

Los Angeles County 4-H Leaders' Council September 6, 2014

Leona Valley Community Center, Leona Valley, CA 93511

A. Meeting called to order by President Noel Keller at 10:20 am after time to greet and meet. Flag salute and 4H pledge were led by Megan Tahbaz . Those in attendance are Noel Keller, Judylynn Pelling, Dee Keese,, Dennis DeYoung, May Tong, Teresa Green, Jamie Litchfield, Meghan Tahbaz, Dannon and Kaitlynn Shaughnessy, Holly and Amanda Whipple, Kiran Ekanayake, Christina Stricklen, Dawn Surprenant, Charlene Moore. The meeting agenda was approved with an addition of Group Norms, County Judging Day, Livestock Symposium.

B. The minutes from the May 10, 2014 meeting was approved as printed. Motion by Dawn Surprenant, seconded by Dennis DeYoung and passed.

C. Council correspondence received- none

D. **President's Report** Welcome! Thank you for joining us today. We thank the Antelope Valley district for hosting this meeting. At our meeting today we will be discussing our plans for this new program year and reviewing our 4-H county calendar of events. 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. During the summer, an evaluation of our 4-H program in LA County was started in an effort to try to determine what will be the best way to deliver our program. This could be a transition year to a new 4-H organizational county structure. We'll be hearing more about this during the Fall. We don't expect changes to start until July 2015 so our planning today for this current 2014-2015 program year is important. As we discuss our calendar of events for this 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. Presentation – Kiran Ekananyake from PVP gave a very interesting presentation on the history of rocketry. PVP's rocketry project placed 14th in the nation in rocketry competition.

F. Vice President's report: All Stars are planning a Jr. Leader Conference at Good Shepherd. It was moved by Dee Keese, seconded by May Tong and passed to change the date to January 31, 2015.

G. Treasurer's Report: Mary Lash's report for June, July and part of August (statement is not in yet) was read and approved and filed for audit. Motion by Dennis DeYoung , seconded by Dee Keese.

H. County Office Report: 1. Charlene is working on club audits; they must be done by this Wednesday. 2. A contestant from "The Biggest Loser" is a former 4-Her. He has been riding a bicycle across America and would like 4-H members to ride with him. He should be in the Palmdale area and then the PVP areas soon. Contact the county office for dates and times. 3. Outreach flyers need to go out to school districts and plans need to be made invite new members. 4. Rockets with NASA. There will be a training day on Sept. 13 in Palmdale. We may be working with Boys and Girls Club in building the rockets. Keith would like rockets from the training shown or built on Oct. 11 5. Members need to been rolled to participate in 4-H activities.

I. District Reports: 1. AV—We had a really good Fair. The food booth made at least \$3800. Entries were up in some entries. 2. SFV—no report 3. SSG— Did a Montana interstate 4-H exchange. Twelve members, 14 or over, attended. They visited projects, a fair, ranched, and learned about Montana's program. 4. NSG—Members and leaders worked at and enjoyed summer camp. We also had attendance at the State Leadership Conference.

J. **Committee/other reports.** 1. All Stars Report— Holly Whipple of Westside 4-H Club is working on Jr. Leader Conference.

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

LA County youth on State I&R Committee – Sallie DeYoung LA County State Ambassador Sallie DeYoung of the San Fernando Valley 4-H Club has been appointed to the State Incentives and Recognition Committee. We are pleased that we will have an LA County representative on this state committee.

“NEW” Record Book Manual A new Record Book Manual 2011-2013 is now available on the state 4-H website and our county website. This manual is a compilation of the 2011 State Record Manual and the 2012 Record Book Addendum. The changes from the prior manual have been indicated in blue print. Use this new manual for your records this year. The online record book system uses the forms from this new manual. If you have questions contact a member of the county I&R Committee or Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com). The Record Book Manual 2011-2014 is just the same as the 2011-2013 manual with a new date and the blue print for updates changed to black print. The forms are the same in both manuals. **Record Book Workshop – Sept. 6th – CANCELED** - The Record Book Workshop scheduled for 9-9:50am on Saturday, Sept. 6th before the LA County 4-H Leaders’ Council meeting was canceled due to the lack of a place to hold the workshop before the council meeting. If you have questions about record books, contact your club leader, a member of the county I&R committee or Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com).

