

4-H Riverside County Management Board

April 20, 2015

Administrative Director's Minutes

A meeting of the 4-H Riverside County Management Board was called to order by Robert Wright, Executive Director.

At 7:01 PM, on Monday, April 20, 2015, at the Moreno Valley 4-H Office.

Attendance: Stephanie Barrett, Eric Barrett, Jeanine Baze, Kevin Bean, Devon Bean, Heather Bean, Heidi Denney, Cheryl Eggleston, Susan Marsh, Wanda Tiss, Lynn Warren, Cate Wright, Elizabeth Wright, Robert Wright, Abigail Wright.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Abigail Wright. The 4-H Pledge were led by Elizabeth Wright.

Approval of the Agenda: "Buying banner" was added under new business. Cate Wright moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Stephanie Barrett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Forum: Heather Bean read a letter to the Management Board (See Attachment A).

Claudia said she had 5 complaints about spending that she is trying to address. She is right now trying to verify information. She reminded everyone that state policy says that committee minutes have to be public. Kevin Bean expressed his concern and recommended that certain board members step down and remove themselves from leadership positions until the situation is resolved.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Stephanie Barrett moved to accept the minutes. Susan Marsh seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

Executive Director: Robert read his report. The year is ending soon and there has been a positive response in 4-H this year. He looks forward to more discussions next year with new members. (See Attachment B)

Assistant Director: Stephanie gave her report. She reported that she is on the State Presentation Task Force and that the final draft of the new presentation manual is out for review. There are

three new categories, new evaluation forms and a guide for evaluators. The state is currently looking for feedback on the draft.

Finance Director: Wanda presented the Treasurer's report for March. She forgot to bring the report for February. Stephanie Barrett moved to file the March Treasurer's report for audit. Cate Wright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Outreach Director: Susan reported that there is a new fair in Temecula. They really want us to be at their fair and are willing to provide us with resources. The fair is in March so we could hold our County Field Day at the fair. If the Management Board wanted to pursue this we would need to commit now to work towards this. Care Wright moved that the Management Board support Susan going forward with the Temecula Valley Fair. Abigail Wright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Incentives & Recognition Director: Devon reported that the I&R committee's next meeting is April 27th. Scholarship applications were due to Devon and she got 8 applications.

Resource Director: Cate reported that she went to the last South Section Leaders Council Meeting. The Teen Council was dissolved and turned into a planning committee for the Teen Involvement Conference. John Trammel had to resign as the Adult Conference Director due to work.

All Star Advisor: Jeanine reported that the All-Stars held a primary clinic at Field Day. They had lots of different activities prepared for the primary members. All the primary members gave presentations and did really well.

Small Animal: The Small Animal Committee is having a virtual show. Their next meeting is May 9th. There is also a poultry clinic at Smith Feed in San Jacinto.

Home Arts: Kim was unable to be at the meeting. Fashion Revue was during Field Day. Abby Lewis, Ainsley Lanier and Chloe Chapanar are going to state. Favorite Foods had about 15 entrees, the judges said everything was delicious. The photo contest had 19 entrees even though it announced on short notice. Kim did not submit a budget, Home Arts will have its funds frozen until one is submitted.

Citizenship: Heidi reported that the Citizenship just had its Golf Tournament Fundraiser. They had twice as many teams as they did the previous year and had a lot more donors. They made about \$5200 which will be going to Summer Camp, Washing Focus and California Focus.

Summer Camp has been extended to a full week. They have added tracks to summer camp which will be a continuous activity throughout the week. Each camper will be able to choose their track, they have tracks like Cake Decorating, Robotics, Survival Skills, Drama, Etc.

Equine: They had a horse show in Yucaipa this week, it was a double point show. They have a team going to the horse classic this year. It is a larger team than last year; they have 9 horses going. They will not be holding Horse Camp this year, but they are looking to do a state training horse camp.

Communications: Presentation day was well organized and attended.

Shootings Sports: There is an emerald star project for a County Archery Tournament, it is June 6th in Norco. Riverside County has 3 clubs entered into the State Archery Match.

New Business:

Membership fees: The State Office has increased enrollment fees for both members and leader by \$2. Susan Marsh moved to raise the county member enrollment to \$55 and keep the leader enrollment at \$15. Eric Barrett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Newsletter: The state is recommending counties switch to a blog instead of a newsletter. Cheryl can operate this on the UCANR site.

Banner: Stephanie has been told there are county banners but the staff doesn't know of any. We would like one that could be used at events. Stephanie and Susan said they would research the cost of purchasing a banner.

Expansion and Review: We need to form an Expansion and Review committee to review how the county is reaching out to its community. Several people volunteered to serve on this committee

Brochures: The county doesn't have an up to date nice looking brochure so we will need to make one. Stephanie said her daughter might be able to help design a brochure and she will look into it.

Susan Marsh moved to adjourn the meeting. Cate Wright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Next Meeting: June 15, 2015
 7:00 PM
 Moreno Valley 4-H Office

Respectfully submitted,

Eric L. Barrett

Attachment A

Executive Director's Report

The 4H annual year of 2014 - 2015 is ending soon and there have been many discussions and actions taken by a number of the committees. Each committee creating activities and launching them has generated positive responses as I have heard. I believe each committee leader, volunteers and of course our members for giving of themselves in making such events a memorable one. With such positive feedback, I look forward to more private talks and group discussions in planning new events next year and see that 4-H thrives with newly inspired members and new members joining the organization.

In the past two months, I have looked at ways 4-H as a non-profit can address concerns of diversity (the state of being diverse; variety of cultures involved in the programs). A potential member asked, "What plans of 4-H are being planned to help welcome cultures in other communities?" Riverside County 4-H is open to everyone to join. I further advised that the Riverside County Office is looking at ways we can better serve the communities, no ethnicity specific but to capture all cultures by creating opportunities through community outreach. Some clubs have done this in their own communities and are open to anyone beyond; perhaps ideas from the public would be of assist as we welcome any and all input. In my conversations with other individuals, non-members who looked in the direction of 4-H at one time or another, I found the interest is present however; the common denominator came back to their comfort when they visited the clubs, what they saw and how they felt.

I will continue with my interviews as I am currently in communication through a number of people that are of multiple cultures. There is a future for 4-H members from all cultures and we hope to make it more inviting, comfortable, and rewarding for everyone. I will have more feedback available in June 2015.

I attended the April 11, 2015 South Sectional 4-H Council Meeting at: Mt. San Antonio College. The meeting minutes will be available online in the near future at:

http://4h.ucanr.edu/Get_Involved/Councils/Sectional/South/Meeting_Info_-_Minutes/

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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