

Los Angeles County 4-H Leaders' Council May 10, 2014

Galpin Ford, Explorer Room, Van Nuys, CA 91406

A. Meeting called to order by President Noel Keller at 9:11 am. Flag salute and 4H pledge were led by Dennis DeYoung. Those in attendance are Noel Keller, Judylynn Pelling, Dee Keese, Rick Herbert, Cindy Narvaiz, Sally and Dennis DeYoung, Keith Nathaniel. The meeting agenda was approved with an addition of News Blasts, State Advisory Committee, Healthy Living Officer, Centennial Celebration.

B. The minutes from the January 4, 2014 meeting was approved with corrections. The minutes have not been published so the corrections will be added and the minutes published. Motion by Dennis, seconded by Rick.

C. Council correspondence received was a Thank you note from Jennifer Dana for the flower basket.

D. **President's Report** Welcome! Thank you for joining us today and being willing to have our meeting start a little earlier than usual. We thank the San Fernando Valley district for hosting this meeting. Our current LA County 4-H year is moving along. We had a successful County Field Day and Fashion Revue in March. We enjoyed a wonderful Leaders' Appreciation Luncheon in April. This last week we participated in the 100th birthday celebration of the Cooperative Extension program. At our meeting today we will be evaluating what went well this year, where we should be putting our efforts in the future, what we want to accomplish and how to keep our 4-H program relevant to the current needs of our youth. We will be discussing and approving the calendar of events and council budget for next and electing our 2014-2015 council officers. Our county 4-H planning needs to be done by all clubs in the county, not just a few. We need to have representatives from all the county clubs at our county council meetings. I thank you for coming and representing your clubs at the meeting today. Next year, we will be evaluating our 4-H program in LA County and trying to determine what will be the best way to deliver our program. It could be a transition year to a new 4-H organizational county structure. We'll be talking more about this in our meeting today. We don't expect changes to start until July 2015 so our planning today is important. As we finalize our calendar of events for next year, let's try to plan an exciting program of 4-H activities and opportunities. Let's make the 2014-2015 LA County 4-H program a great 4-H year for our members! (E. No presentation at this meeting.)

F.. Vice President's report: The calendar has been worked on, and nominations requested. The budget was worked on.

G. Treasurer's Report: Mary Lash's report was read and approved and filed for audit. Motion by Rick, sec. by Dennis.

H. County Office Report: Keith Nathaniel –What do we do to increase the 4H program? Our numbers have been going down so we need to grow the program. Merced county has seen growth, San Luis Obispo county has not lost members. Their leaders are focusing on just one job. They are using a middle management model (volunteer management board). June 4 is the first Future 4H Taskforce meeting. It will meet at 5 pm in the 4H office. If we don't work on this new program, we will probably get less funding. We need a plan that will grow our program along the lines of the federal review. Leaders should only do one job in the program for their year. We are giving ourselves about 13 months to set up this new program.

I. District Reports: 1. AV—not present, 2. SFV—The district is meeting today to make care packages for Children's Hunger Fund. They will be sent overseas. 3. SSG—The SGV Fair was very successful. PVP 's Rocketry project (TARK Team) is competing in Washington D.C. 4. NSG—The SGV Fair went well. All our clubs participated.

J. **Committee/other reports.** 1. All Stars Report—Our new All Star is Holly Whipple of Westside 4-H Club.

2. County Incentive and Recognition Committee Report by Noel Keller, I&R Committee Chair

REMINDER - Record Book Manual 2011-2013 and forms

Record Book Manual 2012-2013 is the only record manual and forms that should be used this year. It is available on the state 4-H website and on our county website. The online record book system uses the forms from this 2011-2013 manual. If you have questions contact a member of the county I&R Committee or Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com).

County record book judging will go be much the same as last year. The County Record Book ID form and information is on the county 4-H website.

