

Los Angeles 4-H County Council meeting, September 28, 2019
AV District, Community Center at Agua Dulce Woman's Club Building
33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd., Agua Dulce, CA 91390

The meeting of the Leaders Council was called to order by president Peter Michel at 10:08am. Flag salute was led by Mark Kasperson and 4-H Pledge by Rebekah Kasperson.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Dennis, seconded by Noel, passed.

Minutes of the May 11, 2019 meeting: Dennis moved we approve the minutes as printed. Seconded by Noel. Voted on and passed.

Correspondence—Received a thank you note from Dawn Fuller.

2nd Vice Pres. Report—Nicoleene Yunker—She attended the State Leadership Conference in Davis in July. She is working on the County Science Fair.

Treasurer's Report: Finger printing costs were discussed. Noel moved and Mark seconded that we approve the report, voted on and passed.

County office report—Charlene Moore reported that the office has a new plan for new leader training. Each club leader needs to email Charlene the prospective leader's information. She will call and talk to them, then send them a finger print packet, and on line training information. Charlene will do 2 trainings in AV and 2 in the LA office area; on a week night, one Saturday morning. First will be Oct. 12, 1pm in the LA office. Roy will put out information.

District Reports: SFV—They will be delivering a Friends of 4-H Plaque to Galpin Ford. AV- They finished the AV fair in August. Fair awards will be given out in October. They are planning for the new 4-H year.

SSG—Had their achievement Night and have begun planning the SGV

Fair. **NSG 4-H district** report by Noel Keller Members have been working on their record books and participating in the LA County Fair in Pomona. ERHP 4-H Club had a 4-H booth at the LA County Fair. We thank Judylynn Pelling for arranging this with the fair and setting up

the booth. Members from the PVP and Pomona Valley 4-H Clubs also helped man the booth. The booth was mainly open on Saturdays and Sundays during the fair from noon to 8pm. It went well. We hope there will be a LA County 4-H booth next year at the fair. We are now planning an NSG Achievement event to be held on October 19.

Committee/ Other Reports : 1. LA County All-Star Ambassadors are working on their projects. Anissa Foster reported on her project -- collecting socks for women and children in shelters. She is also offering public speaking skills to the shelters. Nikki is working on the science fair. The Jr. Leadership Conference is in February. 2020 all Star Ambassador applications are due February 14, 2020.

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

2019 LA County Record Book competition This year we have 44 record books submitted for the county record book competition – 11 Juniors, 16 Intermediates and 17 Seniors. 7 clubs participated. We evaluated books on Sept. 14 and 21. 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 it years to come. 4-H record book can be a reference for future college and job applications.

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 the program, SSG district will be the decorations, SFV district is in charge of refreshments and AV district will be doing the publicity.

State Record Book Competition

So far this year we have five 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. 28. This year their records will again be sent electronically to the state office by Nov. 1. The evaluating of the records will also occur electronically November thru min-January with the results announced at the end of January. Applications for being a state record book evaluator are due online by Nov. 3.

Attention – Senior Members – you can still compete in the State Record Book competition If you were a Senior 4-H member last year and want to enter your record book in the 2019 state record book competition, submit an Intent to Submit online by September 30.

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 2019 record book to the LA County 4-H Office by **October 28**, 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 2019 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. 2019 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.

Record Book Manual for 2019-2020? The state website still does not yet have the record book forms to be used for the 2019-2020 program year. We don't know if a new set of forms will be released. Watch for news about this.

There still seems to be confusion by leaders and members on how to correctly fill out the record book forms. Please read the Record Book manuals carefully and perhaps the districts should offer some leader and member training sessions.

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. Further information about this will be on the county website by the end of October.

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. 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. At the end of the program year, the club evaluates how they did meeting their goals.

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.

2020-2021 LA County 4-H All Star Ambassador applications are due by Feb. 14, 2020

Junior All Star county project

Dee Keese is again running the Junior All Star county project this year. Thank you, Dee! Applications are available on the county website and are due Oct. 1. This is a great opportunity for members to learn valuable leadership skills and gain leadership experience. Being in this county project, does not mean that you are LA County All Star. There has been some confusion in the past. This county project can help get you ready to apply for LA County All Star Ambassador in the future. Contact Dee for more information.

Field (Presentation) Days – from state website

1. Each county organizes a County 4-H Presentation Day.
2. If you receive a Gold award at the county level, you are encouraged to present in an Area 4-H Presentation Day. You may present at ANY Area 4-H Presentation Day (not just the one organized for your Area). You can also present at multiple Area 4-H Presentation Days if you would like to try to improve your score or get more practice.
3. If you receive a Gold award at any Area Presentation Day, you may present at the [State 4-H Presentation Day](#).
4. Primary members (ages 5-8) are encouraged to participate in Area Presentation Day as well, but can only receive participation seals and cannot be evaluated according to the Presentation Manual.

2020 County Awards event We had a small turn in of record books for the county record competition this year. We want to encourage more members to participate in this opportunity next year. Perhaps it is time to have a leader training for completing record books. We have noticed that record books are coming in with incorrect recording of their 4-H activities. Are leaders encouraging their members to complete record books? Do all leaders know how to complete 4-H records in a 4-H record book? Perhaps we need to provide an incentive for members to come to the County Awards event, such as including some additional activities to the event, such as a community service project. Perhaps while the county council meeting is occurring there could be an activity for members at the same time, and have both events – meeting/activity and awards ceremony – occur in either the morning or afternoon and not go over a lunch period. We can discuss this further under New Business.

