

MONTEREY COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

April 21, 2020. Zoom Video Conference meeting due to Covid-19 gathering restrictions

Call Meeting to Order: at 7:04P by Dena Jenkinson

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Dena Jenkinson

4-H Pledge: Led by Macy Kaupp (Youth Council)

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda

Add camp update as 12A.

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: Jacque Palmer

Buena Vista: Amy Brown

Carmel Valley: Scott and Kristen Quilty, Chrissy Hayes, Kristen McIntyre

Chualar: Dirk Giannini, Joy Hedberg, Wyatt Hedberg, Kingsley McMahon, Savannah Wheeler, Marley

Panzeria, Calleigh Panzeria, Olivia Silva, Vanessa Lockard, Bella Nassiri, Devon Wilson

Gonzales: Isela Fierro, Macy Kaupp, Maricela Gozalez, Erin Pacheco, Macy Kaupp

Greenfield: Luzmaria Arqueta, Elizabeth Hernandez, Alma Pocazo

Hilltown: Kelli Martignoni

King City Blue Ribbon: Alicia Crespo, Andres Cervantes

King City Rural: Carla Mullanix-Ackerman, Marti Ackerman, TJ Plew

Lockwood: Misty Hancock, Seralyn Colton, Katie Colton, Kylee Coaster, Jewel Anthony, Jon Anthony,

Mission: Shelby Sitiko, Christina Kaupp

Natividad: Angie Horwath, Mari Horwath, Janet Wohlgemuth

Royal Oaks: Sheryl Jones, JoAnne Etchinson

San Benancio: Kat Banks

Spring: Kelly Violini, Nicole Hostert

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (Travis Tanaka)

Two months of minutes required approval. Travis asked if Council would like to approve both in one motion or as separate motions. Dena suggested to approve both in one motion unless changes or additions were necessary. No changes suggested

Motion to approve February and March minutes made by Marti Ackerman (KCR, Youth Council).

Seconded by Vanessa Lockard (Chualar). Motion passed.

Secretary Report (Travis Tanaka)

No correspondence received. Travis asked if any letters needed to go out. Dena asked Fundraising Committee if thank you letters to Giving Tuesday donors were sent. Kelly V. responded that Fundraising did not receive donor info. That info is needed for Fundraising Committee's records and that these donors have not received a thank you. Dena said she will double check her email records for the required info.

Treasurer's Report (Misty Hancock)

March financial report

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Open: \$103,038.53

Income: \$55,402.12 (Maturation Pacific Valley CD deposit)

Expenses: \$628.98

Close: \$157,811.67

Scholarship: \$55,882.40

Combined March Total: \$213,656.37

2020-2021 budget planning session via Zoom prior to meeting- Misty provided a recap of the budget planning session for those who couldn't attend. Highlights of the session included explanation of adjustments and clarification made to line items. Misty reported that the proposed budget is within \$160 of being balanced. Impacts from Covid-19 to the coming year budget were discussed. Misty stated that unless another meeting was needed, this is the budget that would go forward for a later vote by Council.

Continuation of \$12 fee- In the proposed budget, there is a line item for the \$12 provisional fee. Dena led the discussion regarding keeping the \$12 provisional fee for the next 4-H year by reminding everyone of the financial shortfall Monterey Co 4-H program was facing. The amount of the shortfall is still unknown. Collected funds are decentralized and kept in an "L" account to be available to pay for staffing, if needed. If there are other funds available, the collected provisional funds from 2020-21 would get returned.

Lorin put the original motion for the first provisional fee on the screen.

Misty added that for 2019-20 program year, \$10,800 was collected through the provisional fee. These funds are held in a separate account. If the \$12 fee is continued, then those funds would get added to that account with the funds collected for this program year.

Dirk reiterated the need for Council discussion on keeping the \$12 fee. If collected, these funds must be earmarked in a separate account. There is funding uncertainty for the coming program year

Misty reminded everyone that every line item in the 2020-21 budget is a proposal and subject to discussion/ clarification prior to the budget vote. The proposed \$12 fee and expected income would not require a separate motion and vote since it's part of the proposed budget. If the budget were voted in first, then the fee added, a separate vote would be required.

