

Orange County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes
SCREC, 7601 Irvine Blvd, Irvine, CA 92618
October 25, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Alex Martin at 7:05 p.m.

The **Pledge to the American Flag** was led by Raul Calma-Deal and the **4-H Pledge** was led by Te'a Rice.

Officer's Reports

Treasurer - Jim Mullion reported that the balance in the checking account is \$8,833.25 and the savings account has \$10,763.51 as of October 25, 2011. Alex said that next month we should have a printed out budget ready for county approval. The treasurer's report will be accepted as given and filed for audit.

Recording Secretary – Since there were no corrections or additions to the September minutes, they were accepted as submitted.

Old Business

Web-Site – Alex met with Scott. The website will be easy to work on. Check at <http://www.oc4h.org/> as usual and see how it develops. There will be individual places for each club. There will not be flashy things. There will be a place for photographs. Because of the disabilities act, we are limited to the colors and the sizes of the font that can be used. It will be user friendly. There will be a workshop so that a representative from each club may learn. As a club you will need to choose a couple of people who may have access to the website and only to your part of the web pages. You may want to have sub pages by project if that is how you want to do it. It is really pretty easy. Current information is going on the site, such as past minutes of the council meetings, Record Book forms, code of conduct forms, reimbursement form, some Youth Expo info and a calendar with a list of some events. Check the tab called OC 4-H News. News will be changed monthly. If you have articles that you wish to go on the website, e-mail Alex. The Teen Council will be managing the OC 4-H News. There is a desire for the site to look professional. Send things to Alex for the county projects and activity schedules. E-mail Alex for Food Fiesta, Fashion Revue, Master Poultry, Master Pygmy Goats. Etc.

Budgets – Committee Budgets need to be sent to Alex by November 1, 2011. If you want to be included in the county budget and have a line item, you must turn in the amounts. The Executive Board will review the information and submit a budget to the county council in November for a vote. Pat Hetherington asked for information about the financial accounting for summer camp. Alex said that she had access to a lot of this and that Pat and Alex and the Treasurer will need to check the past budgets.

Achievement Night – The event was held on last Sunday, October 16, 2011. The Teen Council planned and put on County Awards night with Mary Kerr and Kay Strothman. If any of your members were supposed to get pins or patches or awards, check in the back of the room and take them home tonight. Also the Officer Books are being returned tonight.

New Business

County Rep – Jeanne Lothridge reported that nine clubs have met with their enrollment and that she needs to meet with nine more clubs. They are all to be done by November 1. Jeanne reminded everyone that they are to complete the Child Safety course and send their certificates to her by November 30, 2011 in order to be accepted as a leader in the Orange County 4-H program. She still has some clubs who need to get their financials to her. November 17th is next New Leader Orientation. Please RSVP to the office if you plan to come. Any county wide leaders need to meet with Jeanne and be enrolled. Someone contacted Jeanne about a county wide cooking project for seniors. She will accept 16 members.

Record Book Workshop – This event will happen this coming Saturday, October 29, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. till Noon at SCREC. There will be sample forms available.

Committee Reports

Fashion Revue - None

Food Fiesta – Susan Yaros reported that Food Fiesta 2012 will be held on January 28, 2012 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Buena Park. The theme is “Wild, Wild West”. It is a tribute to food cooking from the old west like stews, chili, BBQ or cornbread etc. The entry fee is \$5.00 per person. It is open to primary members as well as youth enrolled in food related projects. The deadline will be January 3, 2012. Please try to turn in entries early. Committee help is needed by clubs participating for help like registration, timings, community service booth, set up and clean up. If there are any questions, please contact syaros@msn.com. Entry forms are available tonight at the back of the room.

Master Poultry – Need new members.

Presentation Day – Alex announced that the meetings will be held on the First Wednesday of the following days: November 2. None in December, January 4 and February 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Montessori on the Lake School in Lake Forest. The event itself will be March 3, 2012. We do not have a theme yet. One representative from each club needed at each meeting to sign up to do one aspect of the event.

Youth Expo – Alex said that she just found out that the theme will be “Ewe Rock”. The meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Gardens at the Orange County Fairgrounds on the following Thursdays: October 27, November 23, January 26, February 23 and March 22. Enter either Gate 4 or Gate 8 off Arlington Drive. Youth Expo will be on Friday, April 13 thru Sunday, April 15. Friday will be open to schools and tour groups. If any of the clubs have food booths, they will need to be there on Friday.

Sectional/State Reports – Richard Schrieber reported about the State Council Meeting last Saturday, October 22, 2011. He shared the following information from a card, explaining various service learning projects.

<http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/>

*“2013 marks the centennial for 4-H in California, an important milestone for an organization that is deeply connected to communities throughout the state. Core to the 4-H experience is service learning, which takes the form of youth-designed, youth-led projects where participants learn leadership by leading, collaboration through collaborating, and the importance of civic engagement by actively seeking opportunities to make a difference in their communities. The **Revolution of Responsibility** Centennial Campaign will celebrate the power of California 4-H youth taking action through an ambitious statewide program that will fund 1,000 service learning projects at \$1,000 each through the end of 2013. It will also provide an opportunity to re-connect with an estimated one million past 4-H participants living in California, engaging them as volunteers, donors, and advocates.”*

If your club is interested in trying for a grant, please check with the state website. The State Leadership Conference will be in San Diego in 2012. The State Leader’s Forum will be run by the South Section in 2014. Perhaps it will be closer to us too. We also learned that there will be several retirements and reassignments in the State 4-H Office between now and June. This will leave a total of 9 staff at state.

Incentives & Recognition – Richard Schrieber said that the officer books are here tonight and a few pins. Also there is a Record Book Workshop this Saturday.

Teen Council – Kim Courtney reported that the Teen Council will host its first business meeting on November 8th at 7 p.m. at Memorial Gardens on the OC Fair Grounds. Please bring your favorite Thanksgiving side to share and we will have turkeys.....to bowl. Meet new people and come for exciting games and mixers to celebrate the Turkey. Alex said that members do not need to be on the Teen Council to go. The members who are 13 and up may participate in the events. Members who are 14 and up may be on the Teen Council. The Teen Council is selling Calendars for \$10.00. Please support the kids. They want to sell 100 calendars. The profit from the calendar sales goes to the Council to off-set the cost of the various 4-H events.

Open Discussion – Steven Deal asked why the leaders need to submit the certificate to Jeanne for the completion of the Online Child Safety Training when the State has all of this information. Jeanne said that she needs to know who in Orange County has completed the training. The state does not send the information to the county offices. Jan Tubiolla said that Col. Eric Wesley, former leader banquet speaker and former member of the Yorba Linda Cloverleaf 4H Club, is back from Afghanistan and has been appointed to the National Security Council. He is now in the White House. And, another banquet speaker, Hedy Henderson, former South Coast Clovers member, is still working for the Commanding General at Central Command in Tampa. Our 4H alums are doing well wherever life leads them in service to our country. And we can be proud of our volunteer service to youth.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Beverly Schrieber, Secretary