

Orange County Council Meeting Minutes
SCREC

January 25, 2011

The meeting was opened by Alex Martin at 7:02 p.m.

The **Pledge to the American Flag** was led by B. J. Bender.

The **4-H Pledge** was led by Ashleigh Mathias.

Officer's reports:

President – Alex Martin had nothing specific to announce other than items on the agenda.

Vice President – Phil Pacia said that Casey Bailey will give a presentation on the New Year's Day Float Decorating. Casey was not here tonight.

Treasurer – Jim Mullion said that the amount in the checking account as of January 18, 2011 is \$19, 576.00. We have more deposits that were submitted tonight and more bills. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read was made by Phil Pacia and passed.

Secretary – The minutes were accepted as presented.

Corresponding Secretary – Shar Rice had nothing new to report.

Youth Representatives – Ashleigh Mathias and B.J. Bender reported that they went to the Teen Involvement Conference (TIC), which is put on by South Section 4-H Teen Council, at Pathfinder Ranch a week or so ago. The Theme was "Summit of Citizenship". The weekend was really awesome. The speaker was Doctor Ramon Resa. He spoke on determination, leadership and citizenship. The workshop sessions were wonderful. One great session was the one on "Impromptu Speaking". The session called "There Is No New Water" showed about how little water we have access to in comparison to all of the water in the world. We are encouraged to conserve water. On February 5th Ashleigh plans to go to a workshop at Mt. SAC to learn more about Science Engineering and Technology (S.E.T.). She will bring back information to our county to share with our members. The event had a dance and great food. We hope that next year there can be better participation from out county members. While they were there, they had an election for the South Section Teen Council. B.J Bender and Ashleigh Mathias were elected to be State Youth Representatives. Congratulations! They will go twice a year to the State Council meetings (October at U. C. Davis area and April here in the South). Information will be brought from the State to the South Section and to the county meetings. They will also get to help plan TIC for 2012.

4-H Office Representative – Jeanne Lothridge reported that we have 442 members and 146 adult leaders confirmed. Online registration is closed now. If new members want to join, they must fill out a complete form. (Youth application, medical form, waiver) These are submitted to the club leaders with a check and the leaders turn all of the forms in to Jeanne at the 4-H Office. We will pay the state for our current members and at the end of the year the state will invoice us with any differences. Clubs and leaders must be sure to make copies of the forms for your own files. The forms can be found on the state website under Resources – List of forms <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Publications/> The Thrive Committee is looking for more members. <http://www.ca4h.org/About/Thrive/> The Thrive Conference will have another

workshop in Riverside on the 15th and 16th of April. It was scheduled for the 18th, 19th and 20th of March in San Luis Rey. They are actually still going to do that one; but, they are also holding one in Riverside. This will include LA, Riverside, Orange and San Bernardino counties. The S.E.T. workshop will be on February 5th 2011 at Mt. SAC from 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the student center. They will have three different workshops.

Old Business:

Budget – The budget was finalized for the county committee and approved at our December county executive meeting. If any of the committee chairs have any questions about any of the items, let us know for we will have an official budget next month so that gives you enough time.

By-Laws - Club By-Laws are due March 1st to Jeanne. Please do not wait until February to get started. If you need samples, you can look at the State website www.ca4h.org Use the Administration tab, California 4-H Policies, Chapter 3; Affirmative Action and Civil Rights section 9: Constitutions and Bylaw, click on Bylaws-4-H Unit Template. Any changes or additions to meet the needs of the unit may be made and must be approved by the County Staff and County Director prior to the approval for the Club. Your Club needs to approve them before you submit them to the County office, so plan accordingly for the time needed to get them approved. **If you have not started on them already, you need to.** A couple of the clubs have submitted their by-laws. They are in WORD so you can make your addendums right on them. Alex Martin e-mailed the By-Laws to everyone along with the minutes.

The By-Laws will not be approved tonight because you need to have those 30 days before we approve them.

