

**Los Angeles 4-H Leaders Council**, Saturday, September 25, 2021 On line Virtual Meeting Zoom, conference call

The meeting of the Leaders Council was called to order by President Peter Michel at 9:37am. Flag salute and 4H Pledge was led by Jasha Susnjar. Every one present introduced themselves and their club.

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

**Minutes** of the May 8, 2021 meeting. Noel moved we approve the minutes as printed. Seconded by Melinda. Voted on and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Discussed as printed. Noel moved and Ibrahim seconded that we approve the report, voted on and passed.

**Correspondence:** None

### **Council Officer Reports**

**Reporter/Historian**—Ashley Arana -- [Ashely.k.arana@gmail.com](mailto:Ashely.k.arana@gmail.com). I hope you are all as excited as I am about going into this new 4-H year! I would love to be able to post new pictures and content for the Instagram Account, centering on the 4-H members and how they are entering this 4-H year.

This account is a beta test and a project to align club communication across the County and increase exposure, grow our membership and retain our valuable participants in 4H. This account will allow clubs and members to utilize social media tools to share and coordinate county, regional, and state information for LA County 4H.

Please send pictures of community service, events, projects, general meetings ect. with any captions and descriptions as well as any upcoming club events and/or project dates. Below is the account name with a link too and I will be sure to get the media which you send to me posted as soon as possible.

Have a spectacular day!

**County Office Report:** Charlene Moore—1. Covid 19 Update related to 4H—there are no changes as to the last instructions. 2. The new enrollment system on line still has some problem and some parts are not complete. If you have a problem email it to Charlene and Roy. (Peter went over how to use the new system) 3. Photo release for members is required on the new enrollment form. 4. The new

record book system is a pilot program. Some clubs and members may try it this year. It is very different with a 4 clover leaf a year system before earning stars.

District Reports 1. AV –They had their livestock show and auction. The AV Fair has been canceled. They are having their first Horse clinic today. 2. SFV- They hosted the record book judging. 3. **NSG 4-H district** Members have been working on their record books. We miss running a booth at the LA County fair, which didn't happen in September again. The district will again have its monthly council meetings by conference call this year. We thought that the district parties on zoom went well last year. It gave our district members a chance to meet each other in a fun environment. The parties were organized and run by our youth. We will again have some district parties with the possible themes of Halloween, Harvest/Thanksgiving, Holiday, New Year, Valentine's Day, Spring and/or End-of-the-Year. Our district clubs take turns organizing the parties. We are now planning an NSG Achievement event to be held on October 16 and helping with the planning of the 2022 SGV4-H Fair. We are also considering a pet fair event in the fall.

4. SSG—They are working on the SGV 4H Fair with NSG. Their award day is planned for Oct. 24.

### **Committee/ Other Reports:**

1.— I&R **County Incentive and Recognition Committee Report** by Noel Keller, County I&R Committee Chair [nkeller91711@gmail.com](mailto:nkeller91711@gmail.com), 909-621-2373 – home, 909-957-6498 – cell

**2021 LA County Record Book competition** This year we have 39 record books submitted for the county record book competition – 8 Juniors, 18 Intermediates and 13 Seniors. 7 clubs participated. We evaluated books on Sept. 11. We thank all those who helped evaluate the record books. 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 virtually today at 11:45am in this Zoom room 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. The actual medals, certificates, patches, plaques and scoring sheets will be sent to the districts for distribution to the recipients. The record books have already been returned to the clubs.

**State Record Book Winner** – We congratulate Sophie Loewner from the PVP 4-H Club for being a State Winner in the 2019-2020 State Record Book competition.

**New LA County 4-H All Star Ambassador** – We congratulate Ibrahim Yaaseen from the PVP 4-H Club for being selected as 2021-22 LA County 4-H All Star Ambassador. We look forward to Ibrahim's participation in county events.

**2020-2021 State Record Book Competition** The State Record Book competition is focused on recognition for senior 4-H members who have demonstrated a well-rounded 4-H experience. Books are evaluated against standard criteria. Those books recording the most outstanding work, goal management skills, and leadership and civic development are selected as state medalists or state winners. We haven't heard the details of the state record book competition for 2020-2021 records yet. The state website seems to currently not functioning.

**4-H 2021 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.

2021 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 and forms for 2021-2022** The state website does not yet have the 2021-22 record book manual and forms to be used for the 2021-2022 program year. When it is available, a link to it will be put on the LA County website. Remind your members to fill in their record forms as the program year moves along so items are not forgotten and all the record keeping is not left for the end of the year.

The LA County 4-H 2021-22 Record Book competition ID form and guidelines will hopefully be available on the county website by the end of October.

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 on 4-H record books.

**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 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.

**2022-2023 LA County 4-H All Star Ambassador applications** are due by Feb. 18, 2022. The application will be on the county website by the end of November.

**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 about this 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.

**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 2021-2022 county I&R Committee members are Noel Keller and Judylynn Pelling from NSG, Dee Keese and Peter Michel from SSG, Jamie Litchfield 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 2021-2022 I&R district representatives. The next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 7:30pm by conference call.

**2. All Star Ambassador Team**—Patrick Kam, Sophie, Ibrahim -- Unfortunately, due to the ongoing uncertainty Jr Leader conference has been post-poned until next year because of Covid 19. Sophie reports-This year, Ibrahim and I plan to work together on a County All-Star project. Because of the covid situation, we have decided to do a project that will encourage all county clubs to participate, but will not require that we meet in person.

We are going to ask all clubs to collect and donate large ziplock bags filled with hygiene items that we will then take to the Los Angeles Union Mission to be distributed to the homeless.

