

Santa Clara County 4-H Club Council

Tuesday, January 8, 2002

The meeting was called to order by President Vicky Bosworth at 7:34 pm.
The Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge were led by County All-Star Heather Wilson.

Roll call by club:

x Adams
x Calaveras Hills
x Coyote Crest
x El Sereno
x Hilltop
x Homesteaders
x Los Gatos
Montgomery Hill (out of business?)
x Pacheco Pass
Paradise Valley
Piedmont Acres
x Pleasant Acres
x Rolling Hills
x Rucker
x San Martin
Sunset
Westwind

Reports:

The agenda was approved as distributed.
Motion to accept minutes as corrected was passed.

President's Report

Publications from the 4-H Center for Youth Development (at UC Davis) were presented for review.
The 4-H MISSION & DIRECTION COMMITTEE SURVEY (on www.CA4h.org) was presented. Members and leaders were encouraged to enter their ideas and opinions by filling out the survey form. The end date for the survey is 13 Jan 2002, so that results can be compiled for the 14 Jan meeting of the Mission and Direction committee.

Food preparation training - official training people must train someone in the county to train everyone else who handles food for consumption by the general public.

New Business

-County Fair Discussion

Lonnie Toensfeldt is now on the Fair Management Corp. board. Her report follows. Note that the sheep rules on tail length must be certified by a vet to be able to bring the sheep into the show.

Lonnie's report:

Tuesday, January 8, 2002

To: Santa Clara County 4-H Council

From: Lonnie Toensfeldt, Key Leader

On Wednesday, December 19, 2001, Bob Towle, Vicky Bosworth and I met with Eileen Jimenez, Exhibits Manager for the Fair. The following information was developed during that meeting. Those items with an * are not for publication prior to March 1st, as they are proposed and have not yet been approved.

The Exhibit Book and forms will be published (approximately March 1st) on the Fair web site at <www.thefair.org>. There will be no hard copy printed or mailed. Hard copies of forms will be used for entries.

*The proposed "official" dates for Fair will be Friday, August 2nd, through Sunday, August 4th. It is proposed that there be no admission fees or credential fees. Parking fees would be charged for Friday through Sunday. There will be free parking and admission during the week prior to the opening.

Junior Livestock will essentially see no changes. Receiving will be on Monday with show dates during the following week. The Auction would be held on Sunday. [Tues/Swine; Wed/Sheep; Thurs/Beef & Dairy Cattle; Friday/Goats; Sat/Round Robin]. As there are only 20 available horse stalls, shows will be trailer in/out. Fair horse shows on Wednesday and Thursday, with Friday and Saturday available for 4-H shows.

Special Livestock note: All sheep exhibitors MUST have a vet certificate for tail docking verifying compliance with the state rules and provide it at weigh-in.

Further notes on Auction: Recommend members write Thank You notes before the Fair. Have separate table for buyers thank yous, etc. Also, there will be NO premiums offered for market livestock not going through Auction as in the past. The question of premiums for Dairy Goats, Dairy Cattle and Showmanship has not been resolved.

RV area will be available, however there will be NO electricity, only water. Users need to make own arrangements for sewage disposal/pumping (a contractor will be on site). There was discussion of a Pot Luck dinner prior to the opening of Fair for exhibitors and their families (we "own" the livestock area prior to opening).

Junior PPR will be cage carry shows (single day): Tues/Rabbit; Wed/Poultry; Thurs/Cavy; Fri/Pygmy Goats; Sat/Round Robin]. PPR shows will be held in the former Beef tent. Both Large Animal and Small Animal Round Robins will use college judges as in the past. Day for Dog Show has not been identified and is contingent on finding a location. (Possibly on grass behind Administration Building?) Question: What will be on display for the public?

There will be no garden competition this year as it is too costly and it has been difficult to find competitors.

All stills will be displayed in Gateway Hall, including Juniors, Home Arts and Fine Arts (which will probably be a "juried show"). Vicky proposed changes to the way exhibits are judged: one on one with judge, or open judging. A great deal of help is needed in this area. All exhibits will be mixed (no separate area for Juniors).

We are being encouraged to have the Food Booth open Monday through Sunday. We are also being encouraged to provide "breakfast" as there will be no other booths open Monday through Friday

morning. We will have to pay a higher fee than in the last few years. They anticipate more community oriented vendors with a three day fair.

We also discussed the possibility of using the grass area behind the Administration building for the Awards program and possibly the dog show and the exhibitors dance. Question? How to i.d. exhibitors with no credential wrist bands. Alternative site for dance would be the Horse Arena.

Eileen is reviewing the Exhibits Book to adjust categories and entries. For example, since the number and quality of entries for Senior Sewing has declined, this category will be eliminated. Eileen will provide Coordinators with copies of the DRAFT book information by January 8th, 2002. Review and revisions should be returned to her as soon as possible.

