

Kings County 4-H Council Minutes

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

6:00 PM- via Zoom

- ❖ The meeting was called to order by 2nd Vice President Angela Loogman at 6:03 p.m.
- ❖ The Flag Salute was led by Dawsyn Mello and the 4-H Pledge was led by Anna Dooley.
- ❖ Members present: Angela Loogman (2nd Vice President; Grangeville), Melanie Curtis (Secretary; Corcoran), Lilly Pimentel (Treasurer; Kings River), Lara Felipe (Director; Island), Stephanie Fry (Director; Ambassador Advisor; Oakvale), Rochelle VanVelson (Corcoran), Donna Eller (Lemoore), Jennifer Thomas (Corcoran), Shanna Robbins (All Star Advisor; Lemoore), Brody Vickers (Lemoore), Anna Dooley (All Star; Kings Harvest), Madison Thomas (Ambassador, Corcoran), Trista Fry (All Star; Oakvale), Dawsyn Mello (Grangeville), Tyler Beck (guest), and Rochelle Mederos (staff).
- ❖ A motion was made by Trista Fry and seconded by Dawsyn Mello to approve the minutes from the meeting on November 4, 2020. Motion passed.
- ❖ Rochelle read correspondence from the California State 4-H Fashion Revue Committee: volunteers (youth and adult) are needed with Zoom and Google experience to help with the virtual event in May; Service project is Port Pillow; counties need to have county level events by 4/23/2021, in order to participants to register by 4/30/2021 deadline.
- ❖ Treasurer's Report was given by Lilly Pimentel, stating that \$287.16 was deposited, assets are \$59412.61, designated funds liabilities are \$38,567.56, and net income is \$25,599.49. A motion was made by Melanie Curtis and seconded by Shanna Robbins to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.
- ❖ Reports - (Standing)
 - All Star Report - Anna Dooley and Trista Fry reported that they have met twice since our last meeting. They planned and conducted a service project with the Remington where they made a donation of Christmas cards and slipper socks for the residents and Christmas wreaths for the hallways. Regarding the 4-H display window contest, there were only two excellent entries, so a tie was called, therefore, the first and second place monetary awards will be combined and split evenly. They are hopeful that Judging Day can be in-person, but will also plan for virtual, if restrictions are not lifted soon.
 - Ambassador Report- Madison reported that they have combined their meeting and activities with the All Stars and also participated in the service project for the Remington. They are also helping with plans for Judging Day.
 - Emerald Star Report(s) - Madison Thomas reported that her group is still waiting for evaluations from the students from Jefferson School who participated in their Farm Day project. She will follow up with Michelle White and once they have received the feedback forms, they will be ready to move forward with their final report and interview.
 - Countywide Projects Reports - Countywide Rabbit Project has been sending out virtual activities to members. Countywide Shooting Sports has not been active since we are back to no in-person programming.

- Mini Grants- no reports or applications
- Staff Report
 - Rochelle introduced our new Kings County 4-H Community Outreach Specialist, Tyler Beck, who hopes to start his position on 1/11/2021. Tyler introduced himself stating that he is from Hanford and was a 4-H member from age 9-19 and he was an Emerald Star recipient. He studies Agriculture Communication at Fresno State receiving his Bachelors of Science degree. During college, he volunteered in the Kings County 4-H Office and worked for Congressman Valadao in the county office and as an intern in DC. He is excited to start his job with Kings County 4-H.
 - COVID -19 Update and UC ANR 4-H Guidelines – effective 12/5/2020, Regional Stay at Home Order in place and ALL 4-H programming is to take place virtually; NO (outdoor or indoor) IN-PERSON 4-H meetings/events/activities of any kind are to take place until further notice.
 - UC ANR remote work and limited on-site operation status is extended through 6/30/2021; this means that UC ANR personnel will not be working in the UCCE offices full time until after 6/30/21.
 - [California 4-H at Home](#) website and [Virtual Toolbox](#) for 4-H members and volunteers.
 - [4-H Adult Helper in Virtual Learning Spaces](#) certification has been established to uphold 4-H youth protection and adult supervision, by creating this new role for virtual activities and breakout rooms when an additional 4-H Adult Volunteer is required but not available. This certification is only for VIRTUAL programming.
 - [Virtual 4-H Activities: Requirement for Recording Youth Members' Images](#) – guidance document for staff and volunteers to use as they plan and implement virtual delivery to ensure cyber safety of youth members.
 - [Supporting Youth Through the Pandemic](#) – Dr. Chelsey Hauge Zavaleta created a video series (December & January) for 4-H volunteers, parents, guardian, and UC ANR employees who want to know specific strategies to help youth, as well as the caring adults in their lives, cope and thrive during these challenging times.
 - Culmination of the California 4-H Management Board – the Management Board was established in 2016 to enable adult and youth volunteers to strengthen the program with support from the State 4-H Office and provide leadership for regional programming, ensuring alignment with statewide goals and priorities; work has centered on streamlining activities to ensure that youth have access to the same educational outcomes, no matter where they are in the state; Youth Summits and Area Presentation Days have been the main focus; termination of the California 4-H Management Board will take effect on January 31, 2021.
 - Upcoming Events (Statewide)
 - [2021 Youth Animal Science Drive-Thru Event](#) – Saturday, February 20, 2021 @ 9 am – 3 pm @ Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds suzanne.amaral@countyofnapa.org
 - [2021 4-H Statewide Equine Events](#)
 - ✓ Equine Public Speaking Contest – Saturday, February 20, 2021
 - ✓ Equine Field Day – Saturday, March 13, 2021
 - ✓ Hippology Contest – Saturday, May 15, 2021
 - ✓ Horse Judging – Sunday, May 16, 2021
 - ✓ California 4-H Classic Horse Show – June 21-27, 2021
 - [Virtual Youth Summit](#) (ages 11-13) – March 26-28, 2021
 - [2021 Virtual State Leadership Conference](#) – July 23-25, 2021

