

Los Angeles County 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting

January 30, 2016 at 10:00am

Cabrillo Youth Center 3000 Shoshonean Dr. San Pedro 90732

CALL MEETING TO ORDER at 10:07am FLAG SALUTE & 4-H PLEDGE, led by Anika Whipple

Representatives from all four districts were present – quorum met. Meeting ground rules posted on wall.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA motion Peter Michel, sec. Noel Keller, voted on and passed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 2015 meeting Approved as printed, Peter motion

Mike Lopez sec. Passed

TREASURER'S REPORT – Tabled to next meeting.

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE – Thank you letter book was presented. Noel Keller put it together.

COUNCIL OFFICER REPORTS **President – Dee Keese** Please look on the agenda and the minutes of the past minutes before the next meeting. We have our largest Jr leader conference for a long time. We are looking for an advisor from AV. Ru E. received a \$5,000 scholarship for her work on National Healthy Living Council. The county also received \$5,000.

PROGRAM –Lucia Brown gave a presentation on guide dogs. She has had a dog graduate. All the steps in becoming a guide dog were covered. Dogs who do not graduate can become service dogs in different functions. She brought her guide dog.

COUNTY OFFICE REPORT Charlene Moore –state is working on growing the program in the state. They are looking at other ways than the traditional club. Creative ideas are needed. Volunteers are needed for short term projects. State wants us to grow 66 thousand in 5 years. We are not balanced demographically with the areas in which we are involved. Clubs need to correctly record ethnicity.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

State Leaders' Forum 2105—Xavier Cruz reported his work on South Section Short Circuit Crew. They did a very good job, and were appreciated by the whole conference. This group works with all the technology needed for a conference.

County Incentive and Recognition Committee Report—Noel Keller

County Awards Day 2015 The County Awards Day for the 2014-2015 program year was held on Saturday, Oct. 10, after County 4-H Pet Symposium. The awards presented at this event were listing in the November Clover Notes.

2015 State Record Book Judging No Los Angeles County 4-H senior members completed the required online record book course and submitted their records in the state competition for the 2014-2015 4-H program year.

New Record Book Manual for 2015-2016 The state 4-H office has released a new 2015-2016 California 4-H Record Book Manual, which is now considered to be the current manual and we are told to discard all previous record book manuals. Please use this manual for your 4-H records this year (2015-2016). A second manual California 4-H Record Book Forms 2015-2016 contains the forms to use with the first 2015-2016 manual. Please use these forms for your records this year. Across the top of each form is the phrase "California 4-H Record Book 2015-2016". DO NOT USE FORMS FROM PRIOR 4-H RECORD BOOK MANUALS. A third record book manual for leaders came out this fall from the state office. We will have these manuals on the county website. The first two manuals are currently on the state website. There are some changes for 4-H record keeping. Be sure to look at these new manuals as you record your 4-H activities during the year. This year Seniors are asked to include a resume in their record book. The Junior and Teen Leadership Development form has been replaced by the new Leadership Development Form. Expression pages for project reporting are not optional. If you have questions contact a member of the county I&R Committee or Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com).

2015-2016 County Record Book Competition and Awards Day The forms and information for the 2016 LA County Record Book Competition are available on the county website. For the county competition the online 4-H forms will need to be printed out and submitted as hard copy. The LA County Awards Program will be held Saturday, October 8th after the county 4-H Pet Symposium.

Leadership Development Report (LDR) The Junior and Teen Leadership Development Report has been replaced with the Leadership Development Report (LDR), which should be completed 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.

2015-2016 Officer Book forms The forms and information for the 2016 Officer Book Recognition program are available on the county website. All club and Hi-4H officers are encouraged to prepare their officer records for award consideration after the end of the program year. Officers should start working on this now. Officers are encouraged to make their office the best it can be and try for a Gold medal. The evaluation of the officer records is done with the Danish system of judging so all officers have a chance to earn a Gold medal for their officer work.

Senior Awards of Excellence Plaques have been created for the LA County 4-H office where the names of the recipients of the Senior Awards of Excellence are added each year. This year there are again six areas where a Senior member can be recognized for excellence: Leadership, Community Service, Achievement, Healthy Living, S.E.T. (Science, Engineering and Technology) and, the new one this year, **Project Work**. Senior 4-H members are encouraged to work in these areas. All Seniors who submit their record book in the county competition we will considered for these awards. A Senior can only be awarded a particular Senior Award of Excellence once. Along with their name appearing on the county plaque, the senior 4-H member is also given an individual plaque for the honor. This year the recipients of the 2016 Senior Awards of Excellence will be announced at the County Awards event on October 8, 2016.

Junior/Teen Leader Merit Awards As part of the county annual record judging, 4-H junior and teen members are invited to have their records evaluated for a Leader Merit Award. This award is to recognize outstanding leadership by Junior and Teen Leaders. A member request on their ID form for the county record book judging form that their records be evaluated for a merit award. A member may only earn a Junior Leader Merit Award once and a Teen Merit Award once. To be considered for a leader merit award, the 4-H member must be enrolled in a Leadership project and complete the Annual Project Report form for the Leadership project. The member must also complete a Leadership Development Report (LDR) for 2015-2016 to be considered for the award. Both forms are available on the County website under Record Book forms.

