

Los Angeles 4-H County Council, Saturday, July 20, 2024 Online Virtual Meeting
Zoom, conference call

Attendance includes - NSG-Noel Keller, Kaitlyn Hanlon-Scardina, Pomona Valley; Judylynn Pelling, Eagle Rock-Highland Park ; SSG- Eias Yassen PVP; Johanna Stewart; SFV - Amy Lockmann, Agoura 4-H, Sylvia Lemberski, San Fernando, AV - Sarah Bonham, Lenoa Valley Racketeers, Melinda Kasperon, Amber Boeker, Canyon Coyotes, Charlene Moore, County office..

The meeting of the Leaders Council was called to order by Vice President Amy Lockmann at 10:06 am. Eisa Yaassen led the Flag salute and 4H Pledge. Noel moved we approve the agenda, seconded by Sarah Bonhan. The motion passed.

Minutes of the May 18, 2024 meeting Johanna moved we accept the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Noel. Voted on and passed.

Correspondence: None received.

Open Forum – None

Program—AV district presentation – None. This is just a simple presentation of something that has been done , community service, county field day presentations, etc.

Council Officer Reports: President—Amy Lockmann— None

Vice president's report—office needs to be filled

2nd vice –presidents report (youth)—Elsa none

Treasurer's Report:; Noel moved it be approved as submitted. Seconded by Sarah. Voted on and passed. Johanna explained how the credit card account for summer camp works. Keith Nathaniel in the county office is in charge of this account. Payments from it go directly to the state. .

County Office Report: - 1 Club audit -- please make sure neatly filled out, type the numbers. On the peer review form, check the boxes and write comments. Be sure you have at least 3 signatures. Signers cannot be related to any of the account signers. On the inventory report be sure to list where the items are stored. Person who has the item should also sign the form. Livestock projects have the most equipment, so location is very important. Worn out or discarded items need to be listed in the year they were last used.

2. Member enrollment is now open. Please encourage members to be enrolled by October. Collect the insurance and any club fees. Let Roy know when members are approved by club so he can approve them on the file. If a member is requesting an enrollment fee waiver, have them fill out the waiver and save it for when Roy bills the club for enrollment . Send a copy to him and deduct the amount of the waiver from the bill.

3. Leader enrollment & training—Do your required extension training, then enroll on the site. Charlene and Roy are planning to have a returning leader training on zoom next week on Wednesday or Thursday at 7pm. Be sure Roy has your list of leaders and projects so members can complete enrollment. New leaders must do a live scan. If you need/want the county to reimburse you, send the live scan receipt to Rebecca in the county 4-H office, who will forward it to the council Treasurer.

4. Charlene's retirement—It will probably be the end of October, as she would like to train the new person for her position. She will still be a club leader. She discussed the storage issues. The problems with the storage unit at the AV Fair grounds seems to have been solved, but not verified. We could use storage units in the other districts. Another storage unit may be available in Acton. Charlene's replacement will work out of the Alhambra 4-H office. The replacement position is only now being posted.

District Reports
1. AV – The AV Fall Fair will be September 25-29th where we will have an informational booth about 4H. The Fair hosts a Fair Kick-Off dinner for volunteers which will be held on August 9th. The Fair also broke ground on three new buildings : community kitchen that can make 9, 000 meals a day, indoor gym with volleyball/pickleball/basketball courts that will also serve as 1,000 bed emergency evacuation center and a emergency operations center that will have a 400 seat auditorium.

2. SFV – We welcome Sylvia Lemberski and San Fernando Club to our district. It is great to have another club.

3. SSG – .None

4. NSG - report by Noel Keller The NSG district council meetings for this year are being moved from the first Tuesday of the month to the first Wednesday of the month. We are busy preparing our audits for the 2023-24 4-H program year. We are doing our club setups for the 24-25 program year. Our first district event will be our Fall Festival and Awards event in October.

