

Los Angeles County 4-H Leaders Council

Saturday, September 30, 2017 Hosted by Antelope Valley
Quartz Hill Library, 5040 West Ave. M-2, Quartz Hill

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 by President Peter Michel.

Flag salute was led by Makenna Long and 4-H pledge was led by Rebekah Kasperson.

Introductions—Everyone introduced themselves telling what club they are from and what they enjoy.

Approval of agenda—All Star jackets was added to treasurer's report, motion by Dannon Shaughnessy, seconded by Holly Whipple. Voted on and passed.

Minutes from the May 13 - meeting— Katherine Shannon moved we approve the minutes as printed, seconded by Laura Shannon. Voted on and passed.

Correspondence to Council—thank you notes were received for last year's awards and put in the Thank you book.

Vice-President's Report – Noel Keller

At our last county council meeting in May, we discussed and approved the 2017-2018 LA County 4-H Calendar and council budget. We elected 2017-2018 council officers. Today we will make some adjustments and additions to the calendar and talk about filling the vacancies on the council positions.

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.

Presentation-- Katherine Shannon and Holly Whipple, All Star Ambassadors, told about their project Cookies for Cops. The police officers were very appreciative. They enjoyed the handmade cards (over 150), and cookies and milk

2nd Vice President's report—Katherine Shannon - I am excited to help this year as youth 2nd Vice-President. Please let me know if there are any responsibilities to take on or things you need me to do. You can contact me at katandquarteraral@gmail.com or (661) 400-7804. I am also a staff member of the event formerly known as TIC and am a member on the State Animal Science Advisory Committee.

Treasurers' Report— Sent by Mary Lash and Johanna Stewart. Money for enrollment fees for hardship cases was discussed. We need to check the budget on this. All Star expenses

are in the budget. Laura Shannon moved and Dannon Shaughnessy seconded that we approve the report. Voted on passed.

County Office report—Charlene Moore—Leaders are asked to comment about the new leader orientation and registration. It is to fulfill the USDA leader requirements as sent to California. New leader training is also a little different. It is very important for members and leaders to document ethnicity.

District Reports: 1. **AV**—The AV fair gave members opportunity to win some nice awards for livestock, home arts. Ridgecrest Fair is Oct. 20-22. The Horse group offered a clinic last weekend. The district is getting ready for the Livestock Symposium in January. All Shooting Sports forms must be filled out and signed off. This is a national safety standard. 2. **SSG**— They are working new location for SGV Fair. They had an exchange with Kansas 4-H this summer with many activities. 3. **SFV**—no one present 4. **NSG**— Members have been working on their record books and participating in the LA County Fair in Pomona. An LA County Fair booth, sponsored ER-HP 4-H Club, was run for 4 weekends, 2 Fridays and Labor Day, in Sept. We thank Judylynn Pelling for arranging for this with the fair and setting up the booth with her club. It was very successful and introduced many people to 4-H. Youth were invited to make crafts at the table. ER-HP, Pomona Valley, Altadena Foothills, and PVP helped work in the booth. We hope to have all LA 4-H clubs participate next year.

Committee/Other Reports: 1. **All Star Ambassadors Report**—Marjorie Rodriguez

A. Jr. leader Conference --Kiran Ekanayake **not present – no report**

B. **LA County 2018-2019 All Star Ambassador application due** –Feb. 16, 2018. Please contact those interested, and let Charlene know.

2. County Incentive and Recognition Committee Report by Noel Keller, County I&R Committee Chair nkeller91711@gmail.com, 909-621-2373 – home, 909-957-6498 – cell

2017 LA County Record Book competition

This year we have 52 record books submitted for the county record book competition – 18 Juniors, 17 Intermediates and 17 Seniors. We evaluated books on Sept. 16 and 23. We thank all those who helped evaluate the books on those days. We cannot have this record book recognition program without evaluators.

All senior books were 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.

2017-2018 Record Books

From the State 4-H we hear that the Record Book and manuals for Junior, Intermediate and Senior members will be the same as 2016-2017. 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.

There still seems to be confusion by leaders and members on how to correctly fill out the record book forms. We should think about ways to correct this. Perhaps we should offer some training sessions.

