

Los Angeles 4-H Council, Saturday, September 23, 2023 On line Virtual Meeting
Zoom, conference call

Attendance includes - NSG-Noel Keller, Kaitlyn Hanlon-Scardina, Pomona Valley; Judylynn Pelling, Eagle Rock-Highland Park ; SSG- Johanna Stewart, Greenleaf; Dee Keese, - PVP; SFV - Amy & Maddy Lockmann, Agoura 4-H. AV – Shirley Byrne, Aaron, Amber Boeker, Canyon Coyotes; Sarah Bonham, Leona Valley, Patricia Urrutia-Hemker, Eastside Antelopes, Charlene Moore, County Office,. Araceli Hernandez Region 11 RPC

The meeting of the Leaders Council was called to order by Vice President Amy Lockmann at 9:31am. Aaron led the Flag salute and the 4H pledge. Noel moved we approve the agenda, seconded by Judylynn, voted on and passed.

Minutes of the May 13, 2023 meeting. Noel Keller moved we accept the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Johanna. Voted on and passed.

Treasurer's Report: We have a new separate credit card account for camp that will be held at the County office. Noel moved we approve the report as submitted. Seconded by Judylynn. Voted on and passed. There was no extra money made from camp so there will be no income for the county council from the 2023 summer camp.

Correspondence: None received

Open Forum –1. Having a Fundraising Chairman and committee was suggested. 2. We could split the secretary position into recording and corresponding secretary. Corresponding secretary would be a good position for youth. 3. Moving record book judging further North in the county would help get more judges for the event.

Program— AV – no program They are at the AV Fair

Council Officer Reports: none

County Office Report: - 1. Charlene Moore—new leaders need to fill out on the new survey on the new server. 2. Everyone needs to re-enroll. Anyone on leaders roster can reach out to Roy Hillstock or Charlene if you have problems. Email members who are approved to them. 3. Most of the financial records are in. If you do your new 2023-24 budget now, please send a copy to Charlene. 4. We need shorter agenda for County Council and the I &R committee. 5. Older members can continue on the old record book forms and stars. New to 4-H need to do the new Spark Achievement record books.

District Reports 1. AV – Their fair is going on right now, this week through Sunday. Members are wearing club shirts. They are thinking about getting a AV district 4H shirt. In August had livestock that had a very successful auction. Horse show had 1st and 2nd year contenders. They are planning a llama project. 2. SFV- Hoping to get a new club. 3. SSG – South Achievement Night was last Sunday, September 17. It went all

well. We worked on the SSG 4H Fair. 4. NSG - report by Noel Keller The ERHP 4-H Club run a 4-H booth at the LA County fair last May with the help of the Pomona Valley 4-H Club and a few other clubs. The fair appreciated the booth and hope that we will run a booth at the fair next May. We thought that the district parties at San Dimas Canyon Park went well last year. It gave our district members a chance to meet each other in a fun environment. Members worked on their record books over the summer. We had 6 NSG district member complete Spark Achievement record books for their 2022-23 4-H records. The district will again have its monthly council meetings by conference call on the first Tuesday this year. We are now planning an NSG Achievement event to be held on October 21 and helping with the planning of the 2024 SGV 4-H Fair. We are also considering a district pet fair event during the year, along with a few other fun district events.

Committee/ Other Reports:

LA Ambassador Team -1. Maddy Lockmann is our new County 4-H Ambassador. She has been in 4H for 11 years and has held every office in her club.

State 4-H Ambassador Report – no report

2. Jr. leadership conference will be October 7, 10-11:30 am. Maddy Lockmann is planning it. A flyer will be coming out soon.

3. County 4-H Healthy Living event is January 20, 2024. Maddy Lockmann is working on it.

4. County 4-H Judging day—February 24, 2024, in AV. Charlene Moore is working on getting a school for the event. She would like to get a representative from each club to be on a call to discuss the planning of this event.

