

Ventura County 4-H Council
June 21, 2017 - General Meeting
Ventura County Cooperative Extension Office Conference Room

- 1) Jenean called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

In attendance were:

Jenean Bass, Council President – presiding
Kitty Beckmann, Council Member At Large
Leslie Bellmore, Council Corresponding Secretary
Heidi Marshall, Council Treasurer
Sue Poland, recording
Heather Wray, Council Vice President

Hannah Harvey (youth)
Monika James
Cassandra Larson (youth)
Jackie Larson
Jill Lujan
Kieren McCormick (youth)
Susana B. Miller (staff)
Jennie Willoughby

Flag salute was led by Kieren McCormick. Hannah Harvey led us in the 4-H Pledge.

- 2) Distributed/reviewed minutes. Motion to approve (Jill Lujan, Hannah Harvey) passed unanimously.
- 3) **Treasurer Report** Heidi shared May and June reports showing Council with \$7906.59 in Discretionary Funds at end of June.- Reports attached.
- 4) **Office Report:** Susana shared that our new 4-H Rep, Sally, has resigned. Susana will start again getting approvals for the next new hire. The need for this staff person to have 4-H experience was emphasized. Susana thanked us in advance for our patience.
- 5) **PDC Reports:**

Small Animal PDC –They had another well-attended (16 people) meeting tonight. At their meeting they discussed Fair requirements, the Bank of the Sierra grant they received, welcomed their new PDC Chair (Crystal McLean), and had invited the new Fair Superintendent (Carol Wilkes) to attend, but she didn't show up. The PDC collected several questions for Carol, and will email them to Kim Leach, asking her to forward them.

Regarding their grant check – it was made payable to “U.C. Regents”. They will work with Heidi to get it deposited, but... with the name mismatch that could pose a challenge. They planned to use these funds to purchase their belt buckles.

Motion to approve a loan of up to \$600 from Council to Small Livestock PDC to cover their belt buckle order, with the understanding that the PDC will pay back the Council as soon as the grant check clears (Sue Poland, Jill Lujan) passed unanimously.

Discussed potential use of the approximately \$800 built up in their Small Animal Field Day sub-account – possibly bringing in outside speakers, training, etc.

Large Livestock PDC –No report.

Family and Consumer Sciences PDC – No report

Equine PDC – Heather received an email from them outlining their plans for Horse Fair Awards – and not being a part of the 4-H awards ceremony on the last Sunday afternoon of Fair. Note that without 4-H classes, 4-H can only purchase showmanship awards. No 4-H funds can be spent for awards for non-4-H members.

New PDC Chairs: Heather announced PDC chairs for next year:

Consumer Sciences: Edith Sorenson
Small Livestock: Crystal McLean
Equine: Open
Large Livestock: Virginia Reyes
Kaleidoscope: Kitty Beckmann
Leadership: Rachel McClanahan

Heather is working with Office Staff to reach out and find an Equine PDC volunteer for next year. A volunteer from Agoura 4-H would also be acceptable.

- 6) **Southern Area Report** – Heather shared Edith’s report which included: The Healthy Living Fair will be November 11. This event will be an Emerald Star project for Jessica Poland. It will likely include workshops, booths, a color run, and poster competitions.

One potential issue has come to light: Is this an open event or a 4-H event? The Southern Area directed that it be open, however Council insists it be 4-H only (eliminating need for additional permits and allowing us to use the Santa Rosa Clubhouse). Jessica will be seeking volunteers to lend a hand.

- 7) **Record Books:** County record book will be turned in at Cooperative Extension office by August 24. Evaluation is 9/16. Heidi needs volunteers to help with the evaluation process – no experience is necessary – training will be provided. Club leaders and Record Book Specialists should have received emails with all the details.

For the **State Record Book Competition**, by June 30, senior members need to notify state that they intend to compete. The form to do this notification is on the state website. These record books will be due in October, and to compete at State, one doesn’t necessarily have to compete at County level first.