- [Introduction to 4-H Western Heritage](#) project presentation
- [Civilian Marksmanship Program Scholarship](#) for Shooting Sports Project high school seniors

❖ Unfinished Business

- 4-H Week Window Display Contest update was given during the All Star report. Rochelle and others will check back in records to determine the award amounts.
- Calendar Discussion
 - Judging Day –All Star and Ambassador teams provided an update during their report, possibly in February.
 - Presentation Day – Melanie Curtis proposed the date of Saturday, April 17th either in-person based upon COVID restrictions or virtually.
 - Kings County 4-H Fair April 8-10, 2021 – Planning meetings via Zoom January 20, 2021, 6 pm Livestock and 7 pm Home Economics
 - Kings Fair – June 10-13, 2021
- [Beginning of Year Club Checklist](#) items were due by November 1st – missing items from Corcoran, Delta View, Grangeville, Island, Lemoore, and Oakvale; Rochelle will reach out to clubs individually regarding missing items.
- [California 4-H Groundswell Debit Card](#) – we did not meet the Race to 50 requirements, but counties can still participate by having individuals sign up for the card.
- Favorite Foods Fair 2021 – due to COVID restrictions plans should be made for virtual event and then possibly add some in-person if COVID allows; chairperson needed contact the 4-H Office or Rochelle if interested.
- County Fashion Revue 2021 - due to COVID restrictions plans should be made for virtual event and then possibly add some in-person if COVID allows; Tiffany Valov to be chairperson. Rochelle will check to see if any other counties have a model for a virtual event.
- Enrollment – Currently 131 total confirmed ACTIVE enrollments, 26 adult volunteers and 105 youth members. This is a 63% reduction from last year's totals. Club leaders should follow up with members (youth and adults) regarding enrollment.

❖ New Business

- [Cross-County 4-H Livestock Judging Project](#) – Sarah and Corey Weber, Grangeville 4-H, are starting a project for Kings and Tulare County 4-H youth members. Once COVID restricts allow, they will have small group in-person activities, but will start with virtual meetings. Share the project information and flyer with your members and have them contact Sarah to sign up.
- 2020-2021 First Installment Enrollment Bills – checks will be payable to UC Regents this year; invoice and enrollment lists will be sent out to clubs within the next week.
- Rochelle VanVelson asked for input from other clubs about how they are handling club meetings and getting members to participate. Lara Felipe shared that she purchased display boards from the dollar store and they were handed out to youth during a drive-thru meeting. The youth use the presentation boards to display and present about their project(s) during the club meetings (drive-thru, virtual and/or in-person). The questions was asked about meeting attendance percentage and Rochelle stated that Club meeting attendance is NOT required for membership in good standing, refer to the [Steps to Success](#) document. In order for youth to receive the annual stripe and pin, they must complete at least one project by turning in the [Annual Project Report](#) form that documents the minimum 6 hours of project instruction.

Meeting (Club and Project) attendance 80% is only required for [Star Rank](#) advancement.
Project completion is required to participate at Fair.

- ❖ Next Leaders Council Meeting is Tuesday, February 2, 2021, @ 6 pm via Zoom.
- ❖ Announcements - none
- ❖ A motion was made by Lilly Pimentel and seconded by Lara Felipe to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.