

Orange County Council Meeting Minutes  
SCREC, 7601 Irvine Blvd, Irvine, CA 92618  
September 27, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Alex Martin at 7:04 p.m.

The **Pledge to the American Flag** was led by Rebekah Villanueva and the **4-H Pledge** was led by Ashleigh Mathias. **New Officers Introduced** – Alex Martin introduced the officers. **President** – Alex Martin, **Vice President** – Phil Pacia, **Treasurer** – Jim Mullion, **Recording Secretary** – Beverly Schrieber, and **Corresponding Secretary** – Kim Courtney

**Recording Secretary** – The June 28, 2011 minutes were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer** – Jim Mullion reported that the balance in the checking account is \$8,372.76 and the maximizer account has \$10,762.85 as of September 19, 2011. The treasurer's report was submitted and accepted to be filed for audit. Alex asked that each county committee submit a budget by November 1 so that the officers may review before it is presented to the council at the November Council meeting

**Corresponding Secretary** – No report

#### **Old Business**

**Orange County Fair** - The Orange County Fair was held in July and August. All of our youth who participated did really well. The Fair enjoyed the number of livestock entries. The auction prices were a little higher. If anyone had an animal go through auction and have not received your check, please contact your leaders for help. Make sure that your members send Thank You notes to their buyers and anyone who added on to their animal price at auction. Their names and addresses are on the checks. If any of the members won trophies or awards in the Youth building or from the fair, these are also donated by volunteers. These should receive Thank You Notes.

**Website** – Alex explained that we have all experienced complications with the website. It is being converted. This will take time. Alex will meet with Scott next week to learn how to submit relevant information. She asked Jeanne to make sure that the county address information and registration link be put up on the site. The website will have the ability for all of the clubs to start fresh with any changes. They will be able to be edited by a couple of people from each club only. Not everyone will be able to edit. The committee pages will be able to be edited by the committee chair-person or someone assigned by the committee chair. The minutes will be posted monthly, after they have been approved by the council. By-Laws, applications and forms will also be posted. In the meantime, if there are any forms that you need, Alex did download almost all of the forms before the site went down last year. Contact Alex and she will be happy to get them to you. If she does not have them, she will possibly be able to find someone else who has the forms. Once the website is functional, Alex will send an e-mail informing the leaders, members and 4-H families how to reach the information and encouraging everyone to go check it out.

#### **New Business -**

**County Representative** – Jeanne Lothridge said that the **financial paperwork** which includes annual inventory report, annual financial report and the year end peer review report is all due by October 14, 2011. This does include the county council. All of the forms are found in the club resource notebook. This year the office is requiring that all leaders go through the **online child safety course**. Jeanne will be sending a letter to all leaders about this. This course needs to be completed by November 30, 2011. When you complete the online course, be sure to print two certificates, (One for yourself and one to be mailed to the 4-H Office). These may be mailed, faxed or E-mailed. If this is not done, the leader will be dropped from the 4-H leader list. **Enrollment paperwork** needs to be done by appointment no later than November 1, 2011. Start calling for appointments. Jeanne is here in the Orange County Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If these times do not work, call Jeanne to work out a plan. Jeanne's e-mail is [cjlothridge@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cjlothridge@ucdavis.edu) We will have a **New Leader Orientation** on October 15th from 9am - Noon at SCREC & Thursday, November 17th from 6:30 pm-9 pm at SCREC. You will need to bring your picture ID because fingerprints will be taken.

Alex said that there are sign-up sheets for various **county committees**. Please check and help as you can. Please step up and volunteer on behalf of your club for any of these events. (Food Fiesta, Fashion Revue, Presentation Day, Youth

Expo). If any other committees need volunteers, please let Alex know. When you sign up please give us your name, phone #, e-mail address and tell which club you represent.

**Achievement Night** - This will be held on Sunday, October 16th (late afternoon time to be determined) in the Hanger building at the OC Fair. Letters will go out to the kids who will be receiving awards. Our All Stars and Teen Council will be planning this event with the help of Mary Kerr and Kay Strothman. This is an important event that awards the hard work and achievement of our 4-H members from last year. Members will receive their record book medalist pins, stars, Presidential Service Awards, Junior & Teen Leader pins and patches, etc. We highly encourage everyone to attend this event even if you are not receiving an award because it is always good to have friends in the audience. This year we plan to bring the **TIO** back online, hopefully. It should be the central source of information for the county for up and coming events as well as for reviews of events to be shared. The format has not been determined. This will be another venue for members to submit articles and committee chairs to submit their informational updates. One or two people from each club should have rights to update particle items.