Further discussion and a vote to occur during New Business regarding the funds collected from the 2019-20 provisional fee and the proposal to keep the \$12 fee for the 2020-21 year.

Presidents Report (Dena Jenkinson):

#4Hgrateful- Dena introduced the 4-H Grateful project where members can express their gratitude and appreciation. Dena asked for members to send photos or videos which express their gratitude or to show what they are doing in 4-H to share on social media. This is a great opportunity to highlight 4-H projects, lessons learned, etc. Dena encouraged leaders to get involved by making a submission such as showing off masks made for first responders. Dena gave several examples of ways to show gratitude or to highlight 4-H work. Submitted photos or video will get uploaded to the County 4-H Facebook and Instagram pages. A document explaining the 4-H Grateful project will get emailed to clubs.

Governor's shelter in place orders- The directive is to continue to shelter until receive updates from state and what safety protocols are required. Our priority is to help members complete projects by getting the required hours. Dena gave several examples on how to get project hours in. If a project leader is having trouble, they are encouraged to call County for help. As leaders we need to work to have a successful end to our 4-H year and then start the next 4-H year strong.

Applications- Dena reminded the group that applications for Youth Council, All Stars, and High School scholarships are due May 1. Youth Council is open to members 13 and up. Youth Council applications

may be sent direct to Dena. High School Scholarship applications must have a leader's recommendation and a leader's signature.

Question: I live 20 miles away from my membership. Do we still sign real paper or is there a digital option? *Response:* Dena suggested scanning documents or send a photo of the form and the leader can print and sign. The preference is to mail a hard copy. Dena stressed that if there is a problem, contact County and we will try to work with you. Everyone is working under extraordinary circumstances. Lorin added that 4-H offices are receiving mail. The counter is closed, but mail is checked twice per week. Lorin suggested calling or emailing to make sure mail was received or that she should expect mail.

Planning for 2020-2021 with budgets and activities- The Exec Board met via Zoom to continue with planning for the 2020-21 program year. The goal is to get going as soon as Covid restrictions are lifted. Dena invited struggling leaders to contact herself or Lorin with any planning questions.

Special May 19th meeting- There will be an optional, special meeting in May (7:00P). The purpose is for clubs to ask questions. Possible discussion topics could include Record Books, year-end documents, fair updates, new year planning, etc.

2020-2021 Executive Board openings- Dena announced that there will be three positions open on Exec Board- 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Secretary. Dena stated that this is a great experience and that anyone interested can contact her or any member of the board. She also stated that the board has four meetings per year and requires a few hours per month. Being on Exec Board is a great way to work with the youth and to do things on behalf of Council.

Fundraising Committee (Kelly Violini)

Kelly gave the update for Color Me Green. The event was on the cusp of the shelter order and it rained the day of the event. The committee attempted to continue with the event, but ultimately CMG was canceled. Registration fees brought in about \$1,160. Kelly reported that income from registration didn't make budget, but expenses were minimal. We almost met goal through sponsorships.

Dena thanked the Fundraising Committee for their effort and hard work this year.

Kelly stated that she is retiring from 4-H as of June 30 and asked that someone step up to assist Fundraising Committee next year. Kelly was thanked again for her service.

Youth Council Report

The only update was that 2020-2021 Youth Council applications were due May 1.

Youth Reports/ Club Sharing

Club Youth representative report- No report

Club Sharing- None.

Camp Update (Hana Ferguson)- Original camp dates not compliant with Covid-19 gathering prohibition and directive from the state office. Camp was able to get new dates. New proposed camp date is July 27-31. Camp will do a survey to see how many could attend the later date. Must have enough camp counselors and contracts in place. Alternate ideas include a one-day teen counselor leadership day. One teen counselor suggested having a 5-day, day camp instead of overnight camp. Hana said that the counselors deserve credit for preferring the day camp option instead of the one day for themselves.

To control inquiries about Camp to the 4-H office, Lorin stated that the 4-H Camp Advisory Committee asked that club leaders refrain from disseminating this recent camp info. Camp is working on the survey and how to best distribute information.

Question: Joy Hedberg asked if she could state that the June camp dates were canceled and that the new dates were in late July. Lorin suggested waiting before giving out that information. Camp needs at least 20 teen counselors and the contract with May Mac hasn't been approved yet.

