

Los Angeles County 4-H Leaders Council

Saturday, September 19, 2016 10 am-12:30pm AV
Acton Community Center, 3748 Nickels Ave., Acton, CA 93510

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 by President Dee Keese.

Flag salutes were led by Katherine Shannon, a new county All Star-- 4-H ambassador.

Welcome—Dee Keese talked about having more participation in all our county 4-H events, and how we can to increase participation by leaders and members. She welcomed everyone. We all introduced ourselves and our club.

Approval of agenda—motion by Carrie DeYoung, seconded by Paulette Voted on and passed.

Minutes from the May 10th meeting—Noel Keller moved we approve the minutes as printed. Seconded by Jenifer Petty. Voted on and approved.

Correspondence --None. Dee encouraged members to send thank you notes for awards they receive through their 4-H work.

Presidents Report: Dee Keese--Web sites for record book information were discussed. Some incorrect forms are still up. We encourage people to contact Roy if they have problems with the web site. Dee will email the County Council minutes to leaders who put a * by their name. We have no presentation today. Clubs are encouraged to prepare a presentation for one of the next council meetings. This is a great way for members to show what they can do.

Vice President's Report—Noel Keller

At our last county council meeting in May, we discussed and approved the 2016-2017 LA County 4-H Calendar and council budget. We elected 2016-2017 council officers. Today we will make some adjustments and additions to the calendar and talk about filling the vacancies on the council positions.

According to the transition plan, the state and the section councils have been disbanded and the new California 4-H Management Board is now in place. LA County 4-H is now part of the Southern Area, not South Section. Plans are moving ahead with the setting up of the state Management Board and its committees. In the meantime, 4-H activities above the county level in Southern California are moving forward. We'll talk more about what is happening later in this meeting.

Some changes are occurring in the California 4-H activities above the county level, but the 4-H project, club, district and county activities this year will be much the same as always. As the Management Board establishes itself during this first transition year, LA County 4-H should try to become the best it can be for our members. We need to pull together to make each of our events successful and enriching.

To stay informed about what is happening in 4-H, please read the county 4-H newsletter Clover Notes and the state 4-H newsletter CA 4-H Newsletter each month. Please read the minutes of our county council meetings. Please look at the LA County 4-H Calendar. Most of these items are on the LA County 4-H website.

To make our meeting minutes as accurate as possible and if you are on the agenda to give a report, it would help if you would give our council secretary a written copy of the report. Also if you are on the agenda to give a report and cannot attend the meeting, please email a copy of your brief report to the council president and the secretary so your report can be presented for you.

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 this meeting today. We need to have a quorum at our meetings so we can conduct the council business and members can vote. Please take the information that you gain today back to your clubs and encourage others to attend future meetings. To be the most effective, we need a representative from each LA 4-H club to be at our county council meetings.

2nd Vice Pres.—Kiran Ekanayake, email report—As of yet, I have not been contacted by any youth regarding questions or concerns about 4-H. Contact me if your members have any questions, so that we may fully address the concerns of youth members. My email address is kiranekanayake@gmail.com

Treasurers' Report—Due to a question about some income and out go, Shirley Burns moved and Karen Glover seconded that we table the report to the next meeting. Voted on and passed.

County Office report—Charlene Moore—National Youth Science Day is being planned by Anthony Ferman from Roadrunners 4-H club. It is planned as a 2 day event. The first day (Oct. 1, 9am to noon), we will conduct experiments, fly the simulators and even fly some small drones. The 2nd day (Oct. 7, 4-7pm) will be a tour of Lockheed-Martin where you will get to see some drones, the innovation Garage where employees can experiment with new ideas, and listen to guest speakers about the possibilities of drone usage. Contact Mr. Ferman or Charlene Moore if you would like to participate.

District Reports: 1. **AV**-- The AV Fair went well. Many awards were won in showman ship. The horse project is getting ready for their shows. 2. **SSG**—They participated in an interstate exchange to Kansas. It was great to see that Kansas is not flat and small towns all work together in the 4-H program. Next year Kansas is coming here. Contact Dee if you are interested in an exchange. 3. **SFV**—they are just starting their year. 4. **NSG**—5 members and a leader went to the State Leadership Conference in northern Ca. They learned much and had a great time. Now they are participating in cooking contests and exhibits at the LA County Fair. They are also completing record books.

Committee/Other Reports

1. **All Star Report**—by Katherine Shannon: The Jr. Leader conference will be with the Jan. County Council meeting in SSG at the Cabrillo Youth center where it was last year. It was very exciting last year and the All Stars are working to make it even better this year.

