

## Los Angeles County 4-H Leaders Council

Saturday, March 17, 2018 San Fernando District,  
Galpin Ford, 15505 Roscoe Blvd., North Hills, CA

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 by President Peter Michel.

Flag salute was led by Madeline Lockmann and 4-H pledge was led by Megan Arana.

**Agenda-** Motion to approve by Noel Keller, seconded by Amy Lockmann. Voted on and passed.

**Minutes from the January 2018- meeting**— Noel moved we approve the minutes as printed, seconded by Amy. Voted on and passed.

**Treasurer's Report**-- Motion to approve by Judylynn Pelling. Seconded by Noel Keller. We would like to know what the council received for enrollment fees. We need to know what went out to pay enrollment fees to the state. Peter and Noel will draft a letter asking for an itemized accounting of the checks that have been written. Our general account is in the red and we need to know when the money will be refunded. The approval of the report was voted on and not passed. We need further accounting. Treasurer not here to answer questions.

**Correspondence to Council**—Noel has received some thank you notes from record book judging.

**Vice-President's Report** At our county council meeting in May, we approved the 2017-2018 LA County 4-H Calendar. Since then, there have been some date changes and additions but they are not currently updated on the 2017-2018 LA County 4-H calendar on the county 4-H website. Please watch Clover Notes for date changes. Notable changes and additions include the following:

Southern Area Fashion Revue – **canceled April 17** (now only fashion workshops that day)

State Field Day – **changed to June 2** from May 26

Record Books and Officer Books due for County Record Book Competition –

**Changed to Sept. 11 & 12** from Sept. 4 & 5, 2018

Today as Vice-President I will be leading a discussion of the event dates, council officer nominations and council budget adjustments for the LA County 4-H 2018-2019 program year. The dates, nominations and budget adjustments are to be discussed at our March council meeting and then finalized and approved at our May council meeting. This is our usual planning process. We will need to look carefully at our date planning to minimize the need to change dates in the future. We will be asking the Area and State to set their dates for 2018-2019 so the dates are known before we finalize our county calendar. Since the state Management Board and office are still getting organized, however, we may have to be flexible in our planning. Please email 2018-2019 event dates and officer nominations to Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com). Forms and information for submitting officer nominations and budget adjustment requests are on the county website. Please consider getting more involved in the planning of our LA County 4-H opportunities for our members. Senior youth are permitted to hold many of the council positions or share the position with another person. We want to have the best 4-H program possible for our youth. Please contact Noel if you have any questions or input for this planning.

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.

**Presentation**—Today is the Healthy Living Summit for the youth, presented by healthy living officer Kaylin Kawn. Those attending are Maddy Lockmann, Ashley Arana, Megan Arana, and Abby Lockmann - from Agoura Hills; Zavien Gonzalez – ERHP; Kaylin Kwan – Macy.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's report**—Katherine Shannon No report.

**County Office report.** No one present, no report.

**Committee/Other Reports: 1. County Incentive and Recognition Committee**

**Report** by Noel Keller, County I&R Committee Chair [nkeller91711@gmail.com](mailto:nkeller91711@gmail.com), 909-621-2373  
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**2017 State Record Book Judging**

Five LA County senior members submitted their records in the state competition for the 2016-2017 4-H program year. Although the results for the competition have been released, there has been a delay in releasing the LA County results. They are due out soon.

**LA County Judging Day results** LA County Judging Day was held on February 24. A link to the 2018 Judging Day award results was published in the March issue of Clover Notes.

**Fees for LA County Day participation**

The I&R committee suggests that a fee should be charged for participation at County Judging Day to help pay for the award medals. This year a special box for donations was placed on the registration table at County Judging Day and \$53.00 was collected. There just happened to also be 53 participants in the judging events. Perhaps we should just continue putting such a donation box on the registration and not require a fee be paid. What does the council think?

**2017-2018 Officer Book forms**

The forms and information for the 2017-2018 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 be 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.

**All-Star Ambassador Program** LA County 4-H All-Star Ambassador interviews were held on February 24 at County Judging Day. Any new 2018-2019 LA County 4-H All-Star Ambassadors will be announced on March 24 at County Field Day.

**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 was encouraged to submit Friend of 4-H nominations to the County council by the council meeting in March. Today we will be voting on any district nominations submitted.