All-Star Ambassador Program LA County 4-H All-Star Ambassador is the highest county rank a member can earn. Following state guidelines, our county All Stars are called county All Star Ambassadors. The applications for 2016-2017 LA County 4-H All-Star Ambassador will be due March 3, 2016. The application form is available on the county 4-H website. For next year, the I&R committee is recommending that there be at least two advisors with at least one in the AV district area, that the new All Star Ambassadors attend the State Leadership Conference in the summer and have at least one summer retreat for their planning. The announcement of the new 2016-17 LA County 4-H All-Star Ambassadors will be made at County Field Day on March 19. This will allow the new All-Star Ambassadors time to plan their program for 2016-17 before the program year starts on July 1, 2016.

Emerald Star program The Emerald Star program offers an advanced leadership opportunity to 4-H members. Look for more information on the county website. An Emerald Star project can be started at any time during the program year and can extend into the next year. For more information look at the county website.

Friends of 4-H Each program year the County Council considers honoring an individual and /or organizations that have been particularly helpful to the LA County 4-H program. Each district is encouraged to submit names to the County council at its next meeting in April for a Friend of 4-H award. Up to five such awards can be made for a year by the county council

State records competition Senior 4-H members are eligible to enter the state record book competition. State competition is focused on selecting 4-H members who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their 4-H project work. Books are judged against standard criteria. Those books displaying the most outstanding 4-H work, life skills development, and leadership and citizenship development are selected as state medalists and/or state winners. Senior 4-H member (at least 14 years of age and no older than 19 years old by December 31 of the program year for which the book is being entered) are eligible to enter state competition.

Encourage your experienced Senior members to submit their records for the state competition. No additional pages are needed beyond what is submitted to the county competition. Accomplished senior members should be encouraged to start working on their record books now for the 2015-16 competition. Set goals and plan ahead to have a great year in a project area. Districts should consider having workshops on completing record books during the year. There is a lot of good project work being done in LA County, but it is not being entered in the state competitions.

To be eligible to enter the state record book competition, seniors must complete a brief online record book course on the state website and submit a letter of intent to submit your record book to our county office by June 30th, 2016. Mark your calendar in May to remind yourself to take the record book course, so you at least have the option to submit your record book to state in October.

New Presentation Manual for this year The state 4-H office has released a new California 4-H Presentation Manual, version 2015. On January 20th, a new revision of the Manual was released. Please reference this new manual as you prepare to do speeches, demonstrations, interpretive readings and educational display talks during the year. The major modifications include:

1. Including a one-page matrix of presentation requirements
2. Re-envisioning scientific demonstrations into a new Science or Engineering Presentation category
3. Removing the audio-visual presentation category; members may want to submit their work to the State 4-H Film Festival.
4. Discontinuing the Problem Solving category but adding a new Prepared Persuasive Speech category
5. Modifying guidelines for presentation days:
 - a) rename judges to evaluators
 - b) classifying presentations based on age (no longer based on grade)
 - c) allowing anyone to ask a question (not just the evaluators)
 - d) modifying the evaluating rubrics so they better access critical components of public speaking for each presentation type
 - e) instituting a variable award system, so that points required for awards (gold, blue, red and white) are now variable by level of presentation day
 - f) adding a platinum seal at the State 4-H Presentation Day
 - g) the 2015 Presentation Manual is the standard guide for all 4-H presentations and will be adopted by all County, Section and State 4-H Presentation Days starting in the 2015-2016 program year. The evaluation forms in this manual must be used at all 4-H Presentation Days.

The county I&R committee is discussing the impact this new manual will have on our County Field Day this year. Changes will need to be done to comply with this new manual. We will be using the new record book evaluation forms. Watch for more information about this.

District Representation on the County I&R Committee All districts should have two elected representatives on the county Incentives and Recognition Committee. The current county I&R Committee members are

Noel Keller and Judylynn Pelling from NSG, Peter Michel and Dee Keese from SSG and Carrie DeYoung from SFV. There are no representatives from AV. The next scheduled I & R committee meeting will be on Tuesday, February 23 at 7:30pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church/School (6338 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles 90042). Call your I & R district representatives with your I & R comments, suggestions and concerns

4-H Summer Camp –Directors, kings and queens have been chosen. Staff apps are due March 18th. Interviews will be March 19 at County Field Day.

All-Stars Ambassadors – Applications due March 3

Junior All-Star Project -had a meeting with a lunch. Dee Keese—Project members had a great luncheon meeting, learning etiquette.

Science Fair – has no plans yet

Livestock Symposium – Charlene Moore –350 people attended. A beautiful day with small and large livestock. The speakers were great; 75 did ethics training. It was Jan. 23, 2016

County Judging Day – AV Charlene Moore-- Palmdale High School – Feb. 27, 2016 Forms and flyers were passed out. Some volunteers for rooms were asked for. There will be large and small livestock present. This is a great educational and fun event.

