

Los Angeles County Leaders Council July 12, 2008

Those in attendance included: Peter Michel, Noel Keller, Johanna Stewart, Mary Lash, Emily Mountford, Judy Seymour, Kathy Richards, Dennis DeYoung, Jim Otto
Via Conference call: Dee Keese

A quorum was present.

County Office Attendees: Rachel Surls, Keith Nathaniel, Ashley Whitaker, Charlene Moore, Roy Hillstock

Called to order at Los Angeles County Office at 10:15am by Peter Michel, President. Peter Michel led the American and 4-H flag pledges.

Minutes from May 10 meeting taken by Dee Keese were submitted by Rachel Surls. Peter Michel requested correction under Summer Camp report that ten rather than two attended the ACA training.

Jim Otto requested that Constitution/Civics/By-laws Chair be changed to Civic Chair/Parliamentarian and add Shooting Sports Co-chairman Jim Otto. Mary Lash made motion to accept minutes as corrected, Johanna seconded the motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Mary Lash read the report. Balance on hand for July 2008 checking account is \$12,791.73 and savings \$20,327.26 for a total of \$33,118.99. Jim Otto moved to accept the reports, Dennis DeYoung seconded, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Incentive and Recognition: Noel Keller submitted written report. (see attached)

Sectional Leaders Council: Noel Keller reported she missed the meeting but thanked PVP for having pigeon project presentation. Sectional field day was evaluated and determined that went well.

All Stars: Charlene Moore reported that 4 candidates were interviewed today and 4 more will be interviewed at another time. All-stars will be required to sign an agreement that they will attend events. Discussion of desire to continue to have Jr. Leadership Conference was tabled for future discussion. Discussion of a Jr. All-Star group being formed for 2009.

Summer Camp: Peter Michel reported that camp had 159 youth plus staff and adults. All went well. Staff Beach party will be August 16th. Dennis DeYoung suggested camp be the 4th week of June as it was this year rather than 1st week of July. He thanked Marjorie Rodriguez for being a great head director. Keith said we will need more adults to attend camp next year.

Science Fair: No report given.

District Reports:

AV- Charlene Moore reported AV Fair starts August 22 for 11 days. AV had horse show with 35 to 40 children. Awards will be presented in August

SF- Emily reported she is taking over leadership of the club and moving the meeting place.

NSG- Noel Keller reported they supported Sectional Field Day and are getting ready for LA County Fair

SSG- Johanna Stewart reported they were working on the SSG Valley Fair that was in April and the Ranch had a Yard Sales and made approximately \$2000.00 for the ranch fees.

County Office:

Rachel reported submitted written report (see attached) and handed out 2007 Annual Report. Discussed On-line enrollment and has decided to wait at least a year for LA County to participate.

Roy Hillstock reported that we have new self-disclosure forms for Leaders and Youth
Keith Nathaniel reported that Tufts study has been extended thru August; he needs 25 youth for interviewing, age 13 and up.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominations were taken to fill open county board positions for 2008-2009. Noel Keller moved to accept positions as listed below, Johanna seconded motion, the motion passed.

Current Elected Officers

President: Peter Michel

Vice President: Dennis DeYoung

Vice President Youth: Erin Power-Fardy

Secretary: Judylynn Pelling

Treasurer: Mary Lash

Reporter/Historian: Kathy Richards, Judy Seymour

Agriculture Chair's: Dennis De Young/Jessie White

General Science Chair: May Tong

Home Economics Chair: Johanna Stewart

I&R Chair: Noel Keller

Shooting Sports Chair: Jim Otto

Technology Chair: Peter Michel

Civic Chair/Parliamentarian: Jim Otto

Sectional 4-H Leaders Representative's: Noel Keller, Dee Keese, Julylynn Pelling, and Nancy Otto

NEW BUSINESS:

Record Book Judging July 18th and 19th at Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church

County Awards Program July 27th at 2:00pm at Agua Dulce Women's Club.

LA County Fair Booth was discussed, will consider asking if we can share San Bernardino County's 4-H booth.

Jim Otto suggested Salt Water Aquarium Show as a possible fundraiser

4-H "Pets" Program will be on October 11, at the county office.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm

Respectfully submitted, Johanna Stewart

Los Angeles County 4-H Financial Report July 12, 2008

Balance on hand May 10, 2008

Checking Account	\$ 12,791.73
Savings Account	<u>\$ 20,327.26</u>
Total	\$ 33,118.99

Camp	\$ 27,655.51
County Hi 4-H	\$ 372.82
All Star	\$ 777.47
County Office	\$ 340.00
General	<u>\$ 3159.94</u>
Total	\$ 32,305.74

Income

Insurance	\$ 1216.00
Summer Camp	19,858.00
Donation- (\$ 300.00 -Camp)	
Savings Account Interest	10.13