- 8) **Fair Report:**

- a) June 3 was Tagging Day. Here are the numbers of animals tagged: 84 goats, 160 lambs, 350 swine, 52 turkeys, 16 roasters (chickens), and 9 rabbits.
- b) Next Tuesday, 6/27, at 6:00 is a meeting of the Fair Livestock Auction Committee in Barn 100.
- c) Earl Holder, patriarch of T&T Trucking and Crane, purchaser of many fair auction animals, has passed away.

- 9) **Buzzer System:** The new Buzzer System is here! Jill demonstrated its parts and features. To protect the electronics from extremes of temperature, it will be stored in the closet at Hansen rather than in the container. (Thank you, Susana!)

Speaking of Electronics... Before next year's Small Animal Field Day, we need to check and **make sure the PA system works.**

10) **New Business:**

- a) **Election:** Jenean presented this slate of candidates to serve from 2017-18:

President: Heather Wray

Vice President: Kitty Beckmann

Treasurer: Leslie Bellmore

Recording Secretary: Sue Poland

Historian/Reporter/Corresponding Secretary: Jenean Bass

Member At Large: Heidi Marshall

No additional candidates were nominated.

Motion to approve the presented slate of candidates (Monika James, Kieren McCormick) passed unanimously.

- b) **Fall Kick-Off:** This event is scheduled for 9/9/17 at the Farm – hopefully. We will ask each club to be there to spotlight their projects, and seek to attract new members to VC 4-H. We expect to advertise this at Fair (using flyers/handouts) at the 4-H booth in the Ag Bldg and personally, Acorn, and word of mouth. We'll meet in July to plan the details. County Clubs should expect to hear soon regarding needs for help on this event. Susana offered 4-H information cards that we can pass out at Fair. She'll run a batch of 200 initially for us, and print more later if needed.
- c) **Nat'l 4-H Week:** This week will be October 2-6. On October 3, 4, and 5, morning events are already planned and booked at the Farm, but we can use the Farm evening of 10/5 for Achievement Night. Sue will review previous meeting minutes to see if we've discussed other potential 4-H Week events.
- d) **State Leadership Conference:** Two girls have applied for the scholarship funds donated by Tractor Supply – they gave \$941 to County 4-H to fund "leadership activities" scholarships.
- e) **Supervisor Linda Parks:** had a productive meeting with Kitty Beckmann to help Parks understand issues with a resurrected proposal to regulate chickens in our county. New rules are being proposed to ostensibly cut back on cock-fighting, but have serious ramifications for poultry owners (4-H and otherwise) – such as requiring a permit if you own more than 4 chickens. Parks is open to exempting 4H/Grange from these requirements, but that doesn't solve the issues (like biosecurity risks related to inspections). Kitty shared that Ms. Parks told her that in past 10 years, there have been 63 cock-fighting convictions.

11) **Meeting adjourned by Jenean at 8:22.**

Ventura County 4-H Council
as of May 24, 2017

Opening Balance	\$23,212.25
Outstanding deposits	\$0.00
Outstanding checks	\$2,858.49
Dinning out fundraiser *	
Sub accounts *	\$8,763.49
Total Available to council	\$11,590.27

Budgeted Items

PDC's	\$1,599.88
All Stars	\$500.00
General Awards	\$507.05
South Sectional Fee	\$294.49
Gen Enrollment	\$2,438.00
Gen Grant Project	\$0.00
Gen Refreshment	\$0.00
Gen Supplies	\$100.00
Gen Travel	\$500.00
Gen Promo	\$338.56
Needs Based Enrollment	\$760.00
Total Committed	\$7,037.98

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Ventura County 4-H Council
as of June 21, 2017

Opening Balance	\$23,061.40
Outstanding deposits	\$1,466.50
Outstanding checks	\$3,445.56
Dinning out fundraiser *	
Sub accounts *	\$6,328.93
Total Available to council	\$14,753.41

Budgeted Items

PDC's	\$1,408.72
All Stars	\$500.00
General Awards	\$507.05
South Sectional Fee	\$294.49
Gen Enrollment	\$2,438.00
Gen Grant Project	\$0.00
Gen Refreshment	\$0.00
Gen Supplies	\$100.00
Gen Travel	\$500.00
Gen Promo	\$338.56
Needs Based Enrollment	\$760.00
Total Committed	\$6,846.82
Discretionary Funds	\$7,906.59

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