2. **I&R Report**—Noel Keller **2016 LA County Record Book competition** The county record book competition will be run much like last year. Members should plan to submit their records on the forms from the Record Book Manual 2015-2016. The 4-H program year ended June 30. Your current record books should contain your records up to that time.

When entering their record book, members should complete the Record Book ID form indicating their choices for project recognition and request for leadership recognition. All senior books will be evaluated for Senior Awards of Excellence in Leadership, Community Service, Achievement, S.E.T., Project Work and Healthy Living. Good record keeping is a life skill. We encourage members to take time to complete their 4-H records in a way that they will enjoy looking at in years to come. 4-H record book can be a reference for future college and job applications.

The completed record books should be turned into the 4-H office by 4pm on Sept. 13 or to a member of the county I&R committee (Noel Keller, Judylynn Pelling, Dee Keese, Peter Michel, or Carrie DeYoung) by 9pm on Sept. 14. Record book evaluating will occur Saturday, Sept. 17 and 24. The results of the evaluating will be announced at the County Awards program on Oct. 22 at Belvedere Park around 2:30pm, after the county Pet Symposium.

Contact Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com) if you have questions about record books.

Record Book Manual for 2015-2016

The state 4-H office released a 2015-2016 California 4-H Record Book Manual, which is 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 of instructions. 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 is also available from the state office. All these manuals are available on our county website.

Club Representatives for County Record Book Evaluating

REMINDER – If a club submits record books to the county Record Book competition, then the club needs to provide an evaluator (judge) for one of the Record Book evaluating days, September 17 or September 24. The evaluating again this year will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran School/Church (6338 N. Figueroa St., LA, 90042). Evaluating record books is a good way to learn about record books for your club. No experience in evaluating is required. There is an orientation for evaluating at the start of each evaluating day. A club can only have up to three club representatives for evaluating. Evaluators do not evaluate record books from their own club. Evaluators should plan to stay from 9am until about 5pm, with a lunch and snacks provided. Contact Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com) with the names of evaluators by Thursday, September 15.

Club Officer Recognition

There is a county program to recognize good work done by club officers. Club officers should be encouraged to create an Officer Book during the year and then submit it at the end of the year for recognition. The guidelines for the officer books is on the county website. The officer categories are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Historian/Memory Book, Other Officers). All club officers are eligible to submit an office book. The evaluation of the officer book is Danish, so that all officers have a chance to earn a gold officer pin. 2015-2016 Officer books are due at the same time as 2015-2016 record books, September 13 to the 4-H Office or by 9pm by September 14 to an Incentives and Recognition Committee member (Noel Keller, Judylynn Pelling, Carrie DeYoung, Peter Michel, Dee Keese).

County Awards Day – October 22

The annual County Awards Day program will again be held after the Pet Symposium. This year the event will be held on Saturday, October 22 at Belvedere Park in East LA (4914 East Cesar E. Chavez Ave., LA, 90022). The Park is next door to our old LA 4-H Office. The event will begin after the Pet Symposium at approximately 2:30pm. Come for the Pet Symposium fun and stay for the awards ceremony. County record books and officer book awards will be announced, along with special awards for Senior Awards of Excellence and Junior/Teen Leadership. According to our district rotation assignments, for this event, AV district will be doing decorations, SFV district will be the program, NSG district is in charge of publicity and SSG district will be doing the refreshments.

State Record Book Competition

This year we have four senior members who have indicated an intent to submit their records to the State Record Book competition. Their records are due to the LA 4-H office by Oct. 14. This year their records will be sent electronically to the state office. The evaluating of the records will also occur electronically Oct. 28-Nov.14. Applications for adults to be evaluators for the state record book competition are due by Oct. 1.

4-H 2016 Graduate Certificate and Pins

As 4-H members graduate out of the LA County 4-H program each year, they are recognized at their district Achievement Day programs. Club leaders should notify Charlene Moore in the AV 4-H Office with the names and years of 4-H experience of their 4-H graduate so that certificates and pins can be prepared in time for their district achievement events. Please contact Charlene if you have any questions about this.

2016 4-H Graduates who have been in 4-H three years or more will receive engraved 4-H graduate pins and certificates and will be listed in the October issue of Clover Notes.

2016-2017 Record Books

From the state we hear that the Record Book and manuals for Junior, Intermediate and Senior members will be the same as 2015-2016. All clubs will be expected to come into alignment with the state book beginning July 1, 2016. All other supplemental forms not included in the state Record Book must be eliminated at that time.

Primary Member Reporting

Two new versions of the state Primary Member Report form were released on July 1, 2016. One is a basic report and the other follows and supports the ISprout curriculum. At this time, LA County 4-H is still using its own Primary Member reporting form which offers the opportunity for White Star and White Star pin ranks. This form for LA County is available on the LA County 4-H website.