Staff Reports (Lorin Hofmann-Lurz)

Lorin started her report by stating that there is a steady stream of info regarding Covid coming in daily and that keeping updates straight is a significant task. The goal is to get back to regular operations when we are allowed.

Club meetings- With the ongoing shelter in place order, many clubs have chosen to have virtual meetings. For clubs that don't have stable internet access, they are meeting by mail. Lorin will be asking all clubs how they are having their May meeting. Lorin also suggested looking at meeting agenda to see what can get left off. Since the number of meetings is in a club's bylaws, any change in the number of meetings requires an amendment to the bylaws.

APR- Must be signed by a leader. APR deadlines must be by June 30. All clubs are to submit a list of completed APR's by member. Turning in an APR is what will determine a member's eligibility to enroll in that project the coming 4-H year. Project completion defined by the minimum of six hours of instruction; allows for fair eligibility.

Record Book- Club due dates should be set and announced by now. Some members may be short on Events Attended. Take proper Covid related precautions with record books as pertaining to transporting and dropping off record books for validation or contests. Need to consider the time required to get books judged and ready for the July 21 county due date.

ORB is open through December but is being discontinued due to the needs on the system exceed the capabilities of the program. Alternate options to ORB are being investigated.

Officers- Distribute job descriptions prior to elections so youth know what they are running for. Standard descriptions available on the state web page. Need to think about how to have elections with Covid restrictions. May not be able to have traditional installation, but still need to train officers in July. Lorin stressed that clubs need to think ahead how elections are to occur and how get them ready for the new year. Ballot process must be transparent, and results announced immediately after voting. For clubs with new incoming leaders, make sure new club leaders are on the ballot.

Budget- Lorin reminded everyone to continue to set aside scholarship and enrollment fee waiver funds. Due to increased unemployment, the number of fee waiver applications may increase. Club inventory should still get done. The list of appropriate expenditures to go out.

State Field Day- With many volunteers stepping forward, State Field Day will be a virtual series of contests. There will be a virtual state presentation day. Volunteer judges are needed to judge area and state virtual presentations.

Regional Presentation Day- Hana mentioned that volunteers were needed to judge or act as room monitors for virtual regional presentation contests. Hana stated that she was happy that this option was available to youth.

End of Year packets- Secretary and Treasurer's checklist is included in the packet. Since we can't meet face to face, may use Zoom to review books. Annual awards form included.

Special Task forces- Lorin asked for volunteers to join two special task committees. One committee would come up with something to recognize 38 graduating seniors. The other would address post-covid restriction community service needs. These are not Council committees.

Fair Update

Salinas Valley Fair (TJ Plew)- Live Q/A to occur April 23. TJ stated that all updates and FAQ's are on the SVF webpage. Livestock will still arrive in May with an online auction to occur June 20. Buyers can do add-ons, either to an individual or spread to all exhibitors. Letter to go out to leaders and exhibitors on April 24. There may have virtual contests for photography, presentations.

Question: What is the difference between an online auction and a virtual market show? Response: Online auction will be actual sale of the animal There could be a virtual market show where exhibitors would upload a video of themselves with their animal.

Monterey Country Fair- (Kelly Violini)- The hope is that MCF is far enough out to avoid cancellation. An exhibitor newsletter has been sent out. MCF is planning and preparing to have a fair, but ultimately will be subject to Governor's mandate on mass gathering. Fair board committed to having a virtual show and online sale should Fair get canceled. Online auction would be like a regular auction where the animal would go to processor of choice. Fair exhibitor's book to come out mid-May. Determination on Fair to occur mid-July.

Question (Dirk Giannini): So is MCF suggesting that exhibitors purchase their animals since there will be a show regardless. Response: Kelly said MCF board has had many discussions and that the board is committed to a bare minimum over for showing sale. A flyer did go out to leaders

Committee Reports: 1st Vice President(s) - Hana Ferguson
2020-21 Committee Selection

Before Committee selection occurred, Lorin reminded everyone that this list and event timeline was created months ago prior to Covid restrictions. With Covid the timeline could be significantly different and to consider what your club can accomplish with the new timeline. Events such Record book contest, club book training, star rank verification, Achievement night, Achievement Night Dance, summer/ fall events could have different dates or formats than originally thought.

