**MONTEREY COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**March 17, 7:00PM, Zoom teleconference**

*NOTE- this meeting was conducted as a teleconference due to the Covid 19 County-wide shelter in place order.*

**Call Meeting to Order** at 7:05P byVice President Hana Ferguson (standing in for President Jenkinson)

**Pledge of Allegiance-** skipped due to the nature of the meeting

**4-H Pledge-** skipped due to the nature of the meeting

**Additions or Corrections to the Agenda** (Hana Ferguson)

Details on the Cancellation of Fashion Revue and Interview Contest.

Spring 4-H club to talk about efforts involved with CMG walk and run council fundraiser

**Introductions –Council Executive Board Roll Call**

President - Dena Sala Jenkinson (Chualar)

1st Vice President - Hana Ferguson (Buena Vista)

2nd Vice President - vacant

Secretary – Travis Tanaka (Buena Vista)

Treasurer- Misty Hancock (Lockwood)

**Club Representatives and Guests**

Aromas: Melinda

Buena Vista: Travis Tanaka

Carmel Valley: Scott and Kristen Quilty

Chualar: Dirk Giannini, Joy Hedberg, Kingsley Mann

Gonzales: Rebecca Bettencourt, Collen Yebra

Greenfield: Elizabeth Hernandez

Hilltown: Kelli Martignoni

King City Blue Ribbon: Alicia Crespo

King City Rural: Carla Mullanix-Ackerman, Marti Ackerman

Lockwood: Misty Hancock, Seralyn Colton, Katie Colton, Kylee Coastern Jewel Anthony

Mission:

Natividad: Angie Horwath, Mari Horwath

Royal Oaks: JoAnn Etchinson

San Benancio: Rose Evers, Kat Banks

Spring: Kelly Violini

Guests: none

Staff: Lorin Hoffman-Lurz

**Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes (Travis Tanaka)**

 \_\_\_\_\_ moved to approve the February minutes. \_\_\_\_seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

**Secretary Report- Correspondence** (Travis Tanaka)

No correspondence was sent or received.

**Treasurer’s Report:** (Misty Hancock)

Misty gave the Treasurer’s report for February

February

Open: $75,401.99

Income: $30,884.32

Expenses: $3,247.78

Close: $103,038.53

Scholarship: $55,882.40

Pacific Valley CD: $54,696.05

CD Total: $110,578.45

Combined February Total: $213,616.98

Budget Review: The Exec Board has drafted a Council budget for 2020-21. This is a balanced budget; all projected expenses are offset by income. The review’s purpose is for suggestions and comments regarding projected expenses, is there a need for increase or decrease for a line item?

Kelly V: Under Giving Tuesday, will there be a check from Council to Camp for what the Fair paid for the auction dinner? Response: Not all funds from Giving Tuesday has been dispersed. Funds due to Camp will be in a separate check.

**President’s Report** (Hana Ferguson- standing in form Dena Jenkinson)

Hana mentioned the previous Exec Board meeting with a full update to occur at the next Council meeting.

**Fundraising Committee** (Kelly Violini)

Update of Color Run Sponsorships- Kelly V. reported the event was canceled the night before due to Covid 19. Club members were on site to turn away runners who came. 41 runners registered, shirts and color packets would be mailed. Sponsorship donation income was $6,300, budget was $4,800. Expense total was not finalized. There was an unopened box of dye returned, remaining dye packs will be in inventory for next year.

**Youth Council Report** (Macy Kaupp, Marti Ackerman, Megan Weferling)

Presentation Night MC- Attempted to make the best out of the night; overall went well. Lots of youth audience participation. Good to see Cloverbud presence.

Megan reported on Tabulations effort by Lockwood 4-H club

**We Love 4-H Committee** (Dirk Giannini)

4-H Day at the Capitol- Event cancelled due to covid-19, but the extra time available could help in letter writing campaign. Dirk suggested that with people home and school closed that everyone take time to write letters to legislators. We Love 4-H committee to send out template (4-H importance, why the writer believes in 4-H and what would the writer do if there wasn’t a 4-H program). Dirk expressed the appreciation of the ongoing support of the CA Farm Bureau. Dirk urged everyone to get involved in letter writing (youth, parents, alumni) Committee to send out suggested contact info on where to send letters.

