

Orange County 4-H Council Meeting  
September 28, 2010 – SCREC  
Tentative Minutes

The meeting was brought to order at 7:09 p.m. by President, Alex Martin. The **Pledge to the American Flag** and the **4-H Pledge** were led by Ashleigh Mathias and B.J. Bender.

The **newly elected officers** were introduced. They are **President**--Alex Martin, **Vice President**--Phil Pacia, **Treasurer**--Jim Mullion, **Recording Secretary**--Beverly Schrieber, **Corresponding Secretary**--Sharlene Rice, **County Youth Representatives**--Ashleigh Mathias, B.J. Bender, Tracy Rice, Natalie Lutz, **South Section Representatives**—Ginny Houtz, Jan Tubbiola, Richard and Beverly Schrieber, **Alternate**—Kay Strothman and **Youth Representative**—Ashleigh Mathias.

#### **Officer Reports**

**President** – Alex Martin explained that the treasurer’s report, agenda and other papers are at the back of the room.

**Vice President** – Phil Pacia said that if anyone has something special going on in their clubs that would make a good program, please contact him and make arrangements to give a presentation at our future meeting. We try to keep them to 7-10 minutes in length.

**Treasurer** – Jim Mullion had just received the paperwork this evening. Rachel Cameron brought copies of the **Orange County CA 4-H Council Report (Balance Sheet) as of August 31, 2010** and the **Orange County CA 4-H Council Profit & Loss Budget Performance for September 2009 through August 2010** and placed them at the back of the room for everyone to take.

**Secretary** – Beverly Schrieber asked that everyone use the **Orange County 4-H Council Report** forms whenever giving a report at the meeting. They will be available on the web.

**Corresponding Secretary** – Sharlene Rice had no correspondence.

**Youth Reps** – No report.

**Old Business** – All clubs need to set up their appointments with Jeanie Lothridge in the 4-H office. No confirmation for any club will happen until this meeting takes place. A list of paperwork to be sure to bring to this meeting is in the back of each Community Club Leader’s Binder which was given out at the Orientation.

**Club By-Laws** are due on March 1, 2011. The template to help you is on the state website. <http://www.ca4h.org/> You may see a sample. Any changes or additions to the template must be approved by the county staff and county director prior to use in your club. Your club must approve them before you send them to the county office.

**Club Registration** – Visit our county website at <http://www.oc4h.org/> or go to <http://www.oc4h.org/enrollment.htm> to enroll for 4-H for this new year.

### **New Business**

**Committee Chair / Volunteer Sign-ups** – A clipboard was passed around for volunteers to sign up to chair a committee and/or be on various county committees. Is there a fundraising committee? Is there a committee for Achievement Night?

**County Achievement Night** – Kay Strothman will be the Adult Advisor for this event and committee. Our four youth reps will help and there may be other teens in the county who would like to be on this committee. Achievement Night will be on Tuesday, November 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the O. C. Fairgrounds. This is an important event that awards our youth for their past year's accomplishments. Stars, Jr. & Teen Leader Pins, patches, Record Book Pins and Officer's Book Pins will be given out at this time. This is also a time for the Presidential Community Service pins to be recognized.

**TIO** – We are going to try something different this year. Our goal is to bring back the TIO as an essential tool for information for the county with up and coming events and activities for this year. Ashleigh and Natalie, 2 of your youth reps, will be gathering information and publishing it once a month in pdf form on the county website. Hopefully, Jeanie Lothridge will give us the list of family e-mails so we can send out the TIO. Anyone who wants the TIO electronically, be sure that your e-mail addresses get to us. Please sign-in tonight and give us your e-mail so we may begin to communicate with you. Articles may be sent in any time during the month. They will be due on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. Send your articles to [oc4htio@yahoo.com](mailto:oc4htio@yahoo.com). Information that would be nice may be about things that are happening in your club (past – tell us what you did, or future – advertise events), committee reports and award lists to praise our members.

### **Committee Reports**

**Fashion Revue** – Phil Pacia said that all of the paperwork/flyers for the Fashion Revue project were given to him by Michelle Kuester and is at the back of the

room. Take copies for your club. These project members will be helping with the Fashion Revue on Saturday, March 26, 2011.

**Food Fiesta** -- Susan Yaros said that Food Fiesta 2011 is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>. Location will be announced in October. This year's theme is "Under the Sea". The event will be from 9 a.m. to approx. noon. The event is open to primary members, 4-H youth enrolled in Food related projects (like Foods, Food Preservation, Cake Decorating). Members enrolled in Flower Arranging and Home Environment are limited to a table setting only. Anyone interested in helping with Food Fiesta are asked to contact Susan at [syaros@msn.com](mailto:syaros@msn.com).

**Master Poultry Update** —Tracy Rice and B.J. Bender reported that they have raised \$1,100.00 so far for the Orange County Master Poultry Team. They would like to request the remaining amount of \$3,000.00 from the County Council as we were instructed last year. We have been and still are studying and we are very excited for our trip to Nationals in Kentucky this coming November 16-18. Budget Request forms must be completed before this can be handled.

**Presentation Day** – This event will be on Saturday, March 5, 2011, at Montessori on the Lake, 23311 Muirlands, Lake Forest, 92630 (Same place the last 2 years). The planning meetings will be on the first Wednesdays each month, starting in Nov. at Montessori on the Lake.

**Youth Expo** – We have a tentative date of Friday-Sunday, April 8-10, 2011 at the Orange County Fairgrounds. E-mails will be coming to the committee members from last year and any other interested volunteers.