Ginny Houtz asked whether some better language could be used to help define a quorum for the county council. (Article 4, Section 7) Jan Tubbiola asked that someone check on the language about what to do in the event of a vacancy on the board. (Article 3, Section 3 of the old By-Laws).

All Star/Ambassadors/Teen Council – Mary Kerr was introduced to the council as our new advisor for All Star/ Ambassadors/Teen Council teams. Alex explained that after Ashleigh visited the South Section Teen Council, she learned that some of the counties do not have All Stars/Ambassadors the way we used to have them. Some have the top positions on the Teen Council as what we would call our Ambassadors. Alex has made changes to the application forms and will send them to Mary. After the changes are made, and approved, these applications may be sent out to the members. They will need to go through an interview. These programs will be geared to the teenage members in the county. More information will be available county wide when the details are completed. Mary explained that she was volunteered for this position by her leader in San Diego. She grew up in 4-H in San Diego. Some of the best part of 4-H was that there was something for everyone to enjoy. One of my good friends and I were on the Teen Council. We made a lot of great friends. The older members like to do the more teen activities. Mary is planning to have something for members to become involved in the county and develop leadership skills. Mary's e-mail is mkerr@sjuhsd.net

Summer Camp – Our County is not going to put on a summer camp this year. We are planning to work with Los Angeles and/or Riverside camps. Alex is in the process of gathering

information from these county camp leaders. Camp Seely is located near Crestline, CA in the San Bernardino Mountains and will be the week of June 26-July 2, 2011.

http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/4H_Youth_Development_Programs/

Early-Bird Registration: \$275.00 (\$75 non-refundable deposit postmarked by May 1, 2011)
Camp Registration: \$350.00 (\$75 non-refundable deposit postmarked by June 1, 2011) Late-Registration: \$400.00 (\$75 non-refundable deposit due w/application) (All Remaining Balances need to be paid in full to the LA 4-H County Office by June 15, 2011). Further details will be forthcoming about the Riverside camp. It will be from July 10-July 15, 2011. Possible conflict - Drop-off for market week for 4-H members - Orange County Fair will run from July 15-Aug. 14, 2011. For any of the members who are not doing an animal project, this would not be a problem. Alex will send more information soon. Orange County 4-H members may choose which camp works out best for them.

If Orange County is to run a summer camp next year, we need to form a committee and come up with a plan.

Committee Reports:

Fashion Revue – Michelle Kuester stated that this year’s theme is “Simply Stylish”. Important dates will be **February 5th** – 9a.m.-1p.m. - Pack a Lunch - Workshop – Community Service Event – Sewing Children’s Hospital Gowns to deliver to the State Competition. (Memorial Gardens at the Orange County Fairgrounds.) **March 1st** – The final deadline for ALL Fashion Revue entries to be received. All entries to be sent to Karen McGuire @ 15845 Sharonhill Dr. Whittier, CA 90604. **March 26th** – Fashion Revue Competition. (St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Fullerton). **April 11th** – Awards for Fashion Revue. Time yet to be decided. (to be held at the OC Fairgrounds, during Youth Expo Awards Ceremony)

May 21st – Sectional Fashion Revue (Mt. SAC Community College). May 28th – State Fashion Revue (UC Davis). There is not a fee for Fashion Revue.

<http://www.oc4h.org/fashion/index.html>

This year there is a \$15.00 Challenge. The spending limit is \$15.00 for a complete outfit. This may include a jacket or vest and should give a coordinated total look. Shoes are not included in the \$15.00, but anything else that shows is included, including jewelry and accessories. Sales tax does not count. Receipts are required, although they can be handwritten from garage sales. Sources may include garage sales, consignment stores, thrift stores, Goodwill, Salvation Army, etc. 4-Hers must qualify for sectional competition by being the challenge winner in their county Fashion Revue. Complete information about this category is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/> and

<http://www.ca4h.org/files/47528.pdf>

Food Fiesta – Susan Yaros reported that The Food Fiesta will be held on Jan. 29th (this weekend) from 9am-12 pm at the Buena Park Knights of Columbus Hall. The theme is “Under the Sea”. We presently have 43 members signed up for the event. We ask for more participation of clubs for this event. We need more adults/members for drop off of members with entries. Parking will be on the north side of the street for participants parking. Parking next to the building is reserved for staff and judges only. There will be a “Have a Heart” community service project as well as a “Under the Sea” judging contest. All families participating will receive a

ribbon, certificate and Food Fiesta Cookbook 2011. Please contact Susan Yaros (714) 323-0875 or syaros@msn.org if you have any questions or can help at the event.