REMINDER - Junior and Teen Leadership Development Report (JTLDR)

The Junior and Teen Leadership Development Report should be filled out by Junior and Teen Leaders in your club. It should also be filled out by your Club Officers and Leadership Project members. The form is also to be used by county All Star Ambassadors, State Ambassadors, Camp Counselors and Exchange program participants

2014-2015 LA County 4-H All-Star

Holly Whipple of Westside 4-H Club was announced as the new 2014-15 LA County\ 4-H All-Star at County Field Day on **March 22**. We look forward to her leadership in county activities next year.

2014-2015 California 4-H Ambassador

Congratulations to Sallie DeYoung of San Fernando Valley 4-H Club for being selected for the 2014-2015 California 4-H Ambassador team. She is the only South Section member of the team.

ATTENTION SENIORS – County Project Recognition

This year Seniors will again be able to select a project area for their record book evaluation at the county level. The county is considering changing the county judging to be more like the state competition for the next year (2014-15), Seniors who want to earn county recognition for a particular project area should plan to enter their record books in the County Record Book judging this year (records for 2013-2014). For the next year, this county project recognition might not be available.

At this time, the county is planning to keep the county record book judging for Juniors and Intermediates the same as it has been with judging in a member-designated project area.

District Representation on the County I&R Committee

District will soon be having officer elections for next year. All districts should have two elected representatives on the county Incentives and Recognition Committee. The representatives should come from different clubs in the district, but if there are not representatives from two different clubs available the district council can vote to have their I&R representatives from the same club. The next scheduled I & R committee meeting will be on Tuesday, May 20 at 7:30pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Los Angeles. Call your I & R district representatives with your I & R comments, suggestions and concerns. The committee will be discussing possible changes to the county record book judging, plans for next year, a member planning form and starting up a club goals program.

3. LA County Field Day – March 22 By Noel Keller LA County 4-H Field Day was held on March 22 at Mt. SAC. NSG district was in charge of the event and they thank all the leaders, members, judges, parents and friends who helped make the event a success. Enthusiastic 4-H members attended the event. The award results of the event were listed in the April Clover Notes issue. Most of our county winners are now going on to the South Section Field Day competition on May 17th.

4. South Section Field Day – May 17th—By Noel Keller The South Section 4-H Field Day and Fashion Revue will be held at Mt. SAC on Saturday, May 17th. Everyone is invited to attend this event. You do not need to have competed at or attended County Field Day to attend. Here is your chance to attend a sectional

event in our own county. You can watch the competitions, participate in the judging contests, try impromptu speaking and/or watch the fashion revue and the share the fun performances. Save the day! Plan to attend.

If senior youth would like to be a Room Host (MC and Room Supervisor) for this event, please contact Noel Keller at nkeller91711@gmail.com. If you are an adult who would be willing to judge at this event, please contact Noel.

5. 2014-2015 State 4-H Advisory Committees – applications due May 31st

By Noel Keller We want the Los Angeles County 4-H voice heard in the state 4-H planning. All 4-H members, adult volunteers, county and state 4-H YDP staff, as well as community partners are encourage to apply. The committees offer insight, review and input for the operation and management of the statewide 4-H YDP. Please consider applying for a position on one of the following state advisory committees:

- Policy Advisory Committee
- Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee
- Citizenship/Service Learning Advisory Committee
- Animal Science Education Advisory Committee
- Camping Advisory Committee
- 4-H Technology Leadership Team
- Healthy Living Advisory Committee
- Shooting Sports Advisory Committee

Travel expenses for any meetings are provided.

Applications can be submitted online. Applications are due by Saturday, May 31st. For more information, see: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Adminisrtration/Advisory_Committees/

Sallie DeYoung, Dennis DeYoung, Ru Ekanayake, Dawn Fuller, Charlene Moore and Keith Nathaniel are currently serving on state advisory committees. Please consider getting involved with this important planning function of the state 4-H program.

6. Summer Camp—Dennis DeYoung Staff training had 45 youth and adults planning camp activities. Cardboard boat races in the pool will be a science highlight.

7. Western Regional Leaders Forum 2014—Rick Herbert It was in Billings Montana. The workshops were great. One was a rifle shoot where the members dressed in the attire of the period . They would shoot different weapons at the different stations. There was a program on the summer exchange program between states.

