Imperial County 4H Leaders Council

Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. at the Imperial County Farm Bureau in El Centro.  The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4H Pledge.

Roll call was accomplished by sign-in sheet and a quorum was established.

Minutes from the January 2107 meeting was tabled until April 2017 meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Checking balance is $35,920.17. Profit/Loss looks like we have a loss but the 2015/16 Cal Focus was paid this fiscal year and funds are still coming in. We have $8,500 in start up costs for Calexico Club. Board of Supervisors will reimburse us for these costs. $1,980 was raised thru Tractor Supply Fall Clover which has to be spent on leadership activities. Shanna has to send a letter to Tractor Supply to let them know what we are spending money on. Shanna recommends we use the funds on Family Camp where teens have leadership opportunities. A motion was made by Karen Constable “I move we put $1,980 towards Family Camp”. Millie Spaugh seconded. Motion passed. Discussion on motion: If we use the Tractor Supply money at Family Camp and do not use all of the funds we have budgeted for Family Camp we can use the budgeted funds for other leadership skills.

**Special Guest** – Inauguration delegates – postponed until April meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Plant/Flower Show - There were 20 entries and was reported in the newspaper.
* Large Animal Pre-Fair – 46 animals, 5 of them swine which we don’t normally have. Next year we need sign ups at different times and novice members need to meet with judges prior to showing for tips.
* Small Animal Pre-Fair – Well attended. Collected $116 in entry fees. Need to also use Beef Arena next year.
* Color Run – February 12th, need members to help register and throw dye.
* TIC – 12 delegates attended. All Stars had a workshop about Finding Your Spark.
* LON – March 31st-April 2nd, 100 spaces available. Inviting other counties and FFA Chapters.
* Other Old Business – Someone asked if BBQ high sellers would receive $25 from Leader’s Council. Previous minutes need to be checked.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* All Star Report – They would like to visit clubs to discuss LON.
* Fair Online Entries – Corrections can only be made after February 1st, you cannot add on any entries. Send corrections to Shanna and cc Jennifer at 4-H Office.
* Fair Passes – Exhibitors will receive 1 season pass and 1 parking pass per family. You can purchase passes online thru February 20th. Fair needs livestock leader pass order forms by February 23rd.
* Auction Help – Auction Runners are needed. Each club has been assigned a time.
* Fair Tasks – Write down each task your club takes care of at the fair and turn in to Shanna.
* Still Life Exhibits – Volunteers needed. Sign-up sheet created for times volunteers needed.
* Judging Day – 11:00am after fair clean up. All Star Cupcake Wars during intermission. Cost $1.
* Fair Clean Up – February 18th, 8:00am.
* Small Animal Clean Up – Cages will be cleaned on Friday (2/17, 4pm) or Saturday (2/18, 8am)
* Knowledge Bowl – March 12th, 3:00pm, Sperber Arena. Buckle Sponsors needed, $150.
* Leader Policies – Remind leaders/parents that you cannot drink adult beverages while wearing a 4-H shirt.

**4-H STAFF REPORT**

* Shanna asked to pass on reminder about Adult Policy – Any project meeting or any event with members must have 2 adults present.

**FAIR UPDATES**

* Stock Show Box App
* Clerks needed for show day. Contact Shannon Johnston or Shanna Abatti if interested.
* Sheep grooming area in South barn will be pens. Shade will be constructed for grooming area.
* Some Feeder Calves will be moved to Beef barn and permanent water to be placed in Beef barn.
* A longer wash rack for sheep is being constructed by RV entrance.
* Fair Decorations – Do not cover shutters.
* For 2018 any new changes in exhibitor handbook will be in front of exhibitor handbook.
* Sealed water bottles can be brought into fair.
* Inspiration Gallery Committee- They decide how money is spent and inform Becky Poloni that they need reimbursed.
* Buyer Baskets – Do not take to buyer at auction. Deliver to them afterwards with a thank you.
* Auction Running – Parents are needed to help kids find buyers to sign paperwork.
* Livestock Meeting – Tentatively set to be at fair on Wednesday before fair.

Kirk Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.  Shannon Magana seconded and the motion carries.