Master Poultry – B. J. Bender reported that the next qualifier competition is April 9th at Ventura Fur & Feathers & Seaside Feather Fanciers Show. The past senior avian bowl team is presenting at the next T. T. poultry meeting recruiting kids for new teams. Our Senior team is also going to compete at Fresno (A State Poultry Show). Send us any possible members and look for changes in Y. E. Schedule. We can have up to 4 teams of 2 min. 4 max members on the teams, 2 senior teams & 2 junior teams.

Presentation Day – Ashleigh Mathias reported that the theme is “A Star is Barn”. The event is scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2011 at the Montessori on the Lake. Our last meeting will be Wednesday, February 2nd, at the Montessori school. All entries are due at that time. Please have your checks with you as well. If you can’t get your club check cut by then, please bring it to the County Council Meeting on February 22nd. We will be voting on program cover designs on the 2nd, so make sure your members send their designs with you. Entry fees are \$5 per presenter regardless of how many types of presentations they are doing.

Alex stated that they had a Presentation Day workshop with about 20 parents and kids show up. It went really well. Next time we may add more hours so we can help the kids more and a little earlier so the kids have more time to work on their presentations.

Youth Expo – Alex Martin stated that the theme is “Barn to be Wild”. The event is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, April 8-10, 2011. Committee meeting dates will all be Thursdays – February 24 and March 24 at 7:00 p.m. and we meet in the Memorial Gardens at the OC Fairgrounds. We will need all of the club summary sheets back at the meeting this Thursday. We will also need to know which clubs will be doing food booths and what they want to serve in their food booths. Camping applications will be e-mailed to everyone. We will accept the first 25 applications. Space is limited. This year they are going to issue parking passes according to families who enter. No new food handling class will be required for this year. 4-H will file one health permit so each club does not have to do that.

Sectional/State Reports – Ashleigh Mathias reported from the South Section meeting which was held on January 8 at Mt. SAC. Thrive training will be coming to us on March 18, 19 & 20 in San Luis Rey & April 15 & 16 in Riverside. Basically this new program is to push the overall 4-H experience. <http://www.ca4h.org/About/Thrive/> Jeanne Lothridge read an introduction letter from Thrive saying that each county needs to formulate a Thrive Master Trainer Team to promote this program. 4-H is partnering with the Thrive Foundation for Youth. The team may consist of 2 adults and 2 teen or Junior Leaders. Ashleigh went to a San Diego County Teen Council meeting. They have Super Saturdays where all of the clubs have displays and information about their clubs and projects to share. This event will be held on February 12, 2011 at the Vista Steam and Tractor Museum. Maybe we can do something similar in Orange County. For **Sectional Field Day** they would like to clarify that the entry categories are: Junior (grades 4 & 5), Intermediate (grades 6,7,8) and Senior (9th grade and above). The homeschooled members are categorized as Junior (9 and 10 years of age), Intermediate (11, 12 and 13 years of age) and