5. Livestock Symposium—October 28, 2023, in AV Charlene has speakers on sheep, swine, rabbit, poultry (very good with a fun lady). New this year is Llama. They need vendors. 4H has a food booth. A donation of \$1-2 is asked for, but no one is turned away.

6. LA County 4-H Field Day --SFV –Amy Lockmann It will be held in March like last year on video and zoom. A packet will be coming out shortly. We will need more slots for Regional. Charlene will talk to Brenda at the State office.

7. County Fashion Review-- March 23, 2024 –AV We need a county chairperson for this event..

8. County Food Fair – Charlene Moore -- AV will have it May 4. It will also be held in the other districts as they plan it and follow the judging sheet like last year.

9. County Science Event -We need a county Chairperson for this event.

10. Summer Camp –June 16 to June 22, 2024, tentative.

11. Shooting Sports Report – none

12.. I&R County Incentive and Recognition Committee Report by Noel Keller, County I&R Committee Chair nkeller91711@gmail.com,

2023 LA County Record Book competition This year we have 33 record books submitted for the county record book competition – 8 Juniors, 11 Intermediates and 14 Seniors. 6 clubs participated. We evaluated 6 club officer books. We evaluated the books on Sept. 9. We thank all those who helped evaluate the record books. We cannot have this record book and officer 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. A 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. The award results will be posted on the county website.

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.

New LA County 4-H Ambassador – We congratulate Maddy Lockmann from the Agoura 4-H Club for being selected as a 2023-24 LA County 4-H All Star Ambassador. We look forward to Maddy's participation in county events.

2022-2023 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. Information about this opportunity is on the state 4-H Website. A notice of Intent to Submit is due online by Oct. 1. The actual records need to be submitted to the state by Oct. 15. Only Senior member are eligible for the state record book competition. Seniors are not required to compete in their county record book competition to be able to enter the state competition. The results of the 2023 state competition are announced in January, 2024.

Evaluators are needed for the State Record Book competition. Applications for state record book evaluators are due online by Oct. 15. See the state website for more details about this. Evaluating is done online in teams.

4-H 2023 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.

2023 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 next issue of Clover Notes.

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 and 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.

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.

2024-2025 LA County 4-H Ambassador applications are due by Feb. 16, 2024. The application will be on the county website by the end of November.

Emerald Star program – ends June 30, 2024 The current Emerald Star program offers Intermediate and Senior 4H member an opportunity for planning and running an advanced leadership activity above the club level. The purpose of the program is to provide an opportunity for improving, creating and expanding 4-H programs and helping individual 4-H members grow and improve in the areas of organization, leadership and project planning. The state 4-H has decided that this program will end by June 30, 2024. All current and future Emerald Star projects should be completed by this time, June 30, 2024. A new Emerald Star I and II program is starting as part of the new Spark Achievement program, but this is totally different than the current Emerald Star program, which may be referred to as the legacy emerald star program in the future.. Try not to get these two programs confused.

Spark Achievement Program As I have been mentioning this year, change is coming to the 4-H star rank achievement program and record book program. The State 4-H announced the new Spark Achievement Program last Fall. Using the new Spark Achievement Program last year was optional, but the State is making it mandatory this year for Junior members, new 4-H members and returning members who have never completed a 4-H record book. The new Spark Achievement Manual and recording forms are now on the State 4-H website, and on the county website. You can now go to these sources if you want more

information now about what is happening. We will be offering some informational and training sessions on this new program in the fall.

So, how does this change affect us now? There is no change in record keeping this year for Primary members. Junior members should all be doing the Spark Achievement program. New members (all ages) should be doing the Spark Achievement program. Those members who have never done a record book should do the Spark Achievement program. Intermediates and Senior members who have been working on the Bronze/Silver/Gold/Platinum star rank program can continue in that program or start the Spark Achievement program. All of this will be explained to leaders and clubs this fall when the state finalizes this program materials and the county finalizes its roll out plan for this program. Watch for information to be sent out about it.

