

Los Angeles 4-H Council, Saturday, May 13, 2023 On line Virtual Meeting Zoom, conference call

Attendance includes - NSG-Noel Keller, Kaitlyn Hanlon, Pomona Valley; Judylynn Pelling, Eagle Rock-Highland Park ; SSG- Johanna Stewart, Green Leaf; Peter Michel, - PVP; SFV –Dennis DeYoung; Amy & Maddy Lockmann, Ashley Arana, Agoura 4-H. AV – Erica & Jacob Rough, Quartz Hill, Amber Boeker, Canyon Coyotes, Charlene Moore, County Office.

The meeting of the Leaders Council was called to order by President Peter Michel at 9:34 am. Those attending introduced themselves and told what their favorite summer treat is. After the Flag salute and the 4H pledge, the agenda was approved.

Program—youth presentation NSG: Constantine Lui from ER-HP played his piano presentation from County Field Day. Emma Quepons from Pomona Valley gave her demonstration “How to Draw a Squishmallow Axoloti”. She will be presenting at State Field day.

Minutes of the April 1, 2023 meeting. Johanna moved we accept the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Noel. Voted on and passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Judylynn moved we approve it as submitted. Seconded by Noel. Voted on and passed.

Correspondence: None received

Open Forum – No discussion

Council Officer Reports:

Reporter/Historian - Ashley Arana - Ashely.k.arana@gmail.com. - Please continue sending in pictures of community service opportunities your club is taking part in. Send her articles and photos of club and district activities. Also of any fair pictures or of your 4H members participating. Would love to post to the account pictures of 4-H members actively participating. Email photos/videos/captions to my email. I will be posting soon about Los Angeles county 4-H Summer camp as we prepare for the 4-H members this summer.

County Office Report: - Charlene Moore—1. Please check your club records to see who needs to be approved 2. The new system of enrollment will take about a month to get up and running. Members active over the summer should get and fill out a paper enrollment form.

District Reports 1. AV – their activities include outreach programs at the local mall. 2. SFV- The San Fernando club is starting up slowly. 3. SSG –They had a very successful SGV Fair, working with NSG. Dee Keese was kind enough to let the fair use her home. 4. NSG - 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. Today we are hosting this LA County Council meeting with a program. We are tentatively planning an End of the Year NSG party and potluck for June 4. We are also running a 4H booth at the LA county Fair.

Committee/ Other Reports:

1. All Star Ambassador Team -.They thank everyone for the successful children's book drive. If you have any left over books, please donate them to a library or other appropriate place.

2. 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 **Friend of 4-H award** At our last County Council meeting on April 1, we voted to present Tina Wetts with a Friend of 4-H award. It was later determined that Tina already received that award in 2018 so the award was not processed. We don't usually give this award to a person or organization more than once.

REMINDER - Record Book Manual 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 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. The record keeping forms are the same as last year. If you have questions, contact a member of the county I&R Committee or Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com).

Please tell your club members to look at the Record Book Judging ID packet carefully. LA County allows the original documents of the Collection of Work, which is more expanded than the state requirement. Note that there are some LDR (Leadership Development Report) relaxed requirements again 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 modified 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. To earn this award the member must complete an APR report for the Leadership project for this year.

Remind your members that our 4-H program year ends June 30. Your 2022-23 4-H records only include activities up to June 30. Activities starting July 1 should appear in your 2023-24 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. All club officers are eligible to try for this recognition.

2022-2023 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. 5 or on Wednesday, Sept. 6 to a member of the county I&R committee by 9pm. Record Book evaluating will occur on Sept. 9. 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. 9. Please notify Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com) by Sept. 7 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, September 23 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.

2023 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 1, 2023. 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 15, 2023. 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. 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 15, 2023. Judging of record books will occur November-December and the results will be announced in January.

Spark Achievement Program As I have been mentioning this year, change is coming to the 4-H star rank achievement program and record book program. The State 4-H announced the new Spark Achievement Program last Fall. Using the new Spark Achievement Program this year has been optional, but the State plans to make it mandatory next year for the then Junior members and new 4-H members. The new Spark Achievement Manual and recording forms are now on the State 4-H website, and will be putting them on the county website. You can now go to these sources if you want more information now about what is to come. We will be offering some informational and training sessions on this new program probably in late summer and fall.

