

Los Angeles 4-H Council, Saturday, September 24, 2022 On line Virtual Meeting Zoom, conference call

Attendance includes- NSG-Noel Keller, Pomona Valley; Judylynn Pelling, Eagle Rock-Highland Park; SSG- Johanna Stewart, Green Leaf; Peter Michel, Ibrahim Yaaseen, Sophie Loewner, Sophie Alexander, --PVP; SFV- Amy, Maddy and Abby Lockmann, Laura and Ashley Arana, Agoura 4-H. AV—Candice Vander Hyde, Leoma Valley, Charlene Moore county office.

The meeting of the Leaders Council was called to order by President Peter Michel at 9:38am. Flag salute and 4H Pledge—Amy moved and Noel seconded that we postpone pledges for awards ceremony. Voted on and passed. Approval of Agenda: It was approved with moving Youth Summit report.

Minutes of the May 14, 2022 meeting. Amy Lockmann moved we approve the minutes as printed. Seconded by Noel Keller. Voted on and passed.

Treasurer's Report: No profit was made at Summer Camp this year. Judylynn Pelling moved and Noel Keller seconded that we approve the report, voted on and passed.

Correspondence: None received

Open Forum – This is a new feature for our county council meeting. 2 minutes per speaker (10 minute Max for up to 5 speakers) – No action will be taken on matters raised in oral and written communications, except that the Council may take action to schedule issues raised in oral and written communications for a future agenda. There will be an open forum period near the beginning of the meeting and at the end. There no topic brought up at this time.

Program—youth presentation –AV is at the AV Fair, it is the second day. They have 4-H displays in the Arts and Crafts building and Animal Barn. The clubs are manning the booths.

Council Officer Reports; President's report—none

Reporter/Historian—Ashley Arana -- Ashely.k.arana@gmail.com. -- Send her articles and photos of club and district activities.

County Office Report: Charlene Moore—1. Charlene has to move her office in 4 months. She is looking for office space. She has lots of books that need to be given away. 2. Covid-19 update—requirements are the same, no masks required, food booth is allowed, leave lots of space, wash hands. 3. Clubs NEED to get their Audit reports in to Charlene so she can send them to the state. One third of clubs have not reported.

District Reports 1. AV –They had a livestock show last month. Now they have the AV Fair showing other projects. 2. SFV- They had a club meeting in person, everyone was excited to meet in person. 3. SSG-Had their achievement event last week, and had their first club meeting. Project meetings start in October. Green Leaf club is starting up. 4. NSG--Members have been working on their record books. The ERHP 4-H Club run a booth at the LA County fair last May, with the help of the other district clubs. The fair appreciated the booth and hope that we will run a booth at the fair next May. The district will again have its monthly council meetings by conference call this year. We thought that the district parties on zoom went well last year. It gave our district members a chance to meet each other in a fun environment. The parties were organized and run by our youth. We will again try to have some district parties with the possible themes of Halloween, Harvest/Thanksgiving, Holiday, New Year, Valentine's Day, Spring and/or End-of-the-Year. Our district clubs take turns organizing the parties. We are now planning an NSG Achievement event to be held on October 15 and helping with the planning of the 2023 SGV 4-H Fair. We are also considering a pet fair event during the year.

Committee/ Other Reports:

1. **All Star Ambassador Team**—Sophie Loewner, Ibrahim Yasseen -- We have a new member of the team, Ashley Arana. Our new advisor is Amy Lockmann. To communicate with the team directly use lacountyambassador4h@gmail.com Ashley is starting a project of collecting children's books (not textbooks, adult books, manuals, religious books, etc.) for a service organization. She will be talking with clubs and districts about the project and making a flier to explain the details.

2. **Jr. Leader Conference** will be Oct. 1 , 2022 on Zoom It is for intermediate members, but all are welcome. Learn about Sparks!! Grow your Leadership skills! Check flyer at end of minutes. An RSVP is requested.

3. **County Healthy Living Event** will be October 15, 2022 on Zoom. It focus on the power of health in our daily lives. There will be 2 sessions starting at 10am and ending at 11:30. It is for all age levels. Check flyer at end of minutes. No RSVP is required.

4. **County Judging Day** was scheduled for Nov. 5. It is too soon with all our other events. Judylynn moved we change the date to Feb. 25, 2023. Seconded by Noel, voted on and passed. There will be a judging day meeting in October to plan for the event. We need to estimate how many members and leaders can attend a live event.

