

Santa Clara County 4-H Club Council

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

The meeting was called to order by President Vicky Bosworth at 7:32 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge were led by the 2001-2002 All Star Ambassadors - Mason Hill of San Martin 4-H, Heather Wilson of San Martin 4-H, Chris Savage of El Sereno 4-H, John Seals of San Martin 4-H, and Rachel Teagle of Homesteaders 4-H

The All Stars then presented their thoughts on the 4-H Pledge and how we as 4-H members and leaders can practically apply the pledge to our everyday lives. This is even now more important in the wake of the 11 Sept tragedy in New York and Washington, DC.

Roll call by club:

x Adams

Calaveras Hills

Coyote Crest (new club being formed)

x El Sereno

x Hilltop

x Homesteaders

x Los Gatos

Montgomery Hill

Pacheco Pass

x Paradise Valley

Piedmont Acres

x Pleasant Acres

Rolling Hills

Rucker

x San Martin

Sunset

West Wind

Reports:

The agenda was approved as distributed

Minutes of the last meeting - approved as distributed.

Treasurer's report was approved as distributed.

President's Report:

There is a new California 4-H News and Announcements Newsletter list (email) about events, policies and procedures. To subscribe: send email to klsturgeon@ucdavis.edu, with "sub ca4hnews@ucdavis.edu <your first name> <your last name>" in the body of the message. To unsubscribe, send email to klsturgeon@ucdavis.edu, with "unsub ca4hnews@ucdavis.edu" or "signoff ca4hnews@ucdavis.edu" in the body of the message.

New Teen and Jr. Leader forms (from Santa Barbara County) are available at

<http://fourh.ucdavis.edu/4hresource/forms/index.htm>

Members who are in the 6th grade can now be Jr. Leaders

This week is National 4-H week - wear your 4-H shirts to show your affiliation.

"Thank you" notes were read from Carolyn Lash and Dr. Carol MacNeil.

Shooting Sports medals earned at the Shooting Sports event held at County 4-H Camp this summer were handed out.

Western Region 4-H Leaders Forum to be held in Montana in Feb. Any takers? (Brrrrr!!)

CA State 4-H Leaders Forum at Asilomar (Pacific Grove) - Fe has one scholarship left. So, if you are an adult leader in Santa Clara County 4-H and have never attended the State Leader's Forum before, you may have your way paid. You will have to pay the late fee, however. Call Fe for more details.

Youth Development Conversations: compiled at club, county, state and national level - will be used to present to Congress in support of 4-H asking for more money for the program.

See Fe Moncloa's report (below) for more on this subject.

See also

<http://fourh.ucdavis.edu/conversations/index.htm>

and

<http://www.4hcentennial.org/conversations/main.asp?mainid=3>

for more information.

Buddy System: Council is recommending that the Buddy System be used this year for new families enrolling in each club. Assign an established family to each new family as a resource for them to contact when they have questions.

The Marketing project work over the past few months has brought at least 14 new families to El Sereno as an example. Thanks to the whole Marketing Team.

Vicky described the work of the 4-H Center for Youth Development at UC Davis. Three parts to 4-H in California: the Staff piece - from Carol MacNeil on down thru Fe; Volunteers (us); and the Research organization. Steven Russell is the new director of this group. His research was discussed. Their work is very in-depth, and very voluminous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Large Animal Field Day - Need to talk amongst the clubs to determine if there is enough interest in the Field Day. Is there enough interest to organize the day, is there anyone to contribute to the FD. Maybe it will become a joint FFA/4-H field day. Location is To Be Determined. Date - sometime between the end of Feb and early March, 2002. There will be another meeting in about 3 weeks to continue discussions (6 Nov?). A "straw poll" was taken at the meeting about interest to attend such a field day, and also who might be willing to contribute demonstrations, etc. to the field day. Nearly everyone there showed interest in the field day. Many indicated a desire to contribute, as well.

Email was discussed as a means of communicating quickly within the 4-H community. Fe has requested feedback for many subjects thru the group email distributions, and has gotten some responses back.

Lorraine Johnson, of Pleasant Acres 4-H, donated to County Council 4-H Tote Bags, which her sewing

project made. They may be used as gifts, prizes, or as the Council President sees fit. (See October 2001 Timely Topics article)

NEW BUSINESS

Creation of 'web librarian' position was discussed at Exec Board Retreat in September. This position would be someone who could provide directions to 4-H related information on the Web.

As a way of introducing ourselves to the membership of Santa Clara County 4-H clubs, The Exec Board will go to each club this year. Fe is also invited to come. Just an introduction, and information to club members as to who the Exec Board is.

Mason Hill presented his Emerald Star Project - Michael Scott and Mason made an instructional video on entomology to provide beginning information to young 4-H'ers. They also made a booklet. Great job, Mason and Michael!