The Spark Achievement program has specific goals for members to achievement in learning about 4-H and their individual spark areas. Clubs will want to offer opportunities during the year for their members to achieve these goals, so look at the Sparks, Emerald Star and Impact Star Achievements Program Manual to learn about these goals.

Record Books for 2023-24 Information will be coming out about 2023-24 record books, hopefully, by the end of October. If members will be continuing the Bronze/Silver/Gold/Platinum program, we anticipate that their record books will be same as last year. If members will be doing the new Spark Achievement program, their record book will include the Spark Achievement Report form, but not the PDR, LDR or the Collection of Work section. More about this will come out later. The state has not finalized the details of the Spark Achievement record book yet. The I&R Committee will be updating their Record Book ID packet with the current state requirements and guidelines for 4-H record keeping this year. We hope to have our 2023-2024 Record Book ID packet out by the end of October.

Old Business 1. Update to the Council's Constitution/By Laws—they are still in the county office awaiting approval and sending to the state

2. State leadership Conference went very well.

3. Calendar updates for 2023-2024 -- Please look at the county website for the details of the 2023-24 LA County 4-H calendar. An effort will be made to keep the

2023-24 calendar up-to-date on the county 4-H website. Clubs, districts and committees should now be aware of these approved 2023-24 activity dates and additional activities should be planned around these approved dates. We expect that during the 2023-24 program year that some of these approved activity dates may need to be changed with the approval of the County Council. This approved calendar is still missing Shooting Sports activity dates and some district and training dates. Additional dates for the 2023-24 calendar should be sent to Amy Lockmann.

Today we are looking to see if there are any updates for future date that are needed for the current 2023-24 LA County calendar on the website. The updates needed include the following:

- 1) Delete Oct. 14 for County Judging Day – County Judging Day is now set for Feb. 24, 2024
- 2) Horse Show #1 Oct. 7 (moved from Oct. 8)
- 3) Horse Show #2 Nov. 18 (moved from 11/12) change title to AV Horse Show
- 4) Add I&R meeting to Sept. 26 at 7:30pm
- 5) Delete SGV Fair meeting from Oct.19
- 6) Delete County Field Day from Mar. 26
- 7) Move SSG District mtg and SGV Fair mtg from 9/14/to 9/21
- 8) Remove SGV Fair mtg from 10/19
- 9) Add County 4-H Ambassador applications due on 2/16/24
- 10) Remove tentative form Judging Day on 2/24/24
- 11) Change wording on 4/1/24 to read “SGV 4-H Fair Entry Forms Due”
- 12) Add SGV Fair Entries due to 4/19 and 4/20
- 13) Change SGV 4-H Fair to one day only – 4/27/24
- 14) Add I&R committee mtg to 4/23/24

These updates will be made to the current 2023-2024 LA COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL COUNTY CALENDAR ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE, with a revision date of 9/23/23.

4. Vacant positions on LA County 4-H Council for 2023-2024 :

A. Officers-historian and Reporter; B. Chairs: Agriculture, Science, Home Economics, Shooting Sports. Technology, Leaders Support, I&R, Parliamentarian/Policy Secretary.

Dee Keese said she would again be Shooting Sports Chair.

New Business 1. New district rotation chart committee—Amy will chair. Noel, Amber Boeker, Judylynn volunteered for the committee.

2. Hi-4H activities and events---Maddy will conduct a survey and send the results to Roy.

3. Fundraising committee—Noel moved we add a fundraising chair to the county council. Seconded by Judylynn. Voted on and passed.

General Announcements 1. 4-H members and leaders should now be enrolled for 2023-2024 2. National 4-H Week “Opportunity 4 All” –Oct. 1-7, 2023

3. 2024 4-h CA Youth Summit (Intermediate Youth) –Jan. 12-14, 2024 (Southern)

4. Next LA County 4-H Council Meeting—Jan. 27, 2024 (SSG) via Zoom

Adjournment at 11:28am. The 2023 LA County Awards Ceremony started at 11:45 am. Results have been sent to club leaders and Roy Hillstock.

Respectfully submitted, Judylynn Pelling, Secretary