County Fashion Revue – Mar. 19, 2016 The packet has gone out.

LA County Field Day – Saturday, March 19 LA County Field Day will be Saturday, March 19 (this is a week earlier than usual) at Mt. SAC in Walnut. This is the same location as last year. We will using the new 2015 Presentation Manual with its entry categories and evaluating forms. Entries will be due March 11. Mailed in entries should be postmarked by March 7. There will be no late entries this year. Clubs should gather the entries for their members and send them in as a group. Following the guidelines of Sectional Field Day, there will be a fee of \$1.00 per member per entry. Therefore, if a member wants to entry three categories, his fee will be \$3.00. For every six entries from their club, a club needs to provide an evaluator (judge). If a club has 15 entries, it needs to provide at least 3 evaluators. The entry categories are as follows:

Demonstration

Illustrated Talk

Science or Engineering Presentation

Educational Display Talk

Informative Prepared Speech

Persuasive Prepared Speech

Entry by Video

Interpretive Reading

Interview Contest

LA County Impromptu Speaking (random topics)

State Format Impromptu Speaking (specific topics which change each year)

Extemporaneous Speaking (Seniors only)

Share the Fun skits

Cultural Arts

An event packet with a multi-category entry form will be available on the county website soon.

County Food Faire –AV – Mar. 5, 2016 All county members are invited to show food at AV's food fair.

Leaders' Appreciation event – April 9th, 2016 Charlene is taking care of it.

Sectional 4-H Leaders' Council – The South Section Council met on Jan. 9th. The Director from state office came. The state and sectional leaders' councils are to be replaced by a state management board

with an Area Director, program development committees and event committees. The state counties are being divided up into four Areas. South Section will become Southern Area and will consist of all the South Section counties except Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo. The transition plans from the current system to the new state Management Board system are being developed by a state Implementation Committee. Mary Jackson from Santa Barbara County is our South Section representative on the Implementation Committee. The new state Management Board system is due to start July 1, 2016. The new state 4-H system will currently not result in changes at the county or club levels. Plans are being made for Sectional Field day on May 21. Imperial County is coordinating the event this year. A state practice Discussion Meet will be held at the event. We should encourage our Seniors to participate in the Discussion Meet.

State 4-H Leaders' Council -- The next State Leaders' Council meeting will be Saturday, February 6 in Fresno. This will be an important meeting where the current implementation plans for the new State Management Board will be discussed. If anyone plans to attend this meeting either in-person or online, please contact Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com). Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting. In the new Management Board system, the State Council will be replaced by the Management Board. Currently the last State Council meeting is set for April 23 in the Ontario area.

DISTRICT REPORTS

1. AV – The district has a new club. Several clubs have been growing. The storm in October caused problems for several clubs. They are working on fair, County judging day, and food fair.
2. SFV—The district is planning county Field Day and Fashion Revue.
3. NSG--The NSG district held its Achievement Day event on Sunday, October 25. We are planning our Monte Farmers' Fair for Saturday, February 13 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We are planning our NSG Home Ec and Field Day for Sunday, March 13th with the theme of "4-H – Keepin' It Fresh". We are trying to organize a district rocket launch for this spring. We are working on the SGV4-H Fair planning committee in various ways.
- 4.. SSG—The district fashion show is coming up. They have plans for a Grand Canyon hike.

EVENT REPORTS

1. 2015 State Leaders' Forum - Dee Keese This was a very successful event in San Diego. The workshops were fun and educational. The trip to Sea World was outstanding.
2. Pet & Science Symposium, County Awards –The events were enjoyed by all attending.
3. TIC –Was very good. Did a 3d puzzle. Those attending learned a lot and had a great time. The attendance was the largest in years.

OLD BUSINESS

LA County 4-H Website and Clover Notes –please read

NEW BUSINESS

Four youth and one adult requested \$100 each for the Kansas Interstate Exchange. Christina Stricklen moved, Teresa Fint seconded that we provide \$100 each for this trip. Voted on and passed.

Call for Friends of 4-H nominations from districts-forms on web site

Call for dates for 2016-17 LA County 4-H calendar –dates for next 4H year

Call for nominations for LA County Council Officers for 2016-17 –important

Call for input for the LA County Council 2016-17 budget –send to Mary Lash

Fundraising – need committee Ask a \$1 donation each at Judging Day

New State 4-H Management Board positions –on line applications

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

All-Star Ambassador Applications – due March 3, 2016

Western Regional Leaders' Forum (WRLF) – Alaska – March 2-4

Equine Field Day- Fresno Feb. 20th

ADJOURNMENT – 12:07 pm. Next LA County Council Meeting –April 2, 2016 (SFV)

Respectfully submitted, Judylynn Pelling, secretary

Those attending the meeting included the following

Dee Keese	Noel Keller	Judylynn Pelling	Mike Lopez
Anika Whipple	Amanda Whipple	Kathy Richards	Charlene Moore
Peter Michel	Margie Lopez	Teresa Fint	Christina Stricklen
Isabel Alaniz	Robert Wright	Catherine Wright	