

Orange County 4-H Council Meeting
October 26, 2010 – SCREC (South Coast Research and Extension Center)
Tentative Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

The **Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag** and the **4-H Pledge** were led by Natalie Lutz.

Officer Reports

President – Alex Martin reported that we had our first executive meeting and it went well.

Vice President – Phil Pacia asked for people to volunteer for programs at our meetings. Tell us what is going well with your club.

Treasurer – Not here tonight. Jeanne Lothridge reported that there is \$13,665.00 and change in our bank account.

Recording Secretary – Beverly Schrieber said that copies of the minutes are at the back of the room. A **motion** to accept the minutes as submitted was made by Jan Tubbiola, seconded by Shirley Pacia and passed.

Corresponding Secretary – Sharlene Rice announced that we received 2 letters. One was from the Master Poultry Team, thanking the council for \$650.00 for the trip to Kentucky. The other letter was from the Jordan Jaguars, thanking the council for \$300.00 for transportation to the Orange County Fair. The letters were passed around the room for everyone to read.

Youth Reps – Tracy Rice reported that the youth have been planning Achievement Night, which will be November 9. They will have a meeting after council tonight to choose a theme and send out the invitations. Natalie Lutz, a member of the Trabuco Trailblazers, stated that she and her mother (willing to be the advisor) would like to start a Master Pygmy Goat Project. This would be for anyone who is interested in pygmy goats and really wants to learn a lot about them.

4-H Office Rep – Jeanne Lothridge reported that she is going to be doing a **Project Leader's Training** on November 13, 2010, from 9-12:00 noon at SCREC. There will be 3 more training meetings throughout the year with different topics. E-mail Jeanne so that packets will be prepared for you. It will cover the 4 elements of Youth Development. February 5, 2011, will be the **4-H S.E.T. Workshop** at Mt. SAC. Youth and adults are invited to this. The 3 topics will be Exploring Your Environment, Bio Security for Animals Science, TechXcite Engineering. More information is available at www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/

Old Business

Club Registration - Alex Martin said that all clubs should set up appointments with Jeanne Lothridge soon. Jeanne said that 6 clubs have made arrangements and 8 clubs have not.

Committee Chair/Volunteer Sign-ups – These sheets are at the back of the room for volunteers to help throughout the year. We need youth and adults to help.

Rock ‘n Road OC 2010 – This event did not happen with our county.

Club Constitution and By-Laws – Due March 1, 2011. Do not wait to work on them. Get busy now. Information on how to get to the templates is in last months minutes and the e-mails that Alex sent to everyone. Remember that your club must approve before you submit to county.

New Leader Orientation – Ginny Houtz reported that there were 18 new leaders who attended the Orientation on Oct. 23rd. The next Orientation will be Thursday, November 18, 2010 from 7-9 p.m. at SCREC. Please let Jeanne or Scott at the 4-H Office know of the new leaders who plan to attend this second meeting.

All Star/Ambassadors – Phil Pacia has contacted Emily Morris concerning her availability to be our All Star/Ambassador Advisor. She is a leader in another county. Jeanne said that she will need to be fingerprinted again; however, she may get approval of leadership from the other county. We will be accepting applications from teens in our Orange County clubs. Information and Eligibility Requirements are on-line at <http://www.oc4h.org/new/procedure/ambassador.htm> Kay and Jeanne have the forms. Alex will e-mail the forms to the clubs. This is a great leadership opportunity which gives the teens a chance to plan events beyond the club level.

New Business

County Achievement Night – Kay Strothman said that invitations will be going out soon. Scott will be helping with this. Members who are receiving awards as well as all other 4-H members, parents and leaders are invited. It will be at the Orange County Fairgrounds in Building 14, opposite Gate 5.

Committee Reports

Fashion Revue – Saturday, March 26, 2011 The attachments which have been on the recent e-mails still stand. Boys and Girls are welcome to join this county project. They will be building the stage and backdrops as well as helping to host it. They will help plan and promote.