We will encourage the clubs to decorate the ziplock bags with 4H themed sayings and emblems. This will give 4H visibility in the county and make the ziplocks look fun and colorful.

Some of the items that can be included in the bags are toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, hair combs, chapstick, sunscreen, hand sanitizer, and soap.

We are planning to get this information to Roy Hillstock very soon, so that he can, hopefully, include this project in the October newsletter.

Our goal is to have all the bags dropped off at the county offices by February 1<sup>st</sup>, so we can pick them up and take them to the Mission.

3. Livestock Symposium—Jan. 22—Charlene Moore We are waiting to see what will happen. It could be on line or hopefully live.
4. County Judging Day—Feb. 26—SSG It was discussed. Amy moved we form a committee to investigate ways of doing it in person or on line. Seconded by Noel. Voted on and passed. Committee volunteers are Amy, Shirley, Dee, Peter, Noel, Judylynn.
5. County Fashion Review -- March 26. The plan is to work with the judges, using the good grading sheet from last year. We will look at the numbers and put it together with clubs in the districts.
- 6 County Food Fair—March 12—Charlene Moore It will be done like last year.
7. County Field Day—March 26—NSG—NSG district is again in charge of organizing and running County Field Day this year. We thought the event went well last year with presentation entries coming in as YouTube videos and the Interview Contest and the Impromptu and Extemporaneous Speaking entries being evaluated on zoom. We announced the results of the field day events at the March County Council meeting. At this time we don't know how the Region and State will run their Presentation Days, but we suggest that we repeat the way we handled field day options last year. When we get to calendar updating later in this meeting, we would like to discuss the dates for the various field day options. March is always a busy month with so many activities – County Field Day, County Fashion Revue and County Food Fair.
8. County Healthy Living Event---It is planned for April 2. A flyer is being prepared.
9. Summer Camp –Dennis DeYoung We hope to have it this year. Check the web site for details [www.4hsummercamp.com](http://www.4hsummercamp.com)

**Old Business** 1. Changes to Council's Constitution/By Laws—Marjorie Rodriquez-- tabled

**2 Updates to LA County 4-H 2021-22 Calendar** The 2021-2022 County Calendar was reviewed for possible updates. Unfortunately we ran out of time, so the 2022 months of July, August and September were not reviewed yet. It was noted that the AV Fair may move into September 2022 and the Record Book Judging dates may need to be changed.

It was moved by Noel, seconded by Sophie and passed to approve the updates for the 2021-22 LA County 4-H Calendar. The updates included the following:

- addition of SSG Achievement night for Oct. 24
- removal of Jr. Leadership Conference for Oct. 23
- addition of Fun Shoot for Nov. 20
- addition of first Shoot for Jan. 15
- addition of second Shoot for Fe. 5
- addition of third Shoot for March 12
- addition of fourth Shot for April 9
- addition of first make up day for Shoot for May 12
- addition of second day make up day for Shoot for June 12
- addition of entry forms due for County Field Day for March 4
- addition of County Field Day – Impromptu/Extemporaneous evaluation for March 12
- addition of County Field Day YouTube videos due for March 14
- addition of County Field Day – Interview Contest for March 19
- move of County Council Meeting from March 19 to March 26
- removal County Field Day from March 19
- addition of summer camp staff dates (Peter will check with Dennis DeYoung about these)

We were reminded that all updates to the 21-22 LA County 4-H calendar should be sent to Council Vice-President Amy Lockmann.

The year we want to try to keep the LA County 4-H Calendar up-to-date monthly on the LA County 4-H website.

### **3. Election of vacant positions on LA County Council**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President (youth) Ibrahim Yaassen

Home economics Chair Melinda Kasperson Noel moved and Sophie seconded that we accept these new officers. Voted on and passed.

We still need to fill these positions:

Science Chair

Civics Chair

Agriculture Chair

Leader support Chair

Parliamentarian/Policy Secretary

**New Business** 1. Record Books for 2021-2022 --The State 4-H office is talking about changing the 4-H record book program. So far, we haven't seen anything in writing about it. We understand that clubs or individuals might be given an option to pilot the new program this year. Since the 2021-22 4-H program year has already started, we would like the Council to consider a motion that LA County 4-H continue the current record book program that it used last year. If a club or individual decides to pilot the new program, then we will establish a procedure to evaluate those "new program" record books. It was moved by Melinda, seconded by Sophie and passed that LA County 4-H use the same record keeping and 4-H rank system that was used for 2020-21. This does not include the one-year exception that Intermediates were not required to complete LDR forms.

We understand from Charlene that there will be a new 2021-22 Record Book Manual with forms dated as 2021-2022, so the 2020-21 record book forms from last year should not be used. So far, we haven't seen this 2021-22 Manual.

As soon as we hear something definite from the state about record keeping for 2021-22 we will send out the information to the clubs.

**General Announcements** 1. Next LA County Council meeting—Jan. 29 (SSG) on Zoom 2. 4-H Week--Oct.3-9 3. 4H members and leaders should now be enrolled for 2021-22

Adjournment --We adjourned at 11:42 am.

12:00---LA County Awards Program—announcement of the County Record Book competition awards.

Attendance includes- NSG-Noel Keller- Pomona Valley; Judylynn Pelling, Eagle Rock-Highland Park; SSG- Peter Michel, Ibrahim Yaaseen, Patrick Kam, Sophie Loewner, Jasha Sasmjar, Aby Khan, Sophie Alexander --PVP; SFV- Amy Lockmann,-- Agoura 4-H. AV—Shirley Byrne, Melinda and Rebekah Kasperon, Canyon Coyotes, County office-Charlene Moore, Shirley Alexander, Rachel Tam

Respectfully submitted, Judylynn Pelling, Secretary

