4-H Council Meeting
April 27, 2016

Lee welcomed persons in attendance. Present were Lee Bastien, Darlene Miller, Ellen Doerner, Sandy Cohen, Doris Williams, Johnna Humber, Amos Humber, Michelle Balaguy, Sharon Coughran, Terry Gage, Linda Cramer, Doreen Wood, Azelie Wood, Theresa Wood, Dolores Ramsey, Jennifer Bitker

Approval of Minutes and Treasurer’s Report

The Minutes from March were reviewed. Darlene motioned to approve the Minutes as written and was seconded by Johnna Humber. The Council unanimously voted to have the Treasurer’s Report stand as written.

Old Business

Hulbert/Council Scholarships (May 14). LeAnn announced that the 4-H office was still looking for community leaders to be on the interviewing panel for the upcoming Hulbert Awards and requested names of individuals who may be able to participate.

Camperships. A form will be made for applications. Tractor Supply money is to be used for camperships (funded camp scholarships). Clubs are to announce that camperships are available. Terry Gage suggested a limitation of five individual recipients. Sharon Coughran made a motion to accept five as our limit. Terry seconded the motion. It was agreed that there will be a fund transfer of five camperships at $125 each into the Summer Camp fund.

Animal Youth Fair (May 7). Terry Gage reported that there looked to be a significant number of pre-registered individuals. She mandated that it was necessary for 4-H youth to be signed in by no later than 11:00 am in order to get credit for the county-wide event.

ORB Training. LeAnn reported that nine people attended the online record book training session given by Scott. Because he was already in town, he will not charge the Council for this session. Nine people attended and they were able to be combined into one session instead of two. Darlene mentioned that the bugs that were present early in the online record book site were getting worked out. The programming for this site is contracted out by the State and is not done by 4-H.

Lily Days. Placer County received $1237 in total Lily Day donations from the combined efforts of several clubs in the County.

Tractor Supply Company. TSC has a fundraiser twice a year and it was reported that no 4-H youth attended the most recent event.

New Business

National Volunteer Month. To show her appreciation of 4-H volunteers, Kelly Brian made each person a Thank-You card.

Colfax Sewing Group Presentation. Dolores Ramsey spoke regarding her need of sewing machines (Singer 4423) for her sewing project. As the Sewing Program Leader, she has 20-30 sewers in the project. She came before the Council requesting funds for one or two new machines. Terry Gage proposed a motion to fund three, Johnna Humber suggested funding four. Sandy Cohen seconded the Motion to fund four new machines for the Project.
Stables at Willow Creek. Jennifer Bitker came before the Council to offer a portion of their property to donate to large animal projects in 4-H. Internships and volunteer positions would be available. August 12 is their grand opening; flyers were passed out.

All Stars/State Leadership Conference. Theresa Wood spoke regarding the State Leadership Conference held at HSU in Arcata in July. The All-Stars are requesting county sponsorship for this event. The All-Stars requested funding for three youth at $450 each. Terry Gage motioned to fund three scholarships at $450 each with additional funding for any transportation and chaperone expenses incurred by the All-Star advisor. These expenses are to be paid out of the General Funds account. The motion was amended to stipulate that the All-Stars pay out of their account (minus any previously earmarked funds) and out of any travel scholarship account first if funds are available and then to access General Funds. Johnna Humber seconded the motion.

All-Star member Amos Humber then spoke about the upcoming Talent Show on Friday May 20th from 6:30-8:30pm. Participants can register on-line and don’t have to audition. However, auditions are desired. There will be 15 slots reserved and the show is also meant secondarily to be a fund-raiser.

Tahoe Cattlemen’s Association. $200 were raised from 4-H youth helping with their annual dinner. Sandy Cohen made a motion for the money to go to county-wide events. Terry Gage seconded the motion.

ORB Survey. An online record book survey will be out May 1 to gauge 4-H youth experiences with the online system. This will take place from May 1 through July 31st.

4-H Box. A box is placed at the back of the room during the council meetings for questions and suggestions. These can be anonymous and will not be shared in the open meeting. President Lee Bastien will read them. Use the box also for office questions.

Summer Camp. Applications are due June 16th. Volunteers need to complete the Food Safety Course and CPR First Aid.

UC Insurance. Insurance regarding animals were discussed. It was clarified that animals are not covered for injury or loss at the fair(s). For people this insurance would be secondary. Terry Gage suggested that adults check their home-owners insurance policy for coverage.

Junior Livestock Auction. The JLA will be held on Saturday, June 25th.

Record Books. LeAnn advised the council that new evaluation sheets for Record Books from the State are optional for this year but not for the next. There was some frustration by the council that changes were occurring just before record books were due with very little time for implementation. Completion sheets are due to the office by June 1st.

Arts/Crafts Fund. Amos Humber asked how this fund was distributed. Terry Gage said approval funding was to be for new projects but only once and not on an annual basis. Since Pyrography would be a new project, Amos will make a proposal to the council in the near future to request funding.

Council Nominations. Lee Bastien nominated himself as President if no one objected; nominations for all offices are open.

Fair Revitalization Committee Update. Lee updated the council regarding the Placer County Fairgrounds. Repairs began on grandstands bathrooms. The concession roof will be replaced; most projects the county has identified to do this year with NCTC. Comments are needed for future vision of the Fair. Comments can be e-mailed to Nick. Lee mentioned there was some discussion of making the grounds an Event Center in addition to it remaining as a county fair.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Johnna Humber and seconded by Terry Gage at 8:45pm.