Committee/ Other Reports:

1. County 4-H Healthy Living Hike—June 8, Griffith Park, Maddy Lockmann & Eisa Yaaseen - We had a great time at the healthy living hike and eight members showed up! We hiked to the botanical garden and had lunch. We were able to learn important hiking skills like counting off before the hike so we don't lose anyone and learned about the different species of plants. We are excited for next year and hope to see more people there!

2. 4-H Summer Camp—June 16-22 @ Camp Seely –Camp went very well with a good turnout and volunteers for the food staff. Thank you to everyone who make our return to Seely a success.

3. 2023-24 record Book evaluation—August 24@ 9:00am at Good Shepherd Lutheran School and church, 6338 N. Figueroa St. L. A., CA 90042. See the I&R Committee report for details.

4. Junior Leadership Conference—Oct. 15. Via Zoom

5. :Livestock Symposium,--Oct. 26—tentative date, have verbal confirmation

6. Healthy Living –Nov. 2, Looking for a chairperson for this event

7. LA County 4-H Ambassadors—Maddy Lockmann Hi everyone I have exciting news that the hand tied blankets were donated to the painted turtle on July 15! In total the LA County Clubs were able to donate 29 blankets! I am also excited to announce that the Agoura 4H club is continuing donations yearly to the painted turtle, and would be happy to invite other clubs to donate blankets. Thank you and have a wonderful day!

Eisa Yaassen—We are working on developing a project for next year.

8. 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 **2024-25 4H Program Year Starts!** **Service Star Program** **iSprout**

The end of the 2023-2024 4-H program year was June 30, 2024. 4-H work done starting July 1 should be recorded for your 2024-25 records.

According to the State 4-H, all current Emerald Star projects needed to be completed by June 30. LA County 4-H has liked the Emerald Star program opportunity for its members, so LA County 4-H will start a program called **Service Star** on July 1, which will be much like the prior Emerald Star. More information will come out about the LA County 4-H Service Star program at the end of July. Each district should elect a Service Star adviser, just as they had an Emerald Star adviser in the past.

The LA County 4-H White Star and White Star Pin program for Primary members ended on June 30. Primary members who were working on their White Star or White Star pin should have completed their requirements by June 30. This program year, Primary members should be participating in the state iSprout

program for Primary members, which has been available since 2016. iSprout information and resource materials are available on the county and State 4-H website.

Record Books for 2023-24 As we have been mentioning, for the 23-24 4-H program year, we had record books being made for two different 4-H achievement programs – the Star Rank program (the prior Bronze/Silver/Gold/Platinum program) and the new Achievements program. (Spark Achievement, Emerald Star I and II, and the Impact Stars of Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum). There is a separate Record Book ID packet for each one. Be sure you are looking at the correct Record Book ID packet for your 23-24 records.

All Juniors, new members to 4-H and Intermediate and Senior members who did start this program year with a Bronze Star should be presenting their 4-H work in a Spark Achievement record book.

Only returning Intermediates and Senior members who already earned at least a Bronze Star have the option to continue working on their Silver/Gold/Platinum star rank.

If a members submits their records in the incorrect record book format, they will be given an opportunity to change their records to the correct format. Record books in the incorrect program format will not be eligible for special awards for the County Record Book competition.

The two program record books are very similar. Both have the same Title Page, Table of Contents, My Story, Collection of Work, Projects, Resume and Past Years sections. However, the Leadership reports are different. The new Spark Achievements record book has a Spark Achievement Report and an Activity Summary Report, where as the Star Rank record book has a PDR. The LA County 4-H website has a comparison chart of the two types of record books.

REMINDER - Record Book Manual 2023-2024 and forms Encourage your club members to complete a 4-H record book the 2023-24 4H program year. Being organized and keeping records are life skills. Consider offering incentives to club members who complete a record book.

We have stated that Record Book manuals for 2023-2024 is the only record book manuals and forms that should be used. They are available on the state 4-H

website and on our county website. The record keeping forms for the Star Rank program are the same as last year. If you have questions, contact a member of the county I&R Committee or Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com).