A question was raised as to the whether Pygmy goats were to be designated as Large or Small animals. Vicky volunteered to provide clarification to that question.

All Star Report: The All Stars' plan for this year is to get Hi 4-H going again as a way to help retain the older 4-H members. They want to have a picnic from 2-5 pm on Sat, 17 Nov at Quito Park. The emphasis of Hi 4-H will be both on 4-H activities as well as social activities. Members in High School and above who want to have fun may be a part of it. The All Stars want to start it, and then have the Youth Council continue the program. (All Star group email address) for more information.

Marketing Report: Guy Kawasaki meeting review - . County T-Shirts order forms were handed out. Hanes BeefyT shirt will be used. Order forms (one per club) should be returned to Marketing Project at the November County Council meeting. Design will be without the date.

Amy Sheilds, Ashely Hill and Cody Hill presented their Emerald Star Project - they will solícite retail businesses and companies, as well as to get enough money to provide a Christmas for up to 250 kids in New York who lost parents in the 11 Sept attack.

REPORTS (continued)

Fe Moncloa - UCCE office Youth Advisor:

Club registration packets due by 31 Oct. Incomplete forms will be returned to clubs.

Three of the Gilroy High School 4-H after school program members are going to be moderating a Community Forum at the Wheeler Manor dining room in Gilroy, from 7-9 p.m. on November 6th. The topic will be Race and Ethnic Tensions. Anyone interested in participating in the forum can contact Fe for directions.

New 4-H club: Coyote Crest is being formed.

Staff from throughout California, both 4-H Youth Development and Nutrition Specialists, will be meeting in San Jose this year. Focus will be on Program Impact. Because of the limited budget from the UC to the overall program, changes may be in store. The Mission Committee will create a Mission Statement, a

concise statement about the goals and objectives for 4-H. Fe is a member of the Mission Committee, and the first meeting is next week. Kevin Wentzel and John Haggerty questioned whether the mission committee can do its job if it is composed only of Staff. What will be the future constraints on 4-H?

National 4-H Conversation: The question to answer is "Within the next 3-5 years what are the most important actions to help our youth?" Santa Clara County conversation will be on 14 November at the Auditorium on Berger Drive from 7-9:30 pm. Youth 12 and older, and adults.

Dan Chitwood, Vice President / Calendar:

Pacheco Pass is on deck for refreshments for November meeting of County Council.

Kevin: County Camp does not have dates set yet for Camp Loma. County Fair moved to dates when camp would have been. Now it seems that mid June to Mid July would be best time for Camp. Applications for Camp Staff positions will be available soon. Check the county website (www.scc4h.org). Completed applications will be due Dec. 15.

CCI - about 50 people discussed camp activities - from administration to fun activities. Three from Santa Clara attended. Kevin said that the youth attendees felt that everyone there - youth and adults, were on a equal basis.

Share the Fun: Erika King is Youth Chair, Christina Baldwin is adult chair. Date changed to Oct 20, 7:30 to 9 at Hyde middle school. (See TT article for more details)

John Haggerty, Small Animal Science Coordinator: Nothing to report.

Bob Towle, Large Animal Science Coordinator: Nothing additional

Trudy Jones, Social Science Coordinator: County Presentation day is Feb 16, location is (tentatively) Westhope Church in Saratoga. Mar 16 is date for NC Sectional Presentation day at UCDavis. County winners will have until Mar 1 to sign up for Sectional Presentation day.

Carol Jaques, Health & Leisure Coordinator: Carol wants County Council to be the sponsor the "Make it with Wool" contest. MSC in favor of the Council being the sponsor. Fe must check out the insurance issue first.

A new county -wide project is being started for Food Preservation by Joni Diserens, phone 257-3979.

Alicia and Caroline Drummond are doing a community service project to make cloth dolls to donate to military families for Christmas.

Kevin Wentzel, Engineering Science Coordinator: The County Computer project will be restarted with an emphasis on maintenance of the web pages. Website has been moved.

Jim Buckley, Awards Chair: Jim wants to get a committee going again. Meetings will be Half-hour long before County Council meetings.

Vicky Bosworth reported that Exchange project is up and running. Meeting dates may be in conflict, though.

Fe Moncloa: Nov 10 is the south county all day leader training at Berger Dr. auditorium. Previouly held New Family orientations (2) were too lightly attended (three people each). If there are fewer than 10 people, Fe will cancel the Nov 10 meeting.

Kevin Wentzel: The Food Booth is still up and needs to be protected from the rain this winter, or it needs to be taken apart and stored somewhere, along with all the refrigerators and freezers and the Coke machine. It either needs a solid roof or a tarp.

Ronne Senick: NC Sectional meeting - Santa Clara is well represented at Sectional and State.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Refreshments provided by Los Gatos 4-H. Thanks!

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Lang
Recording Secretary,
Santa Clara County 4-H Club Council