This was a very positive meeting with a great deal accomplished. We appreciate Eileen taking the time to meet with us.

Postscript:

The Board Room/Hospitality Room will be used as the Livestock Office during Fair. There will be no Hospitality facility offered.

The warehouse next door to the Board Room will house the Sheriff's Office and First Aid during Fair.

end of Lonnie's report

--development of time table for fair preparation

July 29 - receiving of large livestock

July 27 - stills received

June 28 - entry forms are due

Mar 1 - fair books will be available, but only on line (at www.thefair.org)

Jan 14 - meeting to review the fair book categories, judging, how when where who and awards

signup sheet for volunteers for all aspects of the fair - promotion, show coordination, clerking, etc.

Anyone and everyone is requested to participate in some way.

Signups so far:

Fair 2002

August 2-4, 2002

The following individuals indicated where they could help at the Fair during the County Council meeting on January 8, 2002.

Junior Stills:

Debbie Drummond 867-6859

Colleen Haggerty 245-6869

Yvette Goldman 281-4154

Carol Jaques 374-0431

Shilo Satran 374-8242

Lonnie Toensfeldt 257-4745
Kevin Wentzel 274-1971
Ronne Senick 274-1971

PPR

John Haggerty 867-6859
Colleen Haggerty 245-6869
Sarah Leisgang 973-8818
Karen Espitia 956-3714
Shilo Satran 374-8242

Large Animals

Kathie Murray 847-6684
Leslie Vertin 779-8670
Laura Beale 847-3402
Maureen Olson 842-2619
Denise Roberts 848-3728
Hans Toensfeldt 257-4745

Awards

Leslie Vertin 779-8670
Denise Roberts 848-3728

Let's add more through our visits to clubs!!

--begin committees: stills, judging, promotion

--look at departments: combine areas, consolidate awards

-County 4-H Picnic

Ronda Rastler has volunteered for chairperson
To be held at the fairgrounds a month before Fair.
--current ideas

4-H SUMMER PICNIC

Objective: bring all the clubs together for a fun, mildly competitive (?) day

-promote Fair; encourage support for fair set-up

When: One month before the Fair

Where: Fairgrounds

Who: all club members and leaders

How: Every club responsible for bringing: 1 BBQ + charcoal, tongs, etc
1 game for all to play (perhaps assigned)-including equipment needed
1 table

-each person brings: own utensils, plates

one food dish to share, plus food for BBQ

blankets/chairs to sit on, any extra tables they want to

Resources: Shelby Jones, Recreation leader

All Stars

Council officers

Agenda:

10:00 arrive, set up

begin games; tug of war (by age group? By club?)

Gunny Sack Races

3-legged races

Egg and spoon race

Balloon toss?

Capture the flag?

Baseball?

Prizes?

12:00 eat

1:00 (begin medal testing?) showmanship practice

3:00 announce club competition winners?

Need: announcements in TT

Fliers to all families

Signs/atmosphere

Allstar report

no Hi 4H yet

Next meeting is planned for Friday, 18 Jan at downtown San Jose ice rink.

County leadership overnight planning meeting at 7:30 on the 9th at the boardroom.

County leadership overnight applications are on the county website (www.scc4h.org), due back 1 Feb to Heather Wilson.

(Break)

Reports as needed

Treasurer's report -

motion to accept report was approved

Audit report by John Haggerty - Audit of this past fiscal year passed by audit committee. John and committee expressed the whole county 4-H council's thanks to Hans Toensfeldt for his continued service to Santa Clara County 4-H Council as our Treasurer, and for all his time and effort in this position.

Vice President

--4-H camp -> no firm dates yet, no apps out yet.

The county 4-H roster is coming.

Large animal- date of field day is Apr 13

Jan 17 for planning at 6:30 at Boardroom.

Small animal -> May 4 field day at Monta Vista Rec center?

Health and Leisure

Engineering

Social sciences -> Presentation Day - workshop on 12 JAN 10-12 at boardroom

Applications due Feb 1st to Trudy Jones. Application is on county web site.

Presentation day at Westhope Church, 12850 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga, on Feb 16 from 12-4pm. Allstars will be there

Sectional presentation day at UC Davis on Mar 16.

CE Office -

Family and Consumer Science-> fashion review and favorite foods day April 20th

Feb 23 Design Contest

Key Leader - "Timely Topics" requirements -> Sibby will not add or delete from your articles. Dates must be communicated to Dan to get them on the calendar.

Vicky - Strongly suggested to implement the buddy system at all the 4-H clubs. Have an established family be a resource for a new family.

Adjourn at 9:10 pm

Refreshments provided by Rucker and Adams 4-H. Thanks! They were delicious!

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Lang

Recording Secretary,

Santa Clara County 4-H Club Council