Food Fiesta—Saturday, January 29, 2011—“Under the Sea” Karen Pascoe and Susan Yaros will chair this event. They are still looking for a location to hold this event. They are looking for volunteers to help them out. Forms are in the back.

Master Poultry – Tracy Rice reported that the California State Avian Team will be going to Nationals on November 16-18 in Kentucky. The team has been studying twice a week. They have received donations from State, Sectional, County and from their fundraisers in the amount of \$1400.00 to date. County Council will be happy to hear a report upon their return with a trophy.

Presentation Day – Saturday, March 5, 2011. This event will be 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 next Wednesday at Montessori on the Lake. Alex said that she had a really good committee last year and she hope that the same members come back again. They always like new volunteers too. The meetings are short and informative. They would like one person from each club take home the details from the meetings.

Youth Expo – Friday-Sunday, April 8-10, 2011. This date is not set in stone. The meeting with the fair is next month. The committee dates are on Thursdays as follows: October 28, November 18, December 16, January 27, February 24, and March 24. These meetings should last no more than 45 minutes to an hour and will be at Memorial Gardens. Starting in January the kids run the meeting. Teens are invited to sign up to be some of the committee youth directors.

Sectional/State Reports – Ginny Houtz reported that the State Leadership Forum, Nov.5-7, 2010, is still accepting registrations. There are 40 workshops available in 4 time slots. S.E.T. workshops will be available at different levels. The Western Regional Leaders Forum, May 7-14, 2011, has 425 registered participants. This cruise is open to friends and family of 4-H Leaders. The cheaper, but good, cabins are being snapped up. At this date family categories can book more than two people starting at \$949 per person for the first two passengers. There is a \$25.00 fee for the associates. They are still looking for workshop proposals. There is always great information in the 4-H Updates E-News. You may access the PDF document at: <http://www.ca4h.org/files/57531.pdf> Each month news is given. This year there will be Washington Focus I and Washington Focus II. Find out about it. Also the Fashion Revue Challenge is explained. Beverly Schrieber has been elected as the new State 4-H Leader’s Council Secretary. Therefore, she must

resign as county representative to South Section meetings. Kay Strothman, elected as our alternate, will be the rep for Orange County.

TIO – Alex explained that Ashleigh and Natalie will meet this weekend and put the information which has been collected into the TIO. Send your articles to oc4htio@yahoo.com . They will then send the TIO out to our e-mail list.

TIC – The **Teen Involvement Conference** will be January 14-19, 2011, at Pathfinder Ranch, 35510 Pathfinder Road #104, Mountain Center, CA 92561. This youth centered conference will focus on Leadership and Citizenship skills. Featured Activities include Color Guard Flag Dedication, S.E.T Activities, Legislative Action Session, Renewable Energy Sources, Public Speaking, Living in other Cultures, and Arts and Crafts/Fun and Games. The cost is \$110.00 until December 10. After the due date, the cost is \$125.00. This is a leadership opportunity for the members who are between the ages of 13-19 years as of Dec. 31, 2010. Flyers are in the back of the room. The **State Leadership Conference** may be at the same time as the O. C. Fair again this year. Scholarship money for one of these leadership conferences (TIC or SLC) may be available from the Suzanne Guthrie Memorial Fund.

Open Discussion

We do not know when or whether there will be a county Winter Camp.

Jan Tubbiola still needs a program for Jordan.

Jeanne said that there will be a Treasurer's Training scheduled.

Questions were raised about Youth Expo. Many of the answers depend on who else is using the fairgrounds. We are a non-paying group. Someone else will be a paying event. By our November County Council meeting there should be answers. B. J. Bender has a really cool idea for our county to collect various food product wrappers, which are then recycled into a new saleable product (like backpacks and umbrellas). Look for an article in the TIO.

The attending club representatives told an approximation of their enrollment for this year.

Next Meeting – 4th Tuesday, November 23, 2010.

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. was made by Ashleigh Mathias, seconded by Natalie Lutz and passed.

Respectfully Submitted by

Beverly Schrieber