**Sectional / State Reports** – Ginny Houtz stated that at the Sept. 11 meeting elections were held. The officers are President- \*Tony Burkhardt-Riverside Co, V. Pres.-Kay Strothman-Orange Co, Treasurer-Richard Schrieber-Orange Co, Secretary-\*Beverly Schrieber-Orange Co, State Council Reps- \*John Trammell-San Bernardino Co, \*Mary Ann Smith-Imperial Co, Fern Vacca-Ventura Co. The \* indicates re-elected for second term. Mandy Bottoms is new on state staff for the Healthy Living Initiative. Steve Dasher reported that the UC Administration has a good relationship with 4-H, a couple are former 4-H members. Noel Keller, L.A. Co, is chairman for the Sectional Field Day, May 21, 2011. TIC will be January 14-16, 2011. Leaders need to check when applications are due for State committees. There are openings on several, particularly some that would represent South Section. Some also have money to reimburse transportation expenses. Horse

Advisory Committee is a committee of South Section and they now have a line item in the budget. Tech Team member John Trammell announced that there will be a Photography Contest at State Field Day. Information will be available in January. Remember State Leaders Forum, Nov. 5-7. Registration is \$45 until October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Awards & Incentives** – Kay Strothman reported that all of the Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Record books have been judged. They have been returned to the clubs. The Senior Record books that will be going to state for further competition and are due back at the 4-H office by October 20<sup>th</sup>. They will be judged at state on the first weekend in December. We have a November 5<sup>th</sup> postmark deadline for sending the books to state. The Club Officer books have also been judged.

**New Leader Orientation** – Ginny Houtz announced that this training will be taking place on October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9-12 at SCREC and again on Thursday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 p.m., also at SCREC. Please let the 4-H office know who will be attending each orientation so that they may be prepared with the Life Scan fingerprinting paperwork.

All **County Council meetings** are planned to be held at SCREC for this coming 4-H year

**Rock ‘N Road OC 2010** – Cheryl Hoffman from the Fountain Valley Cloverdales 4-H Club reported that this is the Kick Off Event for Orange County’s Red Ribbon Week. It is a community celebration of music, art, sober lifestyles and safe driving for teens. The event will be held October 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 2-8 p.m. at The Block in Orange. Exhibit booths will be from 2-6 p.m. This would be an opportunity to let Orange County know what 4-H is doing in this Orange County. For further information, please contact Erin Meluso, RADD RNR Co-Chair at [erin.meluso@radd.org](mailto:erin.meluso@radd.org) 949-400-3436 (m). Also visit: [www.rocknroadoc.info](http://www.rocknroadoc.info). They will provide tables and chairs where information, posters, displays etc may be highlighted. It will be out of doors. This will be a great place for 4-H to showcase our activities. Please contact Cheryl Hoffman at [cherylhoffman@cox.net](mailto:cherylhoffman@cox.net) and she will be happy to help you with this volunteer opportunity. She is unable to chair this event; however, she is willing to get all details to you.

### **Open Discussion**

Jan Tubbiola requested that if anyone has animal projects and would like to bring an animal or 2 to the **Jordan Jaquars 4-H Club** meetings which are held on a

Tuesday each month about 1:30 p.m., please contact Jan at [jan2bola@verizon.net](mailto:jan2bola@verizon.net). The 4-H members may have adults come along to help with the presentation. They may tell of the care and grooming of the animals. Goats would be wonderful because no one has brought goats yet. Students have seen chickens often and rabbits and horses, etc. The children may love to pet them or be too shy. Jordan is a school for the handicapped children of Orange County. Some are blind, some are in wheelchairs, and are of a great range of abilities. Your program does not have to be complicated. Just show the animal and tell the basics.

**Budget Items** – Alex Martin asked that budget items for committees be turned in to Alex at [alex.martin@cox.net](mailto:alex.martin@cox.net) by our next meeting (Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> here at SCREC). County Council meetings are held each month except for December and July.

**Club Treasurer's Books** should be turned in to the county when the club leader has a meeting with Jeanie Lothridge.

**Club Treasurer's Training** has not been scheduled at this time.

The **Fundraising Committee** is not defined as yet. We need new and fresh ideas. We need a volunteer to chair this committee. Ginny Houtz commented that there will be a workshop at the State Forum in Asilomar on Fundraising. Victoria Scott had lots of ideas last year. We need to get beyond the letter writing campaign. We need a couple people to be on the committee to brainstorm and have a great year. Phil Pacia said that we would like to expand the committee and have it work well without having the county council officers carry the load. Yes, we have wonderful foundations that respond to the letters; however, we need to develop this committee to generate new sources of income.

**Summer Camp** – Joe Cole said that at the moment the summer camp is defunct. We are attempting to see about arrangements to have a joint camp with Riverside County. We need more kids for the camp.

**Winter Camp** – Need someone to chair this event. It is for members 14 years old and older. Usually the AllStars/Ambassadors plan this camp. We need at least 11 members for the camp to pay for itself. We also need one chaperone per 4 kids. It has been held on Martin Luther King holiday in January.

**AllStar/Ambassadors** -- Alex said that Jeanie said that no one has applied so far this year. We need an adult advisor to lead this team. B.J. Bender is willing to help with the planning of Winter Camp if we can find an advisor. The other 3 youth

reps will be happy to plan also when the program gets off the ground. Any adult volunteers are encouraged to contact Alex Martin.

**A Motion to Adjourn** the meeting at 7:59 p.m. was made by Joe Cole, seconded by Ashleigh Mathias, and passed.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Beverly Schrieber, Secretary