5. **Livestock Symposium**—Jan. 28, 2023 Charlene Moore will be checking to see that there is access to the AV fair grounds for the event. She is checking with new speakers. A flyer will be sent out.

6. **County Field Day**—It will be virtual like the past 2 years. There will be a mass mail to all announcing the awards, rather than a zoom awards announcement. SSG is in charge this year. They now have 2 clubs. Peter Michael has been asked to coordinate it. Other clubs will be asked to help.

7. **County Fashion review**—Melissa Kasperson needs to change the date because of another event the day before Mar. 25. She will let us know.

8. **County Food Fair** Noel moved we divide the Food Fair by districts as was done the last 2 years. Seconded by Amy. Voted on and passed.

9. **County Science Event** --Ibrahim is working on ideas for it. It is planned for Apr. 29, 2023.

10— 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 **2022 LA County Record Book competition** This year we have 30 record books submitted for the county record book competition – 6 Juniors, 12 Intermediates and 12 Seniors. 7 clubs participated. We evaluated books on Sept. 10. We thank all those who helped evaluate the record books. We cannot have this record book recognition program without evaluators.

All senior books were evaluated for Senior Awards of Excellence in Leadership, Community Service, Achievement, S.E.T., Project Work and Healthy Living. Good record keeping is a life skill. We encourage members to take time to complete their 4-H records in a way that they will enjoy looking at it years to come. A 4-H record book can be a reference for future college and job applications.

The annual County Awards Day program will be held virtually today at 11:45am in this Zoom room after this county council meeting. Please stay for the awards ceremony. County record books and officer book awards will be announced, along with special awards for Senior Awards of Excellence and Junior/Teen Leadership. The actual medals, certificates, patches, plaques and scoring sheets will be sent to the districts for distribution to the recipients. The record books have already been returned to the clubs. The award results will be posted on the county website.

There still seems to be confusion by leaders and members on how to correctly fill out the record book forms. Please read the Record Book manuals carefully and perhaps the districts should offer some leader and member training sessions on 4-H record books.

New LA County 4-H All Star Ambassador – We congratulate Ashley Arana from the Agoura 4-H Club for being selected as a 2022-23 LA County 4-H All Star Ambassador. We look forward to Ashley's participation in county events.

2021-2022 State Record Book Competition 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 work, goal management skills, and leadership and civic development are selected as state medalists or state winners. Information about this opportunity is on the state 4-H Website. A notice of Intent to Submit is due online by Oct. 15. The actual records need to be submitted to the state by Oct. 31. Only Senior member are eligible for the state record book competition. Seniors are not required to compete in their county record book competition to be able to enter the state competition.

4-H 2022 Graduate Certificate and Pins As 4-H members graduate out of the LA County 4-H program each year, they are recognized at their district Achievement Day programs. Club leaders should notify Charlene Moore in the AV 4-H Office with the names and years of 4-H experience of their 4-H graduate so that certificates and pins can be prepared in time for their district achievement events. Please contact Charlene if you have any questions about this.

2022 4-H Graduates who have been in 4-H three years or more will receive engraved 4-H graduate pins and certificates and will be listed in the October issue of Clover Notes.

Record Book Manual and forms for 2022-2023

2022-23 4-H records will be discussed under

New Business.

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 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. Further information about this will be on the county website by the end of October.

Primary Member Reporting There are two versions of the state Primary Member Report form that were released on July 1, 2016. One is a basic report and the other follows and supports the iSprout curriculum. At this time, LA County 4-H is still using its own Primary Member reporting form which offers the opportunity for White Star and White Star pin ranks. This form for LA County is available on the LA County 4-H website.

Club Goal Planning Goal setting and following through to achieve the goals are an important part of the 4-H experience. Each year clubs are encouraged to set goals for the program year. At the beginning of the year, clubs are encouraged to use the 4-H Club Program Planning Guide, located on the county website, to plan their program year. At the end of the program year, the club evaluates how they did meeting their goals.

Member planning form Planning is also important for your club members. What are their individual goals for this year? There is a Member Planning Sheet available on the county website under FORMS. Encourage your members to complete this form at the beginning of the program year.

2022-2023 LA County 4-H All Star Ambassador applications are due by Feb. 18, 2023. The application will be on the county website by the end of November.

