

**SCC 4-H Club Council**  
**May 13, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm by President, Murlin Lee

Flag Salute and 4H Pledge lead by Becky Kirby, El Sereno H4 Club

Clubs present: El Sereno, Homesteaders, Calaveras Hills, Coyote Crest, Rolling Hills, Pleasant Acres, Adams

No one was able to accept the minutes from the March Council meeting

**Presidents Report:**

Statewide Advisory Committee Apps due May 31st, youth 14 and above, volunteers 21 & Over

Educational Scholarships - Handout - deadline coming

State Leaders Forum (SLF) Nov. 7-9 @ Asilomar - handout - looking for presenters

State Leaders Conference (SLC) Jul 31-Aug 3 @ UC Davis - looking to send larger delegation this year (goal 20+) scholarships available at State and county levels, apps due 5/16 for state

Fun event - Aug 9, South County Garden Railroad Tour - handout - food drive

Assessing our County 4H program - handout - will talk about at the end of this meeting

Treasurers Report: Handout - only major change: moneys being paid for Camping Conference attendees

VP Report: county calendar circulated to add upcoming events

**Other Reports:**

All Stars: Dan Chitwood Memorial Olympics results: 1st place = El Sereno, 2nd place = Coyote Crest, 3rd place = ??????. 5 applications received for 08/0-9 All Stars; Interviews are June 1st, Banquet is June 8th at the Coes. Evaluators are needed for interviews

NC Section: Council meeting is Saturday May 17th in San Joaquin County. Rides being coordinated.

Interim Farm Committee has been appointed by Murlin to jumpstart the process: for now, Hans, John, Ed Vargas, Dave Duarte, Sue ????? have gone to Rolling Hills Ranch (McClelland Ranch Park) to perform an inspection. Have some concerns and recommendations for 4H club; need 2 youth and 1 adult from each club, goal is to serve the most kids in our county with 4H farms

Plant Science: There is a Plant Science Field Day at State Field Day, May 31st UC Davis, 10:00 am. Need volunteers to evaluate, top 4 winners go on to Nat's Field Day in TN

Camp: 10 delegates attended the Camping Conference and plan to bring lots of new stuff to 4H summer camp; 4H Summer camp apps are due June 1st, clover camp is July 18th, apps out and due June 1st to CE Office; need white fabric, table cloths or sheets for a backdrop, also need old costumes; costumes can be donated to the Dan Chitwood Camp Costume box by dropping them off at Gina Lee's

State Ambassador: SLC planning; want to beat San Diego in # of delegates in attendance, 2nd place right now in apps received so far

**Ongoing Business:****Record Books:**

Theresa Johnson submitted, via email, questions regarding county judging and new rules, for discussion by council. New State rules require books going on to be Gold Seals only, using evaluation forms from the state. Should county adopt the same rule? Only Gold Seals come from club to county? Consensus is that books should not be eliminated at club level but more volunteers should be required from clubs bringing books. Clover books should still be evaluated at county, with evaluators advised to only make positive comments; and should clubs evaluate before sending to county? Since we aren't going to eliminate books at club level at this time, there is no need to have formal evaluation done by clubs. Concerns are that evaluation is subjective and done differently club to club, even with a form. We don't want to discourage kids from completing books, once they don't make the 'cut', they probably won't continue keeping records... Also, Evelyn made note that Stills are due before the July 24th county judging; per Ann Gadd, this shouldn't be a problem, books can be evaluated then sent to Fair the next day. A list can be compiled by entry forms and members should note on their books that they are a Stills entry.