Angie added that the template is near completion. It will include talking points, instructions on how to write a letter, how to tell their 4-H story, how to make a phone call. Sample letters included.

**Youth Reports/ Club Sharing**

No reports and no sharing topic.

**STAFF REPORTS** Lorin Hofmann-Lurz

Covid-19 and 4-H: Lorin opened with a reminder on how the 4-H program flow chart of decision making is set. In order from top-down: UCANR is the umbrella for 4-H, state 4-H office (state director), cooperative extension office (county director).

Following the county’s shelter in place order, a letter from state 4-H director, Lynn Schmit-McQuitty, was issued to the entire membership. Letter states all in-person 4-H activities are cancelled, postponed, or moved to a virtual platform. Applies to all 4-H audiences, include youth and adults, all delivery modes including community clubs, SPIN clubs, in school, after school, camp, and military sites.

State 4-H office working to provide alternative education (online), encourage online education through community club program. Conversion ongoing about how community clubs are to manage attendance, etc. No meetings or gatherings are to occur. Club representatives were each asked if they understood.

Question: Will we be able to choose the delivery platform for online learning, meetings. Response: The education specialist and Youth Development Advisor are working on platform options. There currently isn’t a platform standard.

Fair eligibility: The preferred livestock project attendance standard is 80% by April 1 to show. Livestock projects that have not completed their education (6 hrs.) prior to April 1 are encouraged to plan on conducting the required meetings online. Online Quizlets are available and an option. Links to educational resources to get sent later. Charlton 4-H (South Carolina) has created online educational activities through Eventbrite. Thank you to Kelly Violini for finding this opportunity. Lorin to forward info as it becomes available.

Zoom is an available platform for online project or club meetings.

Written proficiency tests are acceptable if mailed.

Please encourage livestock members to use this time to complete their APR.

Junior and teen leaders may be looking for ways to get educational hours for their project members.

Angie H. added that Arizona 4-H Youth Development is doing online classes. They are offering a project called Quaran-teen for junior and teen leaders. Angie suggested getting the link via Yuma Co 4-H on Facebook. Kelly V. added that many states have virtual curriculum available.

Lorin concluded by asking those with concerns to call. Not all clubs have 80% livestock attendance by April 1; the intent of this update is to address those clubs that do.

Officers and significant hours: Hopefully officers have met the significant leadership requirement by end of March. If officers are short, there are options. Secretary and Treasurer can begin working on their books, taking inventory.

Upcoming events: the state and now as a result the county Fashion Revue is canceled. The local Interview event is cancelled. Lorin will contact the responsible clubs to discuss possible postponement.

2020/21 Council Committees: Have been sent out via GoogleDoc to all club leaders and are ready for review. We will select at the April meeting.

Applications Due: Allstar, Youth Council, Council High School Scholarship applications due May 1. Senior scholarship interviews may be done online. All are posted on the county website.

Club Officer Elections: This is the time to review club officer positions (descriptions, positions, number of officers per specific position). Standard officer positions and descriptions available on the state webpage. Looking at other counties, programs for ideas is an option. Reminder to begin planning installation in June so training can begin in July.

New Club Leaders: For new Club Leaders, have the volunteer contact the County office. There is an application and interview process. The interview will most likely be a Zoom call. Lorin mentioned that she offered training to a couple new leaders on the reporting requirements to finish out the 4-H year.

Budgets: Now is a good time to think about next year’s budget. What fundraisers does your club want to do? Start asking your club what they want to do. Remember to have enrollment fee waiver/ assistance in budget. Need to do inventory.

Record book and APR: If your club requires a record book, now is the time to announce the due date. Every youth must turn in a completed APR. Youth cannot re-enroll in the project for which they didn’t submit an APR. Suggested to notify Club that APR’s are due before June 30.

County Web Page: There will be some updates and changes. Record book page will get updated.

Club Calendar: There are templates available. Contact Lorin for assistance. Now is a good time to start planning; goes well with budget planning.

**Fair Updates** (TJ Plew and Kelly Violini):

SVF: TJ stated that the fair board will have an emergency meeting March 18 to review scheduling SVF (May 14-17). March 18 is the edge of the 60-day ban for mass gatherings. Fair staff is planning that there will be a fair. Board will discuss a variety of topics with the priority being the Jr. Livestock show. Fair board wants to be part of the solution regarding livestock should the fair gets cancelled. Board will review- dates of the fair, contingency if fair is postponed or cancelled. They will discuss the logistics (animal weight, confirming market readiness, sale options, delivery of animals to butchers, costs, fair rules such as weight limits). There is a second meeting scheduled for March 26 to discuss remaining topics.