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California 4-H Youth Development Program

Old Business:

1. Fund raiser. We need to be thinking about how to raise funds for our programs.
2. State Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee Report to State and Sectional Councils Spring 2014 **Referrals:** The diligent work of the 4-H Future Task Force, Facebook posts and direct calls to the state office, we have identified two barriers to participation that were referred on to the Incentives and Recognition Committee:

- 1) Record books are too complicated, especially for younger members
- 2) The current uniform is not easily accessible for ALL members. Low-income youth and other youth at risk have a difficult time getting all of the uniform pieces. In recent years there have been multiple requests to at least change the pants from white to dark jeans. The State I&R Committee has accepted these referrals and is actively seeking solutions to these issues.

Regarding Record Books:

Working in small teams, the committee is developing options of record book forms that makes them simpler while at the same time ensuring that youth are still learning record keeping skills and documenting their learning experiences.

We anticipate that we will not launch a major statewide record book change until the 2015-16-program year, although we may pilot several forms during 2014-15 to select youth. The process for piloting is yet to be determined. Minor adjustments/clarifications may or may not be released in early July 2014 for the 2014-15-program year.

State Record Book Competition will occur the weekend of November 14-16, 2014, using the current guidelines (same weekend as SLF). Remind your members that they must take the Quick Start Course prior to October 15th if they plan to submit their Record Books to state competition.

Regarding Uniforms:

We have launched a uniform contest, which ends on April 15. Selected "looks" will be shown at State Field Day 2014. Youth and adults will be encouraged to vote on one or more "looks" that come from the contest entries. Voting will continue through mid-June through the 4-H Online Record Book portal. The implementation time line has not yet been determined, and the committee understands that implementation may take one to three years, depending upon the final outcome.

Other:

The State Policy Advisory Committee has asked I and R to research and make recommendations for the County All Star Ambassador program. The charge of the committee is to make recommendations that help counties align the All Star Ambassador program to a set of State recommended benchmarks. This will be a two - three year process with no recommendations at this time.

New Business 1. Approval of Calendar: Dee moved and Dennis seconded. The calendar is approved. 2. Representation at Sectional: Judylynn moved and Dennis seconded that youth be able to be alternate representatives for adults to sectional council. Voted on and passed. 3. Dee moved and Dennis seconded that we accept the new budget. Voted on and passed. 4. Constitution needs to be changed. We will work on it and address it in Sept. 5. Election of officers: Judylynn moved and Rick seconded that we accept all those nominated for these offices by acclamation. Voted on and passed. New officers are Pres.—Noel Keller, Vice Pres.—Dee Keese, 2nd Vice Pres.—Holly Whipple, Sec.—Judylynn Pelling, Treas.—Mary Lash, I&R Committee Chair.—Noel Keller, Af. Committee Chair—(AV person), Co-Chair Small

Livestock---Cindy Narvaiz, Home Ec. Co-Chairs—Kim Espinosa, Carrie and Sally DeYoung, Healthy Living Charir.—Meghan Tahbaz, Civics Chair—Ru Ekanahake, Represenatives to Sectional Leaders Council (adult, 2 years), Carrie DeYoung, Judylynn Pelling, Youth Rep (1 year) —Ru Ekanayake, Alt. adult —Dennis DeYoung, Alt. Youth-- Sallie DeYoung.

General Announcements 1. State 4-H Field Day and State Fashion Revue—May 31, 2014 in Davis. 2. South Section Leaders' Council & Teen Council Meetings April 12, at Mt. SAC. 3. State 4-H Leaders' council meeting—April 26, 2014 in Ontario. 4. South Section Field Day and Fashions—May 17, 2014 at Mt. SAC. 5. State 4-H Field Day and Fashion Review—May 31, 2014 in Davis

Adjournment- 12:00pm. Next LA County Leaders' Council meeting to be Septemdbber 6 in AV. Location to be announced.

Respectfully Submitted, Judylynn Pelling, secretary