So, how does this change affect us now? There is no change in record keeping this year for Primary members or returning members (all ages and ranks). For Junior members and new members (all ages) there was an option to start in the new 4-H Spark Achievement Program. The state says that for the 2023-24 year Juniors and new 4-H members then must start the Spark Achievement program – Level 1. The state will allow those members who are currently working on Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum star ranks to continue working on them in the current system, even if it takes several years. But they would have the option to switch over to the new Achievement Program at any time.

The county has allowed those Junior members and new 4-H members to start the Spark Achievement Program if they want to. For this year, we would require that for this new program, only written My Story sections will be accepted, not the other media options mentioned in the Spark Achievement Program manual. We would also allow their records to include a Collection of Work and a new summary of activity form. Members who want to submit a Spark Achievement program record book should consult the county 4-H website for the details of what to include in their records. Please contact Noel Keller if there are questions about this.

LA County 4-H Primary Achievement Program The current LA County 4-H Primary achievement program helps prepare members for record keeping associated with the current Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum Star rank program. LA County 4-H Primary members do not use the State Primary iSprout program currently. The iSprout program has been available for several years, but LA County 4-H chose to have their own Primary program. Now that the State is changing its Spark Achievement program, our LA County 4-H Primary program will no longer

prepare Primary members for the new Spark Achievement Program. The iSprout program seems to be a better match and lead into the new Spark Achievement Program. We are considering a change to the state iSprout achievement program or perhaps some LA County 4-H variation of it. We thinking about encouraging the use of the state I Sprout program on an optional basis for next year (2023-24) and then perhaps requiring it the following year. With the mandate of the Spark Achievement program starting in 2023-24, we think it would be too much to also mandate the use of the iSprout program at the same time. We want to pilot or try out the system first and then consider modifications for LA County if needed.

Information about the iSprout program is available on the state website. The program has been available for several years.

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

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 2023-2024 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, 2023 or entered online.

There are 13 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, 2023.

Animal Science	Camping
Civic Engagement	Clothing and Textiles
Equine Science	4-H Branding and Organizational Communication
Healthy Living	Volunteer Development
Shooting Sports	Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI)
Policy	Public Speaking and Communications
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 16 at 7:30pm as a conference call. Our June meeting will be on June 20. 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 2022-2023, 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, Annette Hilman, Dee Keese and Peter Michel).

3 Regional 4-H 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 some optional in-person Regional Presentation Days held in various locations in the state, but none near LA County. 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 8 LA County evaluators who made it possible for our members to compete

4. 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 10 and ends on May 20. The in-person options will be held on Saturday, May 27. An online awards ceremony is planned for Sunday, May 28 early afternoon.

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 17 6-8pm Saturday, May 20 10a-noon Saturday, May 20 1-3pm Please let me know if you are willing to be an

evaluator for this year's state competition. More information about all of this can be found on the State 4-H website.

5. Support for Regional and State events For some regional and state events, the county must provide support people for the event so that our LA County members can participate. So that our LA County 4-H members can compete in the Regional and State Field Presentation Day events, the county must provide a proportionate number of evaluators based on the number of member entries that the county has to the event. The county also needs to provide room hosts based on the number of member entries. We seem to be able to provide the evaluators, but not the room hosts, which need some technical skills of zoom room management. We need to work on this area. We need to train some senior youth to be able to be zoom room hosts. Please encourage your senior members capable and interested in helping at the regional and state level to apply in the future for room host positions.

6. County Fashion Review – Melinda Kasperson can only do District next year.

7. County Science Event -May 6 –It was held at the California Science Center in Exposition Park on May 6. A picture was shown of those attending. It was planned by Ibrahim Yaaseen.

8. Summer Camp –Dennis De Young—Because of insurance questions, the camp is not at Camp Seeley this year. It is at the Lazy W Ranch, east of San Juan Capistrano. There is a nice pool and it is a nice site. Due to a donation, camp costs \$295 this year. Adults as asked to pay \$200. There is still time to sign up.