Please tell your club members to look at the Record Book Judging ID packet carefully. LA County allows the original documents of the Collection of Work, which is more expanded than the state requirement. Note that there are some LDR (Leadership Development Report) relaxed requirements again for this year – **the LDR form is optional for Intermediate members and there are no word count minimums on the LDR for the Star Rank program record books.** Seniors will, however, be reminded that these modified rules are only for the county level of evaluating this year.

Primary member record books are evaluated at the club level and not submitted to the County Record Book Competition.

2023-2024 County Record Book Competition and Awards Day The forms and information for the 2024 LA County Record Book Competition are available on the county website. County Record Book Evaluating will be done much the same as it has been in past year. Remember that record books for the County Record Book Evaluating will be due in late August, earlier than the past. Record Books are due to LA or AV office by 4pm on Tuesday, Aug. 20 or on Wednesday, Aug. 21 to a member of the county I&R committee by 9pm. Record Book evaluating will occur on Aug. 24. If a club has at least one record book submitted for the county record book competition, the club must provide at least one evaluator on Aug. 24. Please notify Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com) by Aug. 22 who will be the evaluator from your club. Be sure all record book forms are signed properly. Be sure to use the correct forms and follow the current guidelines. Late record books are not accepted for the competition.

If a Junior or Teen leader has done a particularly good job this year, remind them to apply for a Leadership Merit Award on their Record Book Competition ID Form. To earn this award, the member's record book must include an APR report for a Leadership project, an APR report for the project led and a Leadership report.

When evaluating the record books, the I&R Committee is recommending that the LA County evaluating form be used for all levels of record books and that in addition the state evaluating county forms be marked only for Seniors but not totaled. The state record book evaluation forms will not be used for Juniors and Intermediates.

We are planning to have the LA County Awards Program held Saturday, **September 7** after the LA County Council meeting that day. 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 will be returned to the clubs on the day of the judging. The award results will be posted on the county website.

Club Officer Book recognition If a club officer has done a particularly good job in club in his position, encourage he/she to complete an officer book and submit it for recognition. The officer books are evaluated against a standard, so all officer books could receive a Gold medal. Officer books are submitted at the same time as Record Books to the County Record Book Competition. You do not need to submit a member Record Book to be able to submit an Officer Book. More information about this is available on the county website. All club officers are eligible to try for this recognition.

2024 State Record Book Competition The state record book competition information is not yet posted on the State 4-H website..

2024-2025 State Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee The State 4-H Office is now accepting applications for the state 4-H Advisory Committees, including the State Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee, for the 2024-2025 program year. All 4-H members, adult volunteers, and staff are encouraged to apply. The committees offer insight, review and input for the operation and management of the state 4-H program. Applications are now due to the CA State 4-H Office postmarked by **September 30, 2024** or entered online. The deadline was extended from May 31.

There are 12 other state advisory committees as follows. Our LA County 4-H voice should be heard on some of these committees. Considering applying to be on one of these committees. The Application deadline is May 31, 2024.

Animal Science Camping Civic Engagement Clothing and Textiles Equine Science Healthy Living Volunteer Development Shooting Sports Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) Policy Public Speaking and Communications

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education – not 2024-25 For more information, see:

http://4h.ucanr.edu/Administration/Advisory_Committees/

4-H 2024 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. 2024 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 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.

4-H Higher Education Scholarships – Information about this opportunity for 4-H senior members is available on the State website. Applications are due by September 9, 2024.

Special 4-H recognition - Information on three opportunities for 4-H recognition are available on the State 4-H website.

Youth in Action awards recognize and highlight 4-H youth who demonstrate how 4-H changed their lives and equipped them to change the lives of others.

Golden Clover awards recognize outstanding achievements of members, volunteers and staff. There are several categories for these awards.

Diamond Clover award is the highest achievement for a youth member or an emerging adult volunteer (ages 17-25).