**Encourage sportsmanship and acceptance of not always winning the top award**

Leaders should encourage their members to exercise good sportsmanship and the acceptance that they will not always be awarded the top prize. Judging can be subjective. Our judges are often not professional evaluators in areas that they are asked to judge. Everyone cannot get the top prize in some situations. The decision of the judges is final. Leaders should be supportive and encouraging on their members' efforts. Leaders should encourage their members to accept the results of competition and move forward to Making the Best Better. This may all seem obvious, but we are seeing leaders and parents doing most of the

complaining about judging results, not the members. Leaders and parents need to set a good example of how to handle disappointments. It is a life skill.

**Star Ranks** When Noel was evaluating state record books, she noticed that one county had two star ranks above Platinum - Amethyst and Ruby. Should LA County consider having a star rank above Platinum? Are Seniors not doing record books after getting their Platinum Rank? Should we add a new level to give an incentive to seniors for continue activities and completing record books?

**Leader Appreciation** SFV district is on the rotation chart for 2018 Leader Appreciation. At this time, the LA County 4-H office is not planning a Leader Appreciation event for this year. The office will award leader pins to leaders (first year, then at 5 years, 10, 15, etc.) if they are specifically requested by the leader. Should the Council do more?

If you have suggestions or comments about any of the above issues, please contact a member of the I&R Committee with them.

**Reminder** – Please be sure that your club members are using the correct 2017-2018 Record Books forms for their records this year. At this time, expect that the record book competitions at the county and state levels will be much the same as last year.

2. **LA County Summer camp—June 17-24, 2018** Staff interviews at County Field day, 9-noon
3. **Livestock Symposium -- AV –Jan. 27, 2018. This was a great event,**
4. **County Food Fair – Av. March 3, Went well and was well attended. See AV report.**
5. **County Fashion Revue—March 24, 2018, at Mt. SAC –Melinda Kasperson. Youth must qualify at District. County winners go to state. Area will only have a fashion workshop. The State packet is out, check the county web site for the forms and contests**

**6. LA County Field Day** – March 24 at Mt. SAC

The LA County Field Day and Fashion Revue is scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 24 at Mt. SAC. We have about 80 entries coming from 8 of our 4-H clubs. We still need some judges and room hosts. Encourage your senior members to volunteer to be room hosts. Please contact Noel Keller to volunteer. Remember there is \$4 parking fee that needs to be paid if you park a car.

Check-in is at 8:30am, judges and room host orientation starts at 8:40am and the competition starts at 9:15am. Please encourage your judges to be on time and your members to get around to their competition rooms early. The morning competition will end at 11:30am.

**6. Leaders Appreciation Event**—Clubs should do this for their own leaders. This was the consensus of the leaders present today.

7. **Shooting Sports-** Dee Keese **REMINDER THAT S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Lessons are Now Available Online** Colorado S.T.E.M Connections and all 12 S.T.E.M. Activity Sheets can now be downloaded from the National 4-H Shooting Sports website on the Instructor Resources Section. [http://w3.4-hshootingsports.org/instructor\\_resources.php](http://w3.4-hshootingsports.org/instructor_resources.php) These lessons are designed to be used in conjunction with project meetings to show how STEM is tied into shooting sports. John Borba 4-H Youth Development Advisor Kern County (661) 868-6216

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**8. Southern Area Field Day-** April 21 at Mt. SAC Southern Area Field Day will be occurring on Saturday, **April 21** at Mt. SAC. Some of the details of the event are still being discussed, but the event is expected to be run much like last year. In many categories earning a GOLD medal at County Field Day is required to compete, but there are some activities that anyone can do – such as Impromptu Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Judging contests and fashion revue workshops. Registration online for this event is due by **April 9**. To help the County to be sure that enough LA County evaluators and room hosts are signed up, please notify Noel Keller by **March 29** if you plan to compete at Area Field Day. Please volunteer to help evaluate (judge) or room host for this event. There will be no entry fees to enter Area Field Day this year. We hope to be able to provide Southern Area Field Day registration details to County GOLD medal winners at County Field Day.

**9. Southern Area management Board California 4-H Management Board and Southern Area** report by Noel Keller The California 4-H Management Board (MB) is still in the organizing process. The last California State Management Board meeting was on March 10 in Davis. The agenda and minutes for the meeting are on the state website. The next meeting is scheduled for May 5 in Davis. Applications for the state advisory committees are due online by May 31.