9. Shooting Sports Report – Apply by May 31 to be on state committee.

10. LA County Fair 4H Booth: NSG is currently operating a 4-H booth at the LA County Fair in Pomona during the month of May. We still have time slots open for helping in the 4-H booth. Please contact Judylynn Pelling if your family is able to help in the 4-H booth in any of the following periods:

May 21 noon-2p 4-6p May 27 noon-2p -May 28 2-4p 4-6p
May29 – 2-4p 4-6p

Families who help in the 4-H booth receive free parking and admission for the fair on the day that they work in the booth. Use <https://volunteersignup.org/A99P7> to sign up for a family time slot, or call Judylynn at 323-363-3381. To enter the fair property through Gate 12 you will need a special green parking pass.

Old Business 1. Vote on LA County Council Constitution/By Laws Judylynn moved to approve it with a clean up of the strike outs. Seconded by Noel. Voted on and passed.

2. Sparks/iSprouts—covered in I&R report

3. District Rotation Chart—an Ad-Hoc committee was set up, Amy Chair, Noel, Judylynn, Jacob Rough and a SSG member to be named

4. HI-4H Activities. 2nd Vice Pres needs to talk to Sr. youth members about events for Seniors. Leona Valley has discussed having one activity a year. It could be planned by a district or ask the Ambassadors to start.

5. Approval for Scholarship for 2023 CA 4H State Leadership Conference (July 28—30, 2023.) It is in the budget. New 4H Ambassadors are all paid for and returning Ambassadors one half. This year members 11 years and older are invited to attend.

6. Updates to LA County 4-H 2022-23 Calendar Today we are looking to see if there are any updates for future date that are needed for the current 2022-23 LA County calendar on the website. The updates needed include the following: 1) May 16 – I&R committee meeting – moved from May 23

2) Add June 20 – I&R committee meeting 3) Add June 25-July 1 – 4-H Summer Camp 4) Remove 4-H Summer Camp – June 20-24 These updates will be made to the current 2022-2023 LA COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL COUNTY CALENDAR ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE.

New Business 1. council officers for 2023-24 year—Nominations are Pres.—Peter Michel, VP—Amy Lockmann, 2nd VP—Maddy Lockmann, Treas.—Johanna Stewart , Sec—Judylynn Pelling . Suggested chairs are Ag Chair—Tony Ferman, Incentives and Recognition—Noel Keller, Civics Chair-- Amy Lockman plus a youth. The president will appoint the chairs. Amy moved to approve the officers, seconded by Noel, voted on and passed.

2. 2023-24 LA County Council 4H Budged was discussed and adjusted. Judylynn moved we approve it with the adjustments. Seconded by Noel. Voted on and passed.

3. Discussion/Vote on the 2023-2024 LA County 4-H program calendar

After much discussion, it was moved by Amy, seconded by Noel and passed to approve the 2023-2024 LA County 4-H Calendar as recorded by Amy Lockmann at the meeting. Amy will forward the calendar information to Roy in the 4-H office so this new 2023-24 calendar can be put on the county 4-H website as soon as possible with an approval date of 5-14-2023 and a version number of 1. Please look at the county website for the details of this new 2023-24 calendar. An

effort will be made to keep the 2023-24 calendar up-to-date on the county 4-H website. Clubs, districts and committees should now be aware of these approved 2023-24 activity dates and additional activities should be planned around these approved dates. We expect that during the 2023-24 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 Shooting Sports activity dates and some district and training dates. Additional dates for the 2023-24 calendar should be sent to Amy Lockmann.

The approved 2023-2024 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:

July – a fifth county council meeting for start up of year – July 22

October – Junior Leadership Conference – Oct. 7

November – County Livestock Symposium – Nov. 4

January - Healthy Living event – Jan. 20

February – County Judging Day – Feb. 24

March – County Food Fair held by district – date set by district

March – County Fashion Revue and County Field Day – March 23

May – LA County Fair

June – County Science Fair – June 1

4. Council meetings for 2023-24— The format was discussed. Noel moved and Amy seconded that we continue on Zoom with one meeting live, in person at a central location. We also want to reach out to youth to attend. Voted on and passed.

General Announcements 1. Apply for 4-H CA State Advisory Committees by May 31.

2. State Leadership Conference—summer

3. LA County Fair—May 5-29, 2023

4. 2023 4-H Summer Camp—June 25-July 1. www.4hsummercamp.com

Next LA County 4H Council Meeting , July 22, 2023, 9:30am via Zoom

We adjourned at 12:49pm.

Respectfully submitted, Judylynn Pelling, Secretary