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 2022-2023 county I&R Committee members are Noel Keller and Judylynn Pelling from NSG, Dee Keese and Peter Michel from SSG, no one from AV, and Amy Lockmann from SFV. The committee usually meets by conference call during the year on the fourth Tuesday. Please notify Noel Keller with the names of any newly elected 2022-2023 I&R district representatives. The next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7:30pm by conference call.

11. Summer Camp –Peter Michel—June 18 to 24, 2023 Tentative

12. Shooting Sports Report—The State Shooting Sports Advisory Committee is evaluating all the requirements. In the meantime we are fine as long as we follow all our rules for shooting sports.

Old Business 1. – A Committee is working on updating the constitution and bylaws.

2 State Leadership Conference was reported on by Ashley and Ibrahim

3. Calender updates— The needed updates include the following:

- move SSG Achievement night from Oct. 23 to Sept. 18, 2022
- move MFF from March 4 to Feb. 4
- move NSG Home Ec & Field Day from Feb. 4 to March 4
- delete SGV 4-H Fair mtg from Oct. 20, Jan 19, April 13
- add Const/ByLaw Ad-hoc mtg to Sept. 20, Oct. 18
- delete County Record Book Judging for Sept. 17, 2022
- move NSG Achievement Event from Oct. 22 to Oct. 15
- add NSG council mtg. to Sept. 5, 2023
- move County Judging Day from Nov. 5, 2022 to Feb. 25, 2023
- delete County Field Day from Feb. 25
- delete County Food Fair from Feb. 25
- add LA County Fair starts (5/5-29) to May 5
- add LA County Fair ends to May 29

We were reminded that all updates to the 22-23 LA County 4-H calendar should be sent to Council Vice-President Amy Lockmann. This year we want to try to keep the LA County 4-H Calendar up-to-date monthly on the LA County 4-H website.

4. Vacant positions of LA County Council for 2022-23

Agriculture Chair, Leader Support Chair, Parliamentarian/Policy secretary

New Business 1. Up date on record books Last year the State 4-H office was talking about changing the 4-H record book program. So far, we haven't seen anything in writing about it or heard about an evaluation of the pilot of part of the new system that was run last year. Since the 2022-2023 4-H program year has already started, we recommend that LA County 4-H continue the current record book program that it used last year.

A 2022-2023 California 4-H Record Book Manual is now on the state website. It claims there are no changes in this manual from the 2021-2022 Manual, but that this new manual should be considered the current Manual and to discard all previous manuals. There is also a 2021-2023 California 4-H Record Book Forms manual on the state website.. Notice that that means the forms have not changed since last year. The forms are not dated.

There is additional information on the state website about keeping records this year. They are strongly suggesting the use of Google Docs, Google Sheets or downloading a fillable doc file for keeping records as the year goes along. The forms manual is a file that can be updated and expanded with activity information. We encourage members to record their activities as they occur, rather than waiting until the end of the year.

The I&R Committee will be updating their Record Book ID packet with the current state requirements and guidelines for 4-H record keeping this year, The state 4-H record keeping information came out too late last year to be included in our 2021-2022 Record Book ID packet, but will be included this year. Please note the changes, such as the guidelines for the Collection of Work section. We plan to have our 2022-2023 Record Book ID packet out by the end of October..

We expect to run the 2023 Record Book Competition much the same as last year.

2. 2023 Youth Summit is Jan. 13-15, 2023 for Southern region. It is for youth 11 to 13. Sr. members can be presenters. Ashley is working on it. Contact her if you are interested in being a presenter. It is at Pathfinder Ranch.

3. Open Forum—1, Graduate pins could be given to members in their Sr. year of High school. They could show them off on their hats and encourage members.

2. We need more activities for just Sr. members to encourage them to stay in 4H. It could be field trips, concerts, community service and fun activities.

General Announcements 1. 4-H members and leaders should now be enrolled for 2022-23.

2. National 4-H Week "Opportunity 4 All" is Oct. 2-8, 2022

3. 2023 4-H CA Youth Summit –Jan. 13-15, 2023 (Southern)

4. LA County Fair—May 5-29, 2023

Next LA County 4H Council Meeting –Jan. 21, 2023, (SSG) via Zoom

We adjourned at 11:50pm for the County Record Book Awards.

Respectfully submitted, Judylynn Pelling, Secretary