Lottery order and Committee selection. For this year, Clubs can retain one committee. Order of selection determined by a random list generator.

Club	Committee Kept	Second Committee for 2020-21
Natividad	Alumni	Service Learning- FFD
Gonzales	Presentation Night	Animal Field Day
Lockwood	Presentation Night- Tabulations	Record Book Workshop
KCBR	Fantastic Field Day- overall	Bowl-a-Rama
Carmel Valley		Interview Contest
Mission	Fantastic Field Day- Veggie Judging	Star Rank Verification
KCR	Achievement Night Dance	Service Learning
Spring	Expansion and Review	Club Book Judging

Chulalar	Fantastic Field Day- Livestock Judging	Color Me Green
San Benancio	Achievement Night	Record Book Judging
Aromas	Fantastic Field Day- Judging Contest and Tabulations	XX
Buena Vista	STEM	XX
Greenfield	New Member Event	XX
Hilltown	Fashion Revue	XX
Royal Oaks	Fantastic Field Day- Baking Contest	XX

Dena thanked everyone for their committee selection and asked that they read the description and timeline.

Misty asked that clubs with completed events to turn in their expenses.

State Management Board

Virtual State Field day- There are still opportunities to compete virtually.

Virtual State Presentation Day- For youth that have qualified. Still needing volunteers to judge.

Unfinished Business

None submitted

New Business

2020-2021 Leaders Council Budget- The proposed budget will be voted in June. Dena asked that concerns be sent immediately.

Provisional Fees collected 2019-20

Dena asked for a motion regarding the retention of funds from the 2019-20 provisional fee, kept in a separate checking account

Kelli Martignoni (Hilltown) moved that the Leaders Council line item for the provisional salary funds be retained in a separate account for use in 2021, if necessary. Second by Joy Hedberg (Chualar). Discussion: Carla Mullanix-Ackerman asked if the funds were going to be kept in the third checking because there was already \$100 in that account. Misty specified that the account was opened with \$100. This motion would allow for the transfer of \$10,700, bringing the total of the account \$10,800, the amount collected. Motion passed.

Provisional Fee continuation 2020-21

Angie Horwath (Natividad) moved to continue \$12 provisional alternate fee for 2020-21 for salary and place it into the account with the 2019-20 funds, to be returned to members if not needed. Seconded by Janet Wohlgemuth.

Discussion: Kelli Martignoni (Hilltown) stated that we said the fee is temporary and would be one year. Now it's not one year, therefore people get frustrated when something is called temporary and then it's not. I think there are lots of families with financial issues and we ask them to pay extra when we don't know what the future holds. Council has \$200,000. I don't agree with it (the fee).

Angie added that the state has not told us how much money Monterey Co is going to owe. The last number we received was between \$6,000-\$12,000. There is \$200,000 in our account, but we could need \$36,000 this year and then \$36,000 next year. Our \$200,000 would be gone. We are trying to get answers from the state and can't get them. We are concerned that the Board of Supervisors will not have additional funding to help us. We could be paying \$30-40000 per year.

Dirk responded that he wanted transparency and that he agreed with Angie. He also stated that Kelli's concerns are not falling on deaf ears. The provisional fee puts our (Monterey Co) fees inline with other Counties. It may not be enough.

Kelli said she understands the facts but is looking at it from a family's perspective. Kelli is opposed to using the word "temporary" and that that another term should be used.

Carla said we need to be careful on wording. We say we are going to give this (\$12) back if we don't need it. We took everyone's \$12 last year and now we're keeping it no matter what. We need a unified message that we can give our clubs.

Angie amended her initial motion (to continue \$12 provisional alternate fee for 2020-21 for salary and place it into the account with the 2019-20 funds, to be returned to members if not needed) to continue with the \$12 provisional fee to cover staffing for the 2020-21 year, to be returned if not used. Seconded by Janet Wohlgemuth. Motion passed

Adjourn

Motion made to adjourn at 8:47P made by Marti Ackerman (Youth Council). Seconded by Kelli Martignoni (Hilltown).

Motion passed.

Special Meeting via Zoom meeting May 19.

Next Council Meeting Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 7 p.m. at TBA

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