

Orange County Council Meeting Minutes
SCREC

February 22, 2011

The meeting was opened by Alex Martin at 7:25 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 talked about the livestock project summaries. He wanted to check with the community club leaders which of the weekends in May would be good for a seminar on a Saturday from 8-noon at Sonora High School. They will become familiar with the project summary sheets that we are being developed. South Section Field Day is May 21 and State Field Day is May 28. This would be for leaders and members. They are putting a lunch together for those attending. May 7th seems to be the best day for this. Communicate with Phil about this event at plpacia23@aol.com The summary is a document that used to be around. It tells the rate of gain for the kids. It includes all of the concrete information about the project. They will be arranged by category (beef, sheep, goats, etc.) It is not a skill-a-thon. It has to do with the management records. Phil is developing this. The kids can start exhibiting the things that they know. The livestock leaders will learn how to build your livestock projects in your club. They will receive resources and tools if this is the avenue that you want to take for your club. There will be no competition on this day. This is to get the information out. The competition will be as the members submit their work by the fair and the awards will be given at the Orange County Fair at the awards assembly. It will be for 4-H. Phil will be sending a mock-up. It is pretty simple. We will be making it so that a 9 or 19 year old can fill it out.

Treasurer – Jim Mullion said that the amount in the checking account at this time is \$19,576.00. There are several checks outstanding in the amount of \$12,000.00. Most of this is 4-H Insurance.

Secretary – The minutes were approved as submitted.

Recording Secretary – None

Youth Representatives – B. J. Bender gave a report on the Terracycle activities. There will be boxes at Presentation Day. Donations of used cell phones, laptops, scotch tape dispensers, cookie packages, candy bar wrappers and drink pouches will be accepted. There will be a list of these items on the boxes so if you read about them and want to collect after the event, please bring them in. She has already collected 5 cell phones and a big box of various wrappers. Ashleigh Mathias said that they will be having a report from Mary Kerr soon. The applications will be available to the teen members of 4-H via E-mail in a week or so. Information about the LA Summer Camp (June 26-July 2) is available at

http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/4H_Youth_Development_Programs/ Chaperones do not pay.

Scholarships are available. If you are interested in the Riverside Summer Camp (July 10-15), information is available at http://ceriverside.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/Summer_Camp.htm

Cost is \$250 due at the end of June. Chaperones pay also. State Leadership Conference will be July 28-31. The deadline for financial aid is May 13.

4-H Office Representative - Jeanne Lothridge reported that The Thrive Training will be April 15-16 in Riverside. Two youth members and any leaders that would like to go are still needed. Please let her know by March 11, 2011, so everyone can be registered. Train the Trainer will be in Riverside on April 15th-from 4-9 p.m. and on the 16th from 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. Club leaders and enrollment coordinators need to go in to your club and check members and leaders. Make sure projects are correct and years in 4-H is correct. On-line system is closed. Club leaders need to send in a full application with insurance fee to the office for any new members to be entered.

Old Business

Club By-Laws: Alex announced that Jeanne is working with the clubs on getting the By-Laws turned in by March 1. Alex asked Jeanne which clubs have submitted their By-Laws. Jeanne said that she has received them from TriCity, LaHabra, Bonanza, Lake Forest, Yorba Linda and Orange Valley Handler. Alex encouraged everyone else to get theirs in. If you have not started yet, the E-mail that was sent as a reminder should help.

All Star/Ambassadors/Teen Council - Alex gave Mary Kerr a lot of information from the surrounding counties to use to make the applications work for our county. Mary has done this before. The Teen Council may be responsible for planning Winter Camp, Achievement Night, BLT, the fundraising calendars that were described last month. We want to try selling them next year. So once the applications go out to teens that are 13 and older, they may apply to be on the teen council. After Mary interviews everyone, she will determine where each teen should be placed according to age and ability. This year will be a planning year for next year's activities. As soon as we have a working outline and application, information will go out to the clubs.

ShoWorks – Phil stated that one of the management tools available to us is ShoWorks Fair Management Software. There is a need for something like this to take care of all of the information generated by Presentation Day and Youth Expo entries for this 2011 year. At the moment it is being handled with paper. This is pretty labor intensive. It is pretty cumbersome. Alex and her group propose that ShoWorks Fair Management Software be purchased so they can move forward and expedite a lot of the work that is being done behind the scenes. Orange County Fair used this. Phil uses it for the Community Fair. Alex said that there are over 2000 entries and it is extremely time consuming. We had 5 people working 3 days to manage Youth Expo last year. It took all day and they were there until 11:00 at night to complete. Larry and Kay are not available to help with Youth Expo this year. The program that was used last year is not available for our use. Alex has volunteers to help but it is the first time for them to work with the data. The program will have to be created. All of the entries will need to be recorded and the categories arranged this year. In the following years there will just be adjustments as the entries are received and the names added or collected. All of the divisions, ages, judge's decisions, winnings, etc. can be kept and found. Phil explained that one of the keys to getting this program is that we could include Food Fiesta, Presentation Day Fashion Revue & Youth Expo, and any other event that has many entries. Now we will need only one computer and start the program. We can add more as the need arises. They want \$100.00 for each extra additional computer. This is an Access Based program. The previous ShoWorks was 2006. Then they came out with this

2009 Version. It is very user friendly. The hardest part is coming up with a password that you can remember. A **motion** to purchase ShoWorks, including the Program and Computer, not to exceed \$2000.00, was made by Joe Cole, seconded by Judy Redman, and passed.