Record Book Manual for 2017-2018

The state 4-H office released a 2017-2018 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 (2017-2018). A second manual California 4-H Record Book Forms 2017-2018 contains the forms to use with the first 2017-2018 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 2017-2018". 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 and our county website. Currently only the 2016-2017 California 4-H Record Book Manual Adult Partner's Guide is available, but watch for a 2017-2018 version to come out with further explanation of the state record book guidelines.

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.

County Awards Day - Sept. 30

The annual County Awards Day program will be held at 1pm here after this county council meeting. Please 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, NSG district will be doing decorations, SSG district will be the program, SFV district is in charge of publicity and AV district will be doing the refreshments.

State Record Book Competition

This year we have seven 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. 20. This year their records will again be sent electronically to the state office by Oct. 27th. The evaluating of the records will also occur electronically November thru min-January with the results announced at the end of January. Applications for adults to be evaluators for the state record book competition are due online by Nov. 5.

Attention - Senior Members

If you were a Senior 4-H member last year and didn't submit a Letter of Intent to submit your record book to the 2017 State Record Book Competition by June 30, you can still do it, but you need to act quickly. You will only lose one point in the evaluation by submitting the Letter late. You do not have to have submitted your record book in the county record book competition to compete in the state record book competition.

If you decide to go ahead with entering your record book in the state competition, let Noel Keller know (nkeller91711@gmail.com). You need to submit your 2017 record book to the LA County 4-H Office by **October 20**, plus the cover letter and county check list that you will find on the state website. You can submit your record book electronically or by dropping it off at the office. The record books are submitted to the state competition electronically. If you drop off your book, then the LA 4-H Office will scan your book and then submit the scanned copy to the state.

4-H 2017 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.

2017 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.

Primary Member Reporting

There are two versions of the state Primary Member Report form that 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 (Noel Keller, 421 E. Juilliard Dr., Claremont, CA 91711) by **November 1**.

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 (Noel Keller) by **August 15** 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 (nkeller91711@gmail.com).

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.

State 4-H Ambassador applications are due by January 8th.

2018-2019 LA County 4-H All Star Ambassador applications are due by Feb. 16, 2018

Junior All Star county project

Dee Keese is not running the Junior All Star county project this year. She is hoping that another leader will take over this project. Contact her for more information or to volunteer.

District Representation on the County I&R Committee

All districts should have two elected representatives on the county Incentives and Recognition Committee. The term for a representative is one year. The 2016-2017 county I&R Committee members are Noel Keller and Judylynn Pelling from NSG, Dee Keese and Peter Michel from SSG, Laura Shannon and Dannon Shaughnessy from AV, and Carrie DeYoung and Amy Lockmann from SFV. The committee usually meets by conference call during the year. Please notify Noel Keller with the names of any newly elected 2017-2018 I&R district representatives. The next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 24.

3. **Livestock Symposium** -- AV --Jan. 27, 2018 Planning meeting in Oct.
4. **County Judging Day** --SSG--Feb. 24, 2018 – location to be announced
5. **County Food Fair** – Av. March 3, Theme is “Made in America”
6. **County Fashion Revue**—March 24, 2018 at Mt. SAC –Melinda Kasperson

7. **County Field Day**--NSG --March 24, 2018 at Mt. SAC. State no longer requires a fee. Laura moved and Melinda seconded that we continue to charge \$1 per entry at County Field Day voted on and passed. Report by Noel Keller NSG district will be planning this event. The 2015 Presentation Manual will be used for the event as it was for last year. Members should reference this Manual as they prepare their entries.

The LA County Field Day is scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 24 at Mt. SAC. NSG district working on creating the 2018 LA County Field Day event packet. We will be discussing entries and fees for county

field day later in this meeting. The LA County Fashion Revue will occur the same day as the County Field Day at the same location, as usual.

7. County Science Fair—Greg Yunker - no report

8. Healthy Living—Kaylin Kwan, Healthy living is about being in the best shape possible, physically, mentally, and emotionally. It's important to be responsible and make right choices when it comes to your health and putting balanced effort into each part of yourself to reach optimum wellness. However, because of academics extracurricular, peer pressure, and maintenance of relationships with people, we can sometimes lose track of what needs to be considered and taken care of. 4-H offers many opportunities to learn about healthy living. One event that will be taking place soon is the Healthy Living Fair at Rancho Santa Rose Community Clubhouse in Ventura. The fair is on November 11 from 8am -3pm and more information on what will be happening at this event can be found on the 4-H State website. Tips and information on healthy living can also be found in the upcoming monthly Clover Note articles.