Club Goal Planning

Goal setting and following through to achieve the goals are an important part of the 4-H experience. Each year clubs are encouraged to set goals for the program year. The county offers a program to set club goals and to be rewarded for achieving the goals. At the beginning of the year, clubs are encouraged to use the 4-H Club Program Planning Guide, located on the county website, to plan their program year. Their plan can then be submitted with the LA County 4-H Club Program Planning Submission Form (also located on the county website) to the county I&R Committee. At the end of the program year, the club evaluates how they did meeting their goals and submits an end-of-the-year report to the county I&R Committee for review and awarding of an achievement seal for the club charter. For more information about this program and/or questions, please contact Noel Keller.

Member planning form

Planning is also important for your club members. What are their individual goals for this year? There is a Member Planning Sheet available on the county website under FORMS. Encourage your members to complete this form at the beginning of the program year.

Presentation Manual for this year

The state 4-H office released a new California 4-H Presentation Manual, version 2015. Please continue to reference this manual as you prepare to do speeches, demonstrations, interpretive readings and educational displays during the year. We understand that there will be additional requirements from the state this year.

Watch for more information about this.

District Representation on the County I&R Committee

Districts are now electing the remainder of their officers and committee representatives for this 4-H program year. 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, Dee Keese and Peter Michel from SSG and Carrie DeYoung from SFV. There are no representatives from AV. The committee usually meets at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in the Eagle Rock area of LA, but we will try to meet by conference call this year when possible. Please notify Noel Keller with the names of newly elected I&R district representatives. The next meeting is Sept. 15 for sorting and pre-checking record books for the county record book evaluation. The next regular I&R committee meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 25 by conference call.

NOTE – When it is time to turn in record books for the county competition, books can be turned into the 4-H Office on Tuesday, September 13 by 4pm or by 9pm on Wednesday, September 14 to an I&R Committee representative. If a district does not have an I&R representative, record books will need to be turned in on Tuesday, unless they are delivered to an I&R committee member in another district.

3. **4-H Pet & Science Symposium, and County Awards Day** Oct. 22, 2016 This is a big exciting event. Sign up in advance for science activity.

4. **Livestock Symposium**, AV, Jan. 28, 2017 This is a great event.

5. **County Judging Day** AV, Feb. 25, 2017 is at Palmdale High School again.

6. **County Food Fair**, AV, March 4, 2017

7. **County Fashion Revue** –March 25 Need a chair. Must have one soon.

8. **County Field Day**—NSG—March 25 The LA County Field Day is scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 25 at Mt. SAC. NSG district will be planning this event. The new 2015 Presentation Manual will be used for the event as it was for last year. Members should reference this new Manual as they prepare their entries. We have heard that there are now some additional state requirements for field days, which we will hopefully learn about at the Southern Area Program Development Committee on Sept. 18. NSG district will be working on creating the 2017 Field Day event packet.

8. **County Science Fair** – We have the youth science day event and also a science activity at the Pet Symposium. Let Keith Nathaniel know if you want to participate.

9. **Healthy Living**—There will be a healthy living event for the members. Details coming.

10. **Summer Camp**—Directors can apply now. Look at camp web site. 4H camp.com

11. Jr All Stars project report—Dee Keese-- Applications on web site are due Oct first.

Members in this project are there to help the All Star Ambassadors and learn leadership skills.

12. Sectional Council meeting— South Section 4-H Council report by Noel Keller

The South Section 4-H Council met for the last time on Saturday, June 11 at Mt. SAC. The Council President Noel Keller thanked her council officers and the southern California leaders and members for their support the last four years. Noel gave South Section pins to those who attended the meeting. Committees for South Section events that will transition into Southern Area events this coming year with approved budgets and funds were discussed and approved. The meeting was followed by a reception and luncheon for those present.

14. Management Board Report—Noel Keller The new California 4-H Management Board (MB) met in Davis on Sunday, August 14. Noel Keller from LA County attended the meeting. The Management Board Constitution and Bylaws and 2016-2017 Board budget were discussed. More work will be done on these items before they are approved. Plans are moving ahead for the State Leaders Forum to be held in Santa Rosa November 11-13. There is still time to register for this state event for leaders. State Record Book judging will occur electronically from Oct. 28 – Nov.14. For more information about the Management Board (MB) meeting, listen to the recording of the August 14th meeting on the state 4-H website.

Noel Keller from the Pomona Valley 4-H Club is the adult LA County representative to the MB's Southern Area Program Development Committee. Xavier Cruz from Macy 4-H Club is the youth representative to the Committee. We are the voting members for LA County 4-H. The first meeting of the Southern Area Program Development Committee will be Sunday, Sept. 18. What does LA County 4-H need from the Southern Area Program Development Committee? Please let Noel or Xavier know any information that you want passed on to the Southern Area committee.