Expenses

Camp	\$ 18,446.28
Science Fair	95.10
Leadership Conf.	1635.00
Fingerprinting	10.00
SSG Leaders Council (for cash)	1711.00

Total **\$ 21,084.13**

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Balance on hand July 12, 2008

Checking Account	\$ 11,948.00
Savings Account	<u>\$ 20,357.74</u>
Total	\$ 32,305.74

County Incentive and Recognition Committee Report

by Noel Keller, Chair

County Project Recognition

The LA County 4-H Project Recognition (Record Book Judging) will be basically the same as last year,

- members must use the "new" state record book forms to be eligible for a county medal
- there will be no judging or awards at the sectional level
- state judging will not be by project level and will be in December with entries due to the LA County 4H office in October.

The dates of July 15 and 16 that appear in the current 07-08 LA County 4-H Calendar are accurate as the deadlines to turn in records books. Plan ahead. Books delivered beyond these deadlines are not accepted or judged.

We are using the same locations as we have in the past for the county record book judging and the county awards program, that is Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church in Sunland and the Agua Dulce Women's Club building in Agua Dulce, respectively. The county awards program is planned for Sunday, July 27 at 2pm.

Record books will be judged by project at the county level, but not at the state level. At the state level, the member's records will be judged for personal growth in their leadership, citizenship and life skills development.

The County Incentives & Recognition Committee recommends that clubs and/or districts consider running record book workshops on the new forms for members.

The 2008 4-H project Awards ID Form and Checklist was printed in the May Clover Notes. It will correspond to the changes and new forms for this year's competition. Please look over the ID form packet carefully so members will be able to compete successfully. If you have any questions, contact a member of the county Incentives and Recognition (I & R) Committee.

Not too late to enter

It is not too late for 4H members to enter the county record book competition. This is the second year of the new state record book forms. There have been some changes in the forms since last year. Try to follow the directions and please note any areas of confusion. Please forward your notes to Noel Keller for the county I&R committee and we will forward them to the state I&R Committee.

No Judge - No Club Record Books Judged

Continuing this year, any club that does not have at least one adult representative at at least one of the county record book judging days will not have their members' records eligible for county awards. This means that each club that submits at least one record book for the county competition should have at least one adult representative at at least one of the judging days (July 18 and 19, about 9am to 5pm). If a club does not have a representative there, the record books from that club will not be judged for county awards. Plan ahead. The adult club representative does not have to be experienced at judging record books. There is a Judges' Orientation before the judging on each day. The judging will occur at Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church (corner of Sunland Blvd and Johanna Ave) in Sunland. **The name(s) of the club representative should be turned into Noel Keller (909-621-2373) by July 17.**

State Incentives and Recognition programs

The incentive and recognition programs offered at the state and sectional levels will be the same as last year. There will be no sectional judging. State judging will be later in the year and not be by project. The forms used in the state judging are the same as last year with only three extra pages beyond the county level forms needed to compete at the state level.

Only senior members will be able to compete at the state level.

The County Incentives & Recognition Committee recommends that clubs and districts consider running state project application workshops for members.

4-H OFFICE REPORT, July 12, 2008

Clover Notes:

As discussed at previous meeting, cost of printing has become unsustainable, and office is no longer receiving penalty mail funding which allowed us to mail Clover Notes at no cost to the office. Between printing and mailing costs, it has simply become too expensive to have a hard-copy Clover Notes.

We would like Council input on successful electronic dissemination of Clover Notes and 4-H information in general.

Ideas we've come up with as a staff:

- Electronic Clover Notes, either similar to its current format as a pdf file, or in an HTML format similar to "Updates from the California 4-H Youth Development Office"
- Printing and mailing an annual "4-H Program Book" which would include a calendar, and descriptions of all 4-H events/how to get more information. Enough would be printed so that new members would get one when they join during the program year.
- Mailing a packet for each event to club leaders, in addition to having event packets on-line, and in electronic Clover Notes.
- Using our new list serve to send out both Clover Notes and Office Updates in between monthly issues of Clover Notes.
- Encouraging people to use the "subscribe" function on our website (or subscribing them, if that is possible on our end).

Enrollment:

Still too many unknowns about new Enrollment system. Update from Roy.

Council Fundraiser:

Not yet scheduled. However, Ray Grabinski is planning a small luncheon for donors and leaders who can attend. Ray has indicated that he has \$1500 already committed.

Staff Updates:

Ashley Whitaker has been accepted to graduate school at American University in Washington D.C. and will be leaving us. It's been great to have her on staff, and we will miss her. Good luck Ashley! Rachel will reconvene Council Recruitment Committee to again recruit for and fill the position

Keith Nathaniel and his wife Keishia are expecting a baby! The baby is due August 4th. Keith will be taking some time off in August. Congratulations Keith!