**Hans:**

rumor of backroom deal to bulldoze the fairgrounds; members and volunteers need to attend upcoming B.O.S. meetings and the June 3rd Flag Day ceremony in whites and show that 4H still exists in this county; Spring Animal Field day was a success,

**Evelyn:**

4H Fair petting zoo will take place, need animals and volunteers to help with set up and tear down, email will follow to the county

**New Business:**

129th CA Air Nat'l Guard Family Picnic Day Aug 2nd, looking for volunteers to man an information booth and/or petting zoo

SCC Annual Flag Day - \$400.00 sponsorship: Hans (M), John (S) motion carried to approve sponsorship again for Santa Clara County Flag

Two Thank You notes sent out in April for contributions made to SCC 4H

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Submitted by Jenel Vincze

Corresponding Secretary

May 15, 2008

Added by Chrissy Switzer:

Fair-

Stills and Thrills June 10th is the deadline for activities/events for things to happen. We have a three day fair. They want a committee of people to put on activities/work at the petting zoo to heighten interest in young children. There will be a pony ride from 11-PM Friday- Sunday.

North Central Sectional Council-

The mtg was May 17th at 8:30 am for the youth, and 9 AM for the adults. They are planning a lock-in

with recreation and games for September. PS- Bring canned food to the county council mtg, they are collecting them for N.C. Sectional.

#### County Wide Farm Committee-

The purpose is to survey and come up with recommendations for the facilities 4H animals are kept at. They are looking for at least one adult and two youths to join the committee. They already evaluated Rolling Hills farm and made such suggestions as getting two more mini horses and getting mini stalls for feeding them in, along with taking out the mud pig pens and replacing them with pure concrete ones to stop diseases and parasites. Through this committee they are trying to establish rules and recommendations that meet California's state mission statement. A topic was to separate species specific pens. The first rule is that all farms/barns must have a management committee.

#### Plant Science-

Plant Science Field Day at state Mega Field Day, located at UC Davis, on May 31st at 10 am. There will be a judging contest and a written contest that people can participate in. The top four seniors will advance to the National contest. They are asking for people to help grade the tests.

#### Camp Report-

Ten people from the Camp staff went to the California Camp Conference which they participated in over twenty sessions. They had a lot of fun and learned how other camps over the state are ran. Many of the camps could be anywhere from one to two weeks or a month. The Santa Clara County camp applications are out on the web and are due to the S.E. office by June 1st. Clover day will be on July 18th. Please send any old costumes or white table clothes that you don't need anymore to Gina Lee's house for campfire.

#### State Ambassador Report-

SLC- go. It is July 31-August 3rd for grades 8 and up. There is a one day track and two day sessions. It is located at the lovely UC Davis campus. Here at the camp you will learn leadership and teamwork skills along with meeting tons of cool people from all over the state. It is, "The best weekend of your summer life."- Jennifer Coe. Send the applications to the county 4H office.

#### State Presentation Field Day-

May 31st at Mega Field Day, US Davis.

#### Record Books-

Chair new rules: all clubs have their own judging before sending them to the county level for judging. There is a need for more volunteers to read and judge the record books. :] People debated that it would be excluded many people if only the gold seals could proceed to the county judging. Attention: We need a new record book head person for next year. New record book forms are on the state web sites. Judging is July 24th.

#### County Board Supervisors- topic: Fair Buildings and such

Hans gained access to the county execute office that handles RFP's. Requirements in regard to ongoing public use is that the buildings retained and the dirt redeveloped. Everything will be ripped up and new stuff will replace it for the public use. Fight for the fair.

#### Flag Day-

In the County Chambers. Everyone that can represent 4H on this day... COME, because the county board supervisors will be present and want to see the support of 4H. June 3rd at 1:30 PM.

Spring Animal Field Day- There was a great passport system.

Fair Petting Zoo- Put up and take down committee, sign up. There is a need for "furry" critters.

Aug. 2nd= info booth/petting zoo both at Mofet Field.

All Star Report-

June 1st= Upcoming All Star Interviews

June 8th= All Star Banquet.

Anne Gadd added:

I would like to be able to thank the people who judge the stills projects at the fair. I was thinking of giving them a gift card. There are around 12 judges and Margie.

The "Stills" committee will meet next Tuesday 5/20 @ 7pm. We want to brainstorm ideas for activities in the stills area such as demos, hands on, scavenger hunt, professional craft demos, judging contest, make a craft, etc. We'd like suggestions to have more 4-H members come through the stills building.