TJ suggested that exhibitors continue taking care of their animals with the highest level of stewardship and get entries in by April 1. Unless entered, the fair won’t know who wants to participate. Refunds will be given pending development of a refund policy.

Question: Will there be an update on SVF’s Facebook page? Response: Everything that goes up on Facebook will be on the webpage. TJ also mentioned SVF’s Covid-19 web link which has additional information. Several people voiced their appreciation of the SVF’s efforts and updates.

TJ shared an email from Dorothy Waxter. Dorothy’s email mentions the strength of people in ag, Covid will pass, but the lessons learned are invaluable. TJ ended by thanking those on the call for getting this info back to their respective clubs.

Lorin encouraged everyone to have members go direct to the SVF webpage to avoid misinformation.

Kelly V. added that the fairgrounds have lost business due to Covid. Kelly recognized TJ’s and the SVF board concern for 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitor. MCF may be in a different situation with the fair being in September.

**Committee Reports:** (Hana Ferguson)

Hana stated no reminder emails were sent to due to the uncertainty of the situation and Covid. She thanked everyone for their efforts and gave a reminder about turning in their binders. Committee selection will occur at the next meeting. Selection is keep one/ pick one. Committee descriptions has been sent via Google Doc.

Expansion and Review(Spring) Kelly V. stated that volunteers from several clubs assisted at Farm Day (March 5) and gave thanks on behalf of Spring. Over 1,700 3rd graders attended (79 classes). 26 classes were contacted and made “dirt babies” as a STEM activity. Every class either could do the activity or were given the materials and curriculum to do it back in class.

Discover 4-H day postponed to National 4-H week in October.

Service Learning (Carmel Valley)- no report due to technical difficulties.

Record Book Workshop- (Lockwood)- Committee chair Seralyn Colton gave the final wrap-up report. Workshop was Feb 15, 9:30-11:30 at the Ag office. Workshop had two parts: 1. Participants were given questions and had to find the answers at each station. Goal was to encourage learning by doing. 2.

A panel of record book experts was assembled to answer questions and to encourage discussion between the panel and participants. Attendees included 34 youth, 17 adults, and 16 volunteers. Suggestions (taken via survey) included spreading out part 1 to give more room between question areas, highlight answers in posters, make questions easier, have a separate table for those with disabilities.

County Presentation Night- overall(Gonzales)- Event went well. Check-in was fine except one member was not on the online registration list. Situation rectified. Dinner was served on time. They were able to get into the venue earlier than last year.

Presentation Night, Judging & Tabulations (Lockwood)- Judging went well except for a couple of scoring issues that were solved before the awards presentation. There may be a need to switch up judges training; details to go into binder.

**State Management Board** (Lorin Hoffman-Lurz)

Sectional Presentation Day- Kelly V. reported that Sectionals was March 14. 42 were signed up, but only 20 showed lilkey due to Covid 19. Presentations were broken into shifts- Monterey and San Benito 4-H youth gave their presentations during the hours of 10-12, remaining counties presented 12-2:00. Kelly thanked Carla and Marti Ackerman for assisting for the entire event. Additional thank you letters to get sent to all volunteers.

Six presentations were virtual. Monterey County presenters did very well.

Question: Will Cal Poly and Antioch be virtual? Response: Both will be offered the virtual option by the State Management Board.

**Unfinished Business:** None submitted

**New Business:** None**.**

**Closing Thoughts:** With shelter in place orders, Lorin reminded the group that this is a great opportunity for the 4-H program and Clubs to step up and provide service in the community. It would be challenging, but there is a list of service ideas in development that youth can do in their community while sheltering. Ideas include ways to help the elderly while staying outdoors, community library, challenge youth will fitness. Writing letters is another option for youth.

**Adjourn** at 8:18P. Motion to adjourn made by Kelli Martignoni (Hilltown). Seconded by Kingsley Mann (Chualar). No discussion. Motion passed.

***Next Council Meeting Tuesday, April 21, 2020. 7:00P. Location TBD.***

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