Record Book Training and Guide

On the state 4-H website, there is a link to a record book course. Seniors who want to enter their record book for state recognition must complete this brief course, but the course is available to all 4-H members. Learn more about completing a 4-H record book by taking this brief course at http://prezi.com/za0t0f_2mzhr/how-to-create-a-4-h-record-book/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy

Once you open the Prezi site, just click on the Play icon (arrow) and the course will start. At the end of the course, follow the link to optionally complete the quiz.

3. Events Coming: A. County Food Fair—We need a new chairman and committee for this event. It could be an emerald star project, etc. B. County Fashion Revue—Carrie DeYoung is in charge. C. County Field Day—SSG district is planning it this year. D. County Science Chairmen are Debbie Treadwell and Katherine Cao. They may be planning a science field trip. E. Healthy Living—Megan Tahbaz is our county chairman. Ru Ekanayake is on the National Healthy Living Committee. She attended a conference on the subject. F. Leaders Recognition Luncheon has AV district in charge.

4. Summer Camp- this is our 160 year, 4th week of June (21st to 27th) at Camp Seely in Crestline. Kelly is the head director again this year. Applications are needed for youth directors and kings and queens. Check for information on web site.

5. Jr. All Stars—This is a county project. The sign up is on the web site. Fill out the application and send it in. There are many life skills members can learn in this project.

6. State Council Report and Sectional council Report by Sally DeYoung

*Sarah Watkins, State rep., reported on many activities for youth to get involved in over the summer including a national anthem contest and a state cooking “throwdown”.

*State Advisory Committee Applications were due May 31st. *California State Fair was June 22-28. *SLC was Aug. 14-17

*Citizenship Washington Focus was June 22-28. *New for 2014—Leadership Washington Focus for grades 7-9. Contact jcolburn@ucanr.edu for more information.

*On behalf of State Ambassadors and Tech Team, they would like the registration fee to be waived if either team is asked to come to a sectional conference.

* I&R will collaborate after gaining feedback at State Field Day about the uniform changes.

*At the Sectional meeting, there was interest expressed in creating an all-section summit to collaborate and present the state office with a list of grievances and an action plan to better improve State and sectional relationships.

7. Sectional Field Day Report

South Section 4-H Field Day was held on Saturday, May 17 at Mt. SAC. Orange County was in charge of the event with the other South Section counties assisting. LA County helped with judges' check-in, Share the Fun, Impromptu Speaking, State Format Impromptu Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking. We provided judges and room hosts for the event. Judylynn Pelling was our LA County representative to the Sectional Field Day planning committee. We had several LA County 4-H members competing in the event with several earning Gold Medals. We congratulate all those members who participated in the event that day. The award results for Sectional Field Day were printed in the July issue of Clover Notes.

Next year sectional field day will be organized and run by San Diego County. The event will be held on Saturday, May 16. During the summer, there was a meeting to discuss improvements for sectional field day. The suggested changes will be discussed and voted upon at the next South Section 4-H Leaders' Council meeting on Sept. 13 at Mt. SAC. For more information about the suggested changes, contact Noel (nkeller91711@gmail.com)

Old Business 1. Fund raising –We need a committee and help to raise funds for our county. 2. Election of remaining officers for 2014-15: Let Noel or Dee know if you can serve. 3. The approved calendar was updated. It will be out by the end of Oct.

New Business 1. LA County FTF (Futures Task Force) working to improve our program. There will be a presentation on it in October. 2. Our Constitution has not been approved by State. Marjorie Rodriguez is working on it. 3. Updates to County Field Day—Should our forms match up with Sectional/State Field Days forms? The I&R committee will look and make recommendations Jan. meeting. 4. Card for Kim Espinoza on death of her father was passed around to be signed. 5. Dennis DeYoung moved and Dee Keese seconded that we adopt the group norms that were used last year for our meetings. They are to be used and displayed at county meetings. Voted on and passed.

General Announcements 1. Record books due Sept 9 to 4-H office or Sept. 10 to I&R committee 2. South Section Leaders' Council & Teen Council Meetings Sept. 13, at Mt. SAC. 3. County Pet Symposium and County Awards program – Oct. 11, 2014.

Adjournment- 12:43pm. Next LA County Leaders' Council meeting to be January 31, 2015 hosted by NSG. The Jr. Leader Conference will be at the same location.

Respectfully Submitted, Judylynn Pelling, secretary