**Record Book Workshop** – Alex said that there will be a workshop to help members get the year started right with record books. If you wait until June it is really hard. Don't worry if you have no idea how to do it, or if this isn't your first year, but have never done one. We'll work through that and show you the easiest methods for record keeping and catching up on old stuff. Alex will send out an e-mail inviting you to the workshop, so you can respond. It will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2011, 9:00 a.m. - Noon at SCREC. We'll have sample forms for note taking and Alex will e-mail out the electronic record book forms too, just like last year. When the kids come in there will be an interactive workshop so they can bring their ideas and figure out where to put it all.

**Other Business** – A **motion** to approve the newly elected 4-H County Council board members was made by Richard Schrieber, seconded by Melodie Bramstedt and passed.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Fashion Revue** – Mandie Garcia, from the La Habra Hilltoppers, who is the youth chairman of the committed for Fashion Revue reported that this year she is really trying to encourage a youth based committee. She would like to see the youth lead the event and plan all of it. Club leaders and project leaders please get the word out there. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the room tonight. The first Committee Meeting will be Saturday, November 5, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in Memorial Gardens at the OC Fairgrounds.

**Food Fiesta** – Judy Redman reported that Food Fiesta is scheduled for Saturday, January 28, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Knights of Columbus in Buena Park the same as last year. The theme is “Wild West”. The fee is \$5.00 due on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Members who are in the foods projects and all primary members may participate.

**Master Poultry** – B.J. Bender said that last Saturday the Master Poultry team went to Palm Springs and competed against the team from San Diego who is going to Nationals this year. The materials were new but it was fun. Our Orange County team is really excited to encourage the new team to compete.

For members who are Juniors and intermediates, they can compete at the state level. If they win at state, that is as far as they can go. If Seniors win at state level, they can go to Nationals in November. Junior members have to be in a poultry project at least 3 years to compete and Senior members may compete after one year. Shar Rice explained that this is a county project and when you register online, you look under “groups”. In the past they have met on the third Friday of each month at the fairgrounds.

**Presentation Day** – Alex said that the meetings will be held on the first Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates, November 2, 2011, January 4, 2012 and February 1, 2012 at the Montessori on the Lake in Lake Forest. Presentation Day event will be Saturday, March 3, 2012 at the Montessori on the Lake School. More information and details will go out regarding meetings and forms will be available later. Just like last year, there will be a poster up to show where the meeting will be.

**Youth Expo** – Alex reported that the meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 27, 2011, November 23, 2011, January 26, 2012, February 23, 2012 and March 22, 2012 at Memorial Gardens at the OC Fairgrounds. The Youth Expo event will be Friday, April 13, 2012 thru Sunday, April 15, 2012 at the OC Fairgrounds. This event should be all 3 days for the public this year. Alex expects to get the theme for Youth Expo within the next two weeks. There will be

camping. There will be a few more rules. There were a couple of incidents last year. We will need more parental control of the kids who are camping. Set-up will probably be the weekend before the Expo.

**State/South Section Reports** – Ginny Houtz reported that at the South Section meeting on April 10, they had elections. (Vice President -Noel Keller from LA county, Policy Secretary – Judylynn Pelling from LA county, Treasurer – Kay Strothman from Orange County, South Section Representative to State council – Richard Schrieber from Orange County). Noel Keller, our Vice President encourages teens from each of our 9 counties to come to the meetings to tell about interesting new projects that are being led. They would like to have 10 or 15 minutes of sharing. Master Poultry came. The LA summer camp will be limited to 160 campers next year. They will be going through their accreditation with the American Camping Association this next year. They want to make sure that they have the right youth to adult ratio. If you are interested, get registered early. Last year they had about 200 attending. There will be a South Section Retreat held in Chino at the Airport Museum and hanger on April 13-14, 2012. Riverside is in charge of Field Day this year and may change the date to the first Saturday in May.

**Incentive & Recognition** – Richard Schrieber stated that the record books that were not taken home on Record book judging day are at the back of the room and may go home with the club representative tonight. The Senior Record Books will be judged at the Schrieber home on this coming Saturday, October 1, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to noon or when we finish.

**Teen Council** –(Senior 4-H members) - Ashleigh Mathias introduced this year's All Stars. They are Ashleigh Mathias, B.J. Bender and Rebekah Villanueva. Ashleigh said that the bonfire on September 17, 2011 was awesome. She wanted to thank everyone who came to make it fun. It was a great way to celebrate the new 4-H year. There were 25 members and leaders representing five clubs. She thanked everyone who helped put on this event. All of the meetings will be at Memorial Gardens at 7 p.m. The dates are October 11, 2011, November 8, 2011, December 13, 2011, February 14, 2012 and March 13, 2012. Other events put on by the Teen Council will be announced later. Teen Council has put together a County Calendar which is being sold for \$10.00 as a fundraiser. They hope to sell 100 calendars. They may be ordered. They will be available at Achievement night, the next County Council meeting and other times. Write your check to the Orange County 4-H Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Beverly Schrieber, Secretary