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 current 2019-2020 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 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 2019-2020 I&R district representatives. The next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 8:30pm by conference call.

3. Livestock Symposium-AV-Jan. 25, 2020 Charlene says the contract has been signed. AV will be planning it at their next meeting.
4. County Judging Day—AV- Feb. 22, 2020, Hoping to get Palmdale HS
5. County Food Fair – AV- March 7, 2020 – is being planned.
6. County Fashion Revue – March 28, 2020 – Melinda Kasperson
7. County Field Day—March 28, 2020 - SFV - location not known
8. County Science Day – Kenneth Yunker (youth) –planning for March/April, maybe with Healthy Living event.
9. Healthy Living event – Kaylin Kwan (youth)—April 4, 2020
10. Summer Camp—Dennis DeYoung - Meeting tomorrow at 3pm, to pick adult directors and youth directors. Head adult director is Kelly Dowlan. We are planning to be able to use credit cards for payment. Camp will be 3rd or 4th week of June. Deadline for camperships is May 1st.
11. Shooting sports Chair –Dee Keese - There is a Shooting Rifle Discipline training workshop – Nov. 2-3 in Bakersfield. There is also one in December 2019 in Imperial County. Archery, Rifle & Shotgun Training – November 2019. Please contact Dee for further information.
12. Management Board - **California 4-H Management Board (MB)** report by Noel Keller The California 4-H Management Board voted to change its organizational and committee structure in July 2019. You can read about that on the state website, where you'll also find links to the revised constitution and bylaws. For those interested in helping out (like joining the Management Board or a committee), please email Curtis (cullerich@ucanr.edu) with a little about your experience and how you'd like to get involved. Our current active projects are the California 4-H Youth Summits and area presentation (field) days; and our strategic projects are fundraising, marketing, and volunteer management (recruiting and empowerment).

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

The Southern Area Program Development Committee was disbanded on June 30th. There are now just committees for specific events, such as youth summits and area field days. John Trammell of San Bernardino County is the Director over the 4 area youth summits.

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.

13. LA County Fair—A booth telling about 4-H with activities for youth to do was run by ER-HP 4-H Club with help from Pomona Valley and one family from PVP for 4 weekends and Labor Day. Thank you to everyone who helped make this successful.

14. Southern Area Field Day—May 2, 2020, tentative Noel has heard that Mary Ann Smith from Imperial County will be organizing and running this event. Noel hasn't heard back from Mary Ann about the date of the event. Noel thinks it will be Saturday, May 2, not May 26 as it is on the meeting agenda.

15. State Field Day—Saturday June 6, 2020 tentative

Old Business

1. Changes to Council's Constitution by Laws—tabled

2. **Updates to the 2019-2020 LA County 4-H Calendar** –The 2019-2020 LA County 4-H Calendar is now on the county 4-H website. This is the official county calendar of events. Let's try to keep it up to date. Changes to the calendar should be announced in the Clover Notes. There should be someone to coordinate the dates for the calendar. Changes should be sent to that person and to Roy Hillstock in the LA 4-H office. Are there any changes needed now? Please look over the calendar on the county website and let us know about changes needed.

Changes known now, include County Science event on **Oct. 12 has been canceled** and move to later in the Spring. No SGV fair planning meetings in October or February.

Southern Area Field Day is tentatively **May 2**.

State Field Day and Fashion Revue is tentatively **June 4**.

3. Elect county council vacant positions: Vice Pres., Technology Chair, Leaders Support Chair, Civics Chair, Parliamentarian/Policy Secretary Please contact Peter if you can fill in an office.

New Business

1. Meeting Attendance was discussed.
2. County Awards Event review—Noel Keller – Noel suggested that in the future the time of the county awards ceremony be moved to eliminate the lunch between the county council meeting and the awards ceremony – perhaps 9a-12:15p (county council meeting 9-10:30 and awards 10:45- 12:15p) or 1-4:15pm (council meeting 1-2:30, awards 2:45-4:15p). Noel also suggested that some activity could be offered for youth members, such as a service project, while the county council meeting is occurring to help be a draw for more youth members to attend the awards ceremony. After discussion, it seemed that there was agreement for trying the morning option. This can be discussed further during calendar planning for next year.
3. 2020-21 LA County 4-H Member County \$5 Fee proposal per youth member. The idea was discussed.

Announcements 1. County Awards Program—AV - Sept. 28

2. Jr. Leader Conference—ALL Star Ambassadors –Feb. 1, 2020
3. Healthy living event –April 4, 2020
4. Next Meeting LA Leaders council –Feb. 1, 2020 - hosted by SSG

Adjournment –Noel moved we adjourn at 12:10 pm.

Attendance- NSG-Noel Keller, Jolynn Bottrell, Kaitlyn, Cindy Hanlon, Pomona Valley, Judylynn Pelling, Eagle Rock-Highland Park; SSG- Peter Michel, Kenneth, Nicoleene Yunker, Marina Krishmar, PVP, Johanna Stewart on phone, Anissa, Denise Foster, Greenleaf; SFV- on Phone-- Dennis DeYoung, San Fernando Valley 4-H; AV, Shirley Byrne, Mark, Rebekah, Melina Kasperon, Christian, Maria, Jacob Cook, Canyon Coyotes, Charlene Moore, County Office .

Respectfully submitted, Judylynn Pelling Secretary