9. Summer Camp— Dennis DeYoung - Camp meeting tomorrow to approve head adult and youth directors. Official dates will be out in November.

10. California 4-H Management Board (MB) report by Noel Keller

Information about the California 4-H Management Board can be found on the state website. They have been working on setting up the four area leadership conferences. The conferences will be changing to conferences for Intermediate level members with this coming year as a transition period. The 2018 Southern Leadership Conference (formerly known as TIC) will be offered for Intermediate and Senior level members. A group of Senior members will then be planning the 2019 conference with Intermediate members attending.

The current Vice-Chair of the MB is now a 4-H leader from LA County, Sarah Lloyd.

11. WRLF 2018—March 2-4 San Diego

12. Leaders Recognition Luncheon—SFV – no report

13. Southern Area Program Development Committee - report by Noel Keller

Noel Keller of Pomona Valley 4-H Club was selected for a two-year term as the adult LA County committee member to the Southern Area Program Development Committee and Xavier Cruz of Macy 4-H Club was selected for a 1-year term as the youth LA County youth member but his term is over. **We need a senior youth to represent LA County on this important committee this year. There will probably only be about four meetings (some as conference calls) this program year. This committee generally decides events for the Southern Area, but sub-committees do the actual event planning. If you are interested and need more information about applying, go to the state website for the Management Board, contact Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com) or contact John Trammell (jwtrammell87@gmail.com).**

The Southern Area held a successful Animal Science Field Day at Mt. SAC on Sept. 23rd. A Health Fair and Color Me Green run is being planned for Nov. 11 in Ventura. The Southern Leadership Conference (formerly TIC) is being planned for Jan. 12-14, 2018 at Pathfinder Ranch. Watch for registration information to come about this. The Southern Field Day and Fashion Revue is being planned for April 21, 2018 at Mt. SAC. 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. The link for the Teen Involvement Conference is <http://www.facebook.com/4HTIC/>

- 14. Shooting Sports** 4-H Archery Certification Training for Volunteers and Jr./Teen leaders will be offered Saturday Oct. 14, 2017 9am—4pm and Sunday, Oct 15th 9am—1pm in Livermore, Alameda County. You must be an enrolled 4-H leader or member (12 or older) and attend both days to receive certification to teach archery at the project, club and camp levels. The course will include a slideshow lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting, practice teaching and a written test. The cost is \$10 per person to cover the printing fees. To register, please complete and mail the “4-H Shooting Sports- Application for Certification” available at <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4785.pdf> and an adult or youth 4-h medical release for and a \$10 check payable to “De Arroyo 4-H Club to Jennifer Siders, 4967 Erica Way, Livermore, CA 94550

Old Business

1. Elect county council officers for vacant positions: Wyal Pizinger moved and Paula Pizinger seconded that we accept Marina Krishmar as Civics chair. Voted on and passed. We still need Reporter/Historian; Parliamentarian/Policy secretary.
2. Updates to the 2017-18 LA County 4-H Calendar: **CA State 2018 Field Day has been moved from May 26 to June 2, 2018.** Please have emails sent out as to changes as they happen.
3. Changes to Council’s Constitution & by- laws—Marjorie Rodriguez **not present – no report**

New Business

1. District Rotation Chart Review: This needs further review. We will **rotate the dates for now. Peter will set up a committee to suggest changes to the rotation activities with a report back at the next council meeting.**
2. **LA County 4-H Pet and Science Symposium is not being organized by the 4-H office this year. It was suggested that districts consider organizing their own district pet event. Maybe the county event can find a new sponsor in the future.**
3. **2018 LA County Field Day Entries** A discussion was held. Last year’s expansion of **Entry by Video** entries will not continue. It will be the same as in 2016.

Announcements

1. County Awards Program, today Sept. 30, **2017**
2. Jr. Leader Conference—All Star Ambassadors—Jan. 20
3. Next County Council meeting is January 20, 2018 Hosted by SSG

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 am.

Respectfully Submitted, Judylynn Pelling, Secretary

Members attending were Judylynn Pelling, Peter Michel, Noel Keller, Laura and Katherine Shannon, Rebekah & Melinda Kasperson, Makenna Long; Amanda, Anika & Holly Whipple; Kassie, Danna, Dwayne & Kayla Shaughnessy; Charlene Moore, Paula & Wyatt Pizinger.