County By-Law – Alex explained that the By-Laws were sent out last month and again this month. The only change that was made was to add (Article 2, Section 3 of the old By-Laws) which addresses a vacancy on the board. A **motion** to approve the By-Laws as submitted, was made by Ashleigh Mathias, seconded by Richard Schrieber and passed.

Committee Reports

Fashion Revue – Alex reported that the theme is “Simply Stylish” and the event will be Saturday, March 26, 2011. The due date for entries is March 1. The guidelines for county will be the same as State for the Purchased category. Jeanne will provide Michelle Kuester with a list of all of the members who are enrolled in the Fashion Revue and Clothing Projects.

Food Fiesta: Susan Yaros reported that this year the 4-H Food Fiesta was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Buena Park on Sat. January 29th from 9 a.m. to noon. The theme was “Under the Sea”. Five Orange County 4-H clubs participated in this event. Each 4-H family received a copy of the Food Fiesta 2011 recipe book at the event. In addition to the judging event, there was a “Have a Heart” Community Service Project, an “Under the Sea” question judging contest, and a Share Table. Thanks go to our 4-H leader judges, Jan Tubbiola, Beverly Schrieber and Kay Strothman. Thanks also to our 4-H youth members, Alex Negrote, Keith Pascoe and Christian Redman. Youth who participated entered from Foods, Food Preparation, and Cake Decoration Projects. There were 11 gold medals and 5 silver medalists. Congratulations to all the participants.

Master Poultry – B.J. Bender reported that they were going to Fresno one last time. However, they were afraid to go through the Grapevine because of the snow.

Presentation Day – Alex reported that the theme is “A Star is Barn”. The event is scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2011 at the Montessori on the Lake. They are processing the entries. They still need a few more judges. Bring your \$5 - \$10 Thank You gifts for the judges table. Really cool pins will be given to the kids who give Presentations that are not Demonstrations.

Youth Expo – Alex Martin stated that the theme is “Barn to be Wild”. The event is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, April 8-10, 2011. The next committee meeting will be in 2 days, Feb. 24th. Camping applications were E-mailed to everyone and there are some copies in the back of this room. The first 25 applications will be accepted. If we have more tents and fewer trailers, we can take more people. There are some hook-ups. You will need a \$25.00 check made out to OC4H. A Youth Expo book was sent to everyone. Please do not use what you find on the website. Use what was sent by Alex. One person from each club should come in with a check. The Pygmy Goat Show and the Rabbit Show are Sanctioned. Youth Expo has also been opened to out-of-county for small livestock.

Volunteer Management: Ginny Houtz said that 4 or 5 from Orange County attended the science related training on Feb. 5th. The committee would like them to introduce the information on the subject they learned. Tisa Alley will be asked to present information on the Bio Security training

session she attended. Jeanne is working on projects for training in Riverside and will present at a council meeting in Orange County. Possibly a part of the Power of Wind will be included. The Thrive Initiative training will be April 15-16 in Riverside. Teen Council reps and Mary Kerr will be asked to attend with Beverly and Richard Schrieber.

Orange County Fair – Theme this year is “Let’s Eat”.

Awards and Incentives – Richard Schrieber stated that Kay Strothman was trying to find a date for a Record Book Workshop. Alex will look into using the Memorial Gardens on Saturday, April 2, from 3-6 p.m. This is the same day as Youth Expo setup.

Leaders Recognition Committee– Jan Tubbiola sent an E-mail to Beverly Schrieber stating that the Leader’s Recognition Event will be held on Saturday, April 9th in the Wine Garden at Orange County Fairgrounds. Social time will be from 5:30-6:00 p.m.. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. Families are welcome. The price will be \$3.00 per person, with children 5 and under being free. The Theme is “Wild About 4-H Leaders”. Our guest speaker will be Charlie Crabtree, who is a former OC 4-H leader and recipient of the Bob Cole Award in 1997. He is now living in Oklahoma. Please emphasize the urgency in nominating leaders for the Bob Cole Award and donors of time, money, or materials for the Meritorious Service Award. The Bob Cole Award recipient for last year was Judy Price. The recipient must be currently active as a leader in Orange County and must have been a leader for 5 or more years. Consideration may be on the basis of the number of members trained and developed, depth of influence on 4-H members or leaders, creative discharge of local and/or regional and state responsibilities, influence in shaping county policies, etc. The Meritorious Service Award is given to individuals, groups, or businesses outside of 4-H who have been outstanding in aiding the 4-H program. Nomination forms should be available through the 4-H office and sent to Judy Price. Alex said that the Wine Garden is being used by the fairgrounds for some other purpose. She will check on using the Memorial Gardens or possibly behind the building in the grassy area.

The next County Council meeting will be March 22, 2011 at SCREC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Beverly Schrieber, Secretary