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 2024-2025 county I&R Committee members are Noel Keller and Judylynn Pelling from NSG, Dee Keese and Di LaPlume from SSG, no representatives from AV, and Amy Lockmann and Nicole Darway from SFV. The committee usually meets by conference call during the year on the fourth Tuesday. Please notify Noel Keller with the names of any newly elected 2024-2025 I&R district representatives. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 22 at 7:00pm by conference call.

9. Shooting Sports Report – Alexa Rose Ryan Shirley no report

10. District Rotation Chart Committee— Amy Lockmann meeting is planned. Two representatives per district are needed for this committee.

11. County Judging Day—Charlene It is planned for January 21, 2025

12. State 4H Ambassador report—Ashley Arana She is working on the State Leadership Conference for this month. This will be her last event. She reports that it has been a great year representing 4H.

Old Business 1. – Update to Council’s Constitution/By Laws—.. The state is no longer requiring officer term limits. Also youth representation has been changed from 50% to 30%. The state is testing a new program in some counties, but not in LA. Changes to our council Constitution/Bylaws are currently on hold.

2. Melinda moved we give a **Friend of 4H Award** for Scott Keller who has helped 4H in AV. Seconded by Sarah. Voted on and passed.

3 Updates to LA County 4-H 2024-25 Calendar – revision 7/16/24 The new 2024-25 LA County 4-H calendar was approved at our county council meeting on May 18, 2024. An effort will be made to keep the 2024-25 calendar up-to-date on the county 4-H website. Clubs, districts and committees should now be aware of these approved 2024-25 activity dates and additional activities should be planned around these approved dates. We expect that during the 2024-25 program year that

some of these approved activity dates may need to be changed with the approval of the County Council. Additional dates for the 2024-25 calendar should be sent to Amy Lockmann. Although not reviewed at this meeting in detail, the following are recent updates to the 2024-25 LA County 4-H Calendar:

NSG District Mtg. is moving from first Tuesday to first Wednesday each month (**Sept - June**, except in Jan it will be the second Wed.)

2024 July 9 – Exec Council mtg moved to July 15

July 19 – move to July 12 - Deadline to apply for Summer Camp Head Adult

July 21 - change verbiage to Camp evaluation & committee meeting

Delete council meeting from July 27

Healthy Living Summit - SCC - delete from July 27

Club Audit Due - move from Aug 1 to Aug 5

Add Regional Leader Summit – SCC – Oct. 6

Remove Livestock Symposium from October 19

Add Dec. 6 Deadline to Apply for Camp Executive Staff

Add Dec. 8 Interviews for Camp Executive Staff

2025 Add Jan. 4 Staff Training Day for Camp Executive Staff

Move County Judging Day from March 1 to January 25

Move the council meeting that is on January 25 to the 18th

Add March 2 Camp Committee Meeting

Add March 22 Camp Staff Interviews

Add April 12-13 Camp Staff Training Weekend

Add June 1 Final Camp Committee Meeting

Change words on July 20 to say Camp Evaluation and Camp Committee Meeting

Move club audit from August 1 to August 15

Please have this revised copy of the calendar dated (7/15/24)

.New Business 1. So. Cal Collaborative. Next meeting August 1, 6:30 via Zoom. Leader summits are 9/14 and 10 /6, which can include senior youth and adult 4-H volunteers.

2. Vacant council positions. They are Vice President, reporter/historian; Open Chair man positions are Home Ec., Leader support, Technology,

Fund raising, I&R Co Chairman, Healthy Living and Parliamentarian. Sara Bonham volunteered to be Science Chair.

General Announcements 1. Next LA County 4H Council Meeting –Saturday September 7, 2024 at 10am with record book awards at 11:35am, via Zoom.

2. State Leadership Conference—July 25-28 for Sr Members & July 26-28 for Int. members.

3. Project Leader Clinic—July 26-28, 2024, UC Davis Campus

Respectfully submitted, Judylynn Pelling, Secretary