Ashley Arana (youth), SFV – Agoura Hills**
- **Agriculture Chair –**
- **Science Chair – Ibrahim Yaaseen (youth), SSG - PVP**

- **Home Economics Chair – Melinda Kasperson, AV – Canyon Coyotes ?**
- **Shooting Sports Chair – Dee Keese, SSG - PVP**
- **Healthy Living Chair – Abby Lockmann (youth), SFV – Agoura Hills**
- **Technology Chair – Peter Michel, SSG - PVP**
 - **Leader Support Chair –**
 - **Incentives and Recognition Chair – Noel Keller, NSG - Pomona Valley**
 - **Civics Chair – Sophie Loewner (youth), SSG - PVP**
 - **Parliamentarian/Policy Secretary –**

2 Updates to current LA County 4-H 2021-22 Calendar. The updates needed include the following:

- 1) May 15 – Camp Committee meeting
- 2) June 5 – Camp Committee meeting
- 3) June 19 – Camp Committee meeting
- 4) July 17 – Camp Committee meeting
- 5) July 10 – Camp Staff Party
- 6) June 1 – Summer Camp registration and deposit due
- 7) June 1– Summer Camp campership application due
- 8) June 24 – Summer Camp – balance of Summer Camp registration fees due
- 9) remove the phrase “tentative” from Summer Camp July 1-5
- 10) July 23 – virtual State Leadership Conference
- 11) July 29-31 – in-person State Leadership Conference in Davis
- 112 Sept. 6 – NSG district mtg
- 13) Sept 26 – Camp Committee meeting
- 14) There is no Healthy Living event this program year
- 15) There is no County Judging Day this program year
- 16) July 20, 2022 - County Council Constitution & By-Laws Committee mtg. at 7:30pm

These updates will be made to the current 2021-2022 LA COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL COUNTY CALENDAR on the LA County 4-H website.

3. 2022-2023 LA County 4-H Calendar It was presented by Amy Lockmann at the meeting. Amy will forward the calendar information to Roy in the 4-H office so this new 2022-

23 calendar can be put on the county 4-H website as soon as possible with an approval date of 5-14-2022 and a version number of 1. Please look at the county website for the details of this new 2022-23 calendar. After much discussion, it was moved by Noel Keller, seconded by Amy Lockmann and passed to approve the calendar. An effort will be made to keep the 2022-23 calendar up-to-date on the county 4-H website. Clubs, districts and committees should now be aware of these approved 2022-23 activity dates and additional activities should be planned around these approved dates. We expect that during the 2022-23 program year that some of these approved activity dates may need to be changed with the approval of the County Council. This approved calendar is still missing Horse activity dates, Shooting Sports activity dates and 2023 Summer Camp Committee dates. Additional dates for the 2022-23 calendar should be sent to Amy Lockmann.

The approved 2022-2023 LA County 4-H Calendar contains some significant date changes from prior years. An effort was made to spread out the county activities more over the program year. This resulted in the following dates:

October – Junior Leadership Conference – Oct. 1 and Healthy Living event – Oct. 15

November – County Judging Day – Nov. 5

January – County Livestock Symposium – Jan. 28

February – County Field Day – Feb. 25 and Interview Contest – Feb. 18

March – County Food Fair and County Fashion Revue – March 25

April – County Science Fair – April 29

4. LA County Council 2022-22023 Budget Noel Keller moved and Amy Lockmann seconded that we approve the budget as presented. Voted on and passed.

5. Changes to Council's Constitution/By Laws—A committee was appointed to meet in July and August to review and make up dated changes. Marjorie Rodriquez—chairman, Peter Michel, Amy Lockman, Noel Keller, Judylynn Pelling

New Business

1. County Council Meeting format for 2022-2023 — Judylynn Pelling moved we continue to meet on Zoom. Seconded by Noel Keller. Voted on and passed.
2. Scholarships for 2022 CA 4-H State Leadership Conference, all Senior members are reminded to apply on time.

General Announcements

1. Apply for 4-H CA State Advisory Committees by May 31st.
2. State Leadership Conference—July 29-31 at UC Davis or July 23 on line.
3. LA County Fair—May 5 -30, 2022 Email jlPELLING@yahoo.com to work in the 4H booth.
4. Summer Camp dead line to register, June 1, fees need to be paid by June 24th/ camperships: June 1st postmark

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

We adjourned at 12:35pm.

Attendance includes- NSG-Noel Keller, Pomona Valley; Judylynn Pelling, Eagle Rock-Highland Park; SSG- Marjorie Rodriguez, Johanna Stewart, Greenleaf; Peter Michel, Ibrahim Yaaseen, Lisa Loewner, Sophie Alexander, --PVP; SFV- Amy Lockmann, Laura and Ashley Arana, Agoura Hills 4-H. AV- None

Respectfully submitted, Judylynn Pelling, Secretary