The other Areas in the state are basically starting from scratch with their events for this coming year, but South Section planned ahead with committees, budgets and funds which transitioned to the following Southern Area events:

Small Animal Field Day – Sept. 24 at Mt. SAC

Healthy Living Summit – TBA for fall (being planned by youth Christian Redman)

Teen Involvement Conference (TIC) – Jan. 20-22, 2017

Leaders' Retreat – TBA for this spring

Horse Classic - TBA

Field Day and Fashion Revue – May 20, 2017 (but may need to be moved to an earlier date)

Please let Noel know if you would like to help on any of these planning committees. Most of the meetings will probably held as conference calls.

Let us also know about any ideas you have for new exciting events for our southern California members and leaders.

All Area events are to be open to all 4-H members in the state. There will be some early registration open to local members to any event, so please watch carefully for registration deadlines.

Please contact Xavier or Noel if you have any questions about the MB or Southern Area events.

Just to mention a little more about the Southern Area Small Animal Field Day which will occur in two weeks on Saturday, Sept. 24 at Mt. SAC from 8am-2pm.

Southern Area 4-H is offering a Small Animal Field Day at Mount San Antonio College, Agricultural Sciences Department, Building 80 (parking lot F) in Walnut. LA County 4-H members are invited to attend this fun filled day of awesome learning experiences. Come learn about rabbits, poultry, dogs, goats, cavies, fish, and even reptiles! Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase. Registration

will begin at 8am; program begins promptly at 9am. Parking permits (costing \$4.00) required. Contact Barbara Crane (bcrane@mtsac.edu) or Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com) for more information or to volunteer to help. This is a great area-level leadership opportunity for senior members. **The planning committee is looking for additional help.** An event flyer is available today. Please support this Southern Area which is being held in our own LA County.

You do not have to be a member of a 4-H small animal project to enter the Small Animal Photo Contest or the Small Animal Poster Contest. Primary Members and Individuals thinks about a Small Animal project are encouraged to attend.

15. **State Leaders Forum—Nov. 11-13, 2016 It is in Santa Rosa. There is a council scholarship available.** Meet with other leaders and learn much with fun. **State Leaders' Forum 2016 - Santa Rosa, CA - Nov. 11-13, 2016** By Noel Keller, LA representative to Southern Area Program Development Committee

Registration is open for the 2016 State 4-H Leaders' Forum to be held in Santa Rosa at the Flamingo Hotel on November 11, 12 and 13. The theme of this year's conference is "CONNECT THE DOTS". The 2016 California State Leaders' Forum aims to rekindle our capacity for inspiration and innovation. 4-H volunteers and staff from throughout the state, involved in all parts of 4-H, are invited to be inspired and strengthen our vision for the future of 4-H. State Leaders' Forum is a networking opportunity and a fun weekend too. Join us to refresh your 4-H commitment! Go to the State 4-H Leaders' Forum website (4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Conferences/SLF/) to get more information about registration, lodging, sessions and all the special events. Start planning now to be there.

The LA county council has some scholarships to help leaders attend the State Leaders' Forum, especially if they are attending the Forum for the first time.

Note that the State Leaders' Forum is again not being held at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove this year. It is being held in Santa Rosa.

16. **Leaders Recognition Luncheon—SSG—April 29, 2017**

17. **Shooting Sports—Shooting training sign up by Oct. 6**

Old Business

1. Elect officers for vacant positions: Toy Ferman volunteered for Large Livestock chairman.
2. Up dates to 2016-2017 LA Co 4-H Calendar, we will put changes in Clover Notes.

New Business

1. Changes to constitution and by- laws—no action
2. Macy's asking for money for renting a car for interstate exchange 2017. Shirley moved that we table this until the next meeting. Noel seconded it. Voted on and passed.

Announcements

1. Record Books due to County Office: Sept. 13
2. Record book judging: Sept. 17th & 24th SSG in charge of luncheon
3. County Pet Symposium & County Awards program—Oct. 22, 2016
4. Jr. Leader Conference Jan. 14

5. Next LA 4-H Leaders' Council meeting—Jan. 14th, 2016, hosted by SSG

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 pm.

Members attending were Noel Keller, Dee Keese, Paula Pizinger, Carrie DeYoung, Shirley Burns, Karen Glover, Amy Lockman, Jennifer Summer, Tami, Vincent Vasquez; Autumn Petty, Maria, Christian, and Isabel Cook; Amanda, Holly, Anka Whipple; Tony, Melissa Ferman; Laura, Katherine Shannon; Judylynn Pelling, Charlene Moore.

Respectfully Submitted, Judylynn Pelling, secretary