Senior (14 years old and above). For State Fashion Revue the age categories are: Junior- 9, 10 & 11, Intermediate-12 & 13, and Senior-14 and above. These age categories will also be used for South Section Field Day Fashion Revue. Judges baskets valued at \$20.00 are requested from each county for South Section Field Day. . By the next meeting, April 9, each county is asked to bring back all of the forms and items listed on the checklist. We need lots of judges, room supervisors, timers and MCs. For Impromptu and extemporaneous 2 judges are required per county. Fashion Revue needs 1 judge per each 3 member participants from each county. The Horse Advisory person said the South Section Horse Classic is coming up in Feb 18-21, 2011. Friday there will be an Educational night where members can give talks and demonstrations. Saturday there will be a Hippology Contest, Horse Bowl and judging contest. On Sunday there will be the English Show and on Monday there will be Western & Gym Khana. State 4-H Record Book Judging was held Dec. 3-5 in Davis. 97 books were submitted. 26 books were from South Section. There were 20 State Winners who each received \$250.00, 44 were State Medalists, 31 were Merit Recognition and 1 participation Certificate. There were 3 State Winners from South Section. Two were from Orange County - Chelsea Bates, and Miranda Morgan. Dee Keese reported that there is a change in the camping program requiring 1 trained lifeguard per 25 swimmers. Therefore life guard training for Summer camps can be acquired from Dee. Dee can be reached at (310)377-9773 or swimdude64@earthlink.net Class will be held over Memorial Day weekend and the 4H member will receive 8 certifications allowing the 4H member to be a certified American Red Cross Lifeguard. In the beginning of Feb. all registration information and details for the California 4-H photography contest and film festival will be available on the state 4-H website. South Section needs every county to submit a calendar so they can coordinate the events and allow people to attend more without having conflicts. San Diego County used UPS. They paid \$3.00 and charged \$10.00. They used it as a Fundraiser. Maybe Orange County can do this next year. All of the events throughout the year could be listed with pictures and information.

Awards and Incentives – Kay Strothman said that the State Record Books have been returned from Davis. She has been handing them out. She also has things left from Achievement Night to give back. 70 -80 books were turned in last year.

Leaders Recognition Committee (formerly known as the Leader's Banquet Committee) – Jan Tubbiola told us that they have met twice. In an effort to reach the leaders where more of them are gathered, the committee is still convinced that the Youth Expo is that location and time. Since some of the previous portions of the Youth Expo have been cancelled, we felt that having the recognition right when the building closes on Saturday would be a good time. It would be a family event, and we would serve a light meal (probably pizza). That way, the youth could see their parents receive some recognition. Therefore, we are planning the event for April 9 at 5:00 or so at the fairgrounds. If there are any comments or questions, please state them now because we have to start planning the details right away. Our next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. at Mike Mann's house.

Terracycle – County Fundraiser – B. J. Bender needs donations of used cell phones, laptops, scotch tape dispensers, cookie packages, candy bar wrappers and drink pouches. We get a designated \$ amount for each item we donate. Shipping is free and there is no limit to the number of items we can submit for money. Proceeds go directly to OC4-H. My e-mail is proud2bhorsegirl@aol.com if you have any questions. Bring trash donations to County Council meetings, Presentation Day meetings, Youth Expo meetings, Trabuco Trailblazers club and project meetings. It will be nice to have all of the clubs in Orange County join in with this effort for the county.

Treasurer's Training – A question was asked about whether and when there will be a training meeting/workshop for the treasurers. There is none scheduled at this time. Jeanne will look into the matter.

TIO – Articles are needed for the TIO newsletter.

Phil is working on a **Livestock Summary Contest** which he hopes to have available to Orange County youth by March or April. It will be Project Competition. The judges evaluate the kid's record books and project and they see which kids are the best. There will be one outstanding project for each species. The kids should receive a packet. The culmination should be at the OC Fair in July. He is talking about a Livestock Seminar too for project leaders and clubs. What are some of the problems and considerations of the livestock leaders? What are their questions and concerns as they try to take on their projects? These would be clinics to strengthen and improve some of the programs that they have going or establish them in clubs that do not have them.

Many times clubs say "We live in the city and there is no place to keep our animals." Phil says that this is not an excuse. There are places out there. Just talk with Phil. Everywhere that we live in Orange County, there are places. You may just have to be a little more creative. You may contact Phil at plpacia23@aol.com

The next meeting will be February 22, 2011 at SCREC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Beverly Schrieber, Secretary