John Trammell is still the Southern Area Director of the Management Board. Noel Keller from the Pomona Valley 4-H Club is the adult LA County representative to the MB's Southern Area Program Development Committee. Katherine Shannon from LV Racketteers 4-H Club is the youth representative to the Committee. We are the voting members for LA County 4-H. Please let Noel or Katherine know any information that you want passed on to the Southern Area committee or if you have any questions about the Southern Area. Let us also know about any ideas you might have for new exciting events for our southern California members and leaders.

The current LA County adult and youth positions on this committee will end this June. Consider applying for these positions. The adult position is for 2 years and the youth position is for 1 year. Watch for the deadline for the application to apply.

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

Watch for information about Area events. Encourage your members to attend.

**11. WRLF –March 1-4, 2018 in San Diego** The Western Regional Leaders' Forum was held March 1-4 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Diego. 4 LA County leaders attended. This was a great event for leaders to learn new skills and network with other leaders from the 13 western states. It was great to see old friends and make new ones. Noel and Judylynn were on a trivia team of three that came in First in the round on National Parks. Our tour and dinner on the USS Midway aircraft carrier was awesome. The sessions on art and nature activities were very hands-on – Noel came back with poison oak. This was an informative and fun WRLF.

At this time, no WRLF is planned for next year. Whether to have future WRLF events or perhaps how to improve WRLF is being discussed and studied.

**District Reports: 1. AV—report by Laura Shannon** We had two large events, the Livestock Symposium and Food and Fashion Revue, since the last Council Meeting. Both went well. At the Livestock Symposium, our new speakers had great reviews (horse, large animal vet, and swine), so we'll be happy to have them join us again as we rotate speakers from year to year. Ethics training was held in conjunction with the event and was well attended. Food and Fashion Revue also was well attended, with a higher number of fashion entries than food entries this year. Hopefully we'll be seeing many of the fashion entries at Field Day :)

**SSG**—They did a great job at Judging Day. Now they are working on SGV Fair. 3. **SFV**—They attended Judging Day. Today they are hosting the County Council meeting with great refreshments. 4. **NSG**—report by Noel Keller The NSG 4-H district held a successful district Monte Farmer's Fair on Saturday February 10 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in LA. Our NSG Home Ec and Field Day was held on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We had a fashion show, judging contest, food fair, community service projects, cake walk, clothing and food entries, plus interpretive readings and speeches done. The district is currently working on the final details of LA County Field Day to be held Saturday, March 24 at Mt. SAC and the planning for the April SGV 4- Fair.

**Old Business**—1. Fund raising—tabled 2. County Constitution and By-Laws --tabled

**New Business 1.a.** Noel reported that she has not been able to find an evaluators training video for County Field Day.

1. Friends of 4H district nominations: South turned in Tina Wetts. Set up a soup kitchen and gifts for the kids. Motion by Noel, Second by Irma. Voted on and approved.
2. Nominations for LA County Council Officers for 2018-19: President-Peter Michel, Treasurer-Mary Lash, Secretary-Judylynn Pelling
3. LA County Council Budget for 2018-2019, send in suggestions to Mary Lash. It will be approved at the next meeting, May 12, 2018.
4. Dates for 2018-19 4-H year calendar were gone over. Please send in any dates you have to Noel Keller. It will be approved at the next meeting, May 12, 2018.

**Announcements** 1. Emerald Star Applications –reminder 2. 2017-18 4-H record book forms available on County Website 3. Southern Area Field Day –Mt. SAC April 21, 2018 4. San Gabriel Valley 4-H Fair is April 27-29. 5. State 4-H Field Day and Fashion Revue— Saturday June 2, 2018 in Davis 6. 2018 California Focus- June 22-26 in Sacramento 7. 4-H Summer Camp staff interviews—March 24, 2018, 9-12am at County Field Day

Next County Council meeting is May 12, 2018 Hosted by –NSG

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35

Respectfully Submitted, Judylynn Pelling, Secretary

**Those attending were** Peter Michel - SSG – PVP, Noel Keller - NSG - Pomona Valley, Amy Lockmann - SFV - Agoura Hills, Judylynn Pelling - NSG – ERHP, Irma Villegas-Gonzalez - NSG – ERHP, Susan Albitre - SFV - Agoura Hills (guest), Chuck Kwan - SSG – Macy, Laura Arana - SFV - Agoura Hills. A quorum was present for the meeting.