

Orange County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes
SCREC, 7601 Irvine Blvd, Irvine, CA 92618
November 22, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Alex Martin at 7:02 p.m. She said that the Agenda, Minutes and Budget are on the table at the back of the room.

The **Pledge to the American Flag** was led by Christian Redman and the **4-H Pledge** was led by Jake Hetherington.

Officer's Reports

Treasurer - Jim Mullion is not here. Alex stated that the checking account has \$8,753.31 and the savings account has \$10,764.19. The treasurer's report will be accepted as given and filed for audit.

Recording Secretary – Since there were no corrections or additions to the October 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 looks. E-mail new information to Alex if you want it posted on the web. All of the information posted is correct.

Budget – Committee Budgets were due to Alex by November 1, 2011, in order to be included in this budget. If other items are to be added to the budget throughout the year, there will need to be a motion passed by the county council to that effect. Jan Tubbiola asked about the lack of a line item for the Leader's Banquet. Alex explained that this was dropped this year and that the money for Jordan was included for the fair entries but not for the craft materials. A **motion** to accept the budget as submitted was made by Kim Courtney, seconded by Melodie Bramstedt, and passed.

Record Book Workshop – This event was held on Saturday, October 29, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. till Noon at SCREC. There was a pretty good turnout for this. The PDR, Annual Report Forms and other parts of the book were covered. The 4-H Record Book can be completed online this year. You may also download the new forms. One big change now is that the members are tracking their time spent. There is also a Record Book Manual that is available online.

New Business

County Rep – Jeanne Lothridge will not be here tonight. If your club has not met with Jeanne to register your membership, please set up an appointment as soon as possible. All leaders must complete the Child Safety course and send their certificates to Jeanne by November 30, 2011 in order to be accepted as a leader in the Orange County 4-H program. If a new leader missed the Orientations, an appointment should be made with Jeanne to take care of this.

Committee Reports

Fashion Revue – Michelle had sent the report to Alex. Christian Redman said that the theme is "Rock the Runway" and there will be a Fashion Revue workshop in February at Memorial Gardens. Judy Redman said that the entry forms are due on

March 3rd at Presentation Day but the photographs for Wearable Art items may be submitted until March 10.

Food Fiesta – Susan Yaros reported that more committee help is needed. If there are any questions, please contact her at syaros@msn.com . Entry forms are available tonight at the back of the room.

Master Poultry – Shar Rice reported that the San Diego team, which Orange County helped to train, has competed at Nationals. She did not know how they did. December 2nd is the Pacific Coast Bantam Club Meet up in Victorville. Our team is going to help with the activities.

Presentation Day – Alex announced that the meetings will be held on the First Wednesday on the following days: 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. One representative from each club is needed at each meeting to sign up to do one aspect of the event. The theme is “Be All Ewe Can Be”. This year there will be a Silent Auction. The committee will be asking each club to donate a project basket worth \$25.00. If anyone wants to donate items other than those in the baskets, this is always appreciated too.

Youth Expo –The theme is “Ewe Rock”. The meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Gardens at the Orange County Fairgrounds on the following Thursdays: 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. The committee would like to know how many animals will be entered by Feb. 1st so there will be enough cages.

Sectional/State Reports – Ginny Houtz said that we had a great Forum at Asilomar this year. Richard Schrieber reported that Andrew Bosworth was a great speaker on Friday night. Andrew was a member of the 1998 California 4-H State Tech Team, went to Harvard, worked for Microsoft for a while and is now the director of engineering at Facebook. Beverly Schrieber talked about attending interesting workshops and passed around items for everyone to see. Ginny Houtz mentioned that Thank You letters, written by 4-H members, were on each chair in the hall on Saturday. You will be hearing more about the Revolution of Responsibility and the California 4-H Centennial service learning projects. Check it out at:

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

Incentives & Recognition – Richard Schrieber said that this is a good time to start working on your Record Book online. It is relatively easy to do. Someone asked Alex if the Awards for the Presidential Awards have arrived yet. Alex will check with Kay.

Teen Council – Ashleigh Mathias, President, reported that 4 kids came to the last meeting/event. They had a delicious Thanksgiving meal and super fun turkey bowling. Please spread the word about the Teen Council. The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 7 p.m. at Memorial Gardens. Calendar sales are going really well. There are still more available @ \$10.00 per calendar.

Open Discussion

Master Pygmy Goat = A report was given telling of the Phoenix show and fundraiser.

LaHabra Valley Community Fair – Phil Pacia reported that all live online entries will open on May 4 and will close on May 25. The event will be June 8, 9, and 10, 2012.

Teen Involvement Conference (TIC) – January 20-22, 2012 at Pathfinder Ranch, 35510 Pathfinder Rd., #104 , Mountain Center, CA. All Forms are required for Conference Registration: Early Registration is Due December 11, 2011. Ashleigh Mathias asked that everyone promote TIC in their clubs. She and B.J Bender are helping to plan this event. Ashleigh is planning to run for President of the South Section Teen Council so it would be nice to have many Orange County teens attend and vote. Check out the information on the website

http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Volunteers/Councils/Sectional/South/Teen_Involvement_Conference/ You may also want to check out the Facebook info at

<http://www.facebook.com/4HTIC> You may get the forms and pay your \$110 and be registered. If Orange County teens want to attend, there is a \$50.00 scholarship available per member upon the receipt of the scholarship request form. Send Alex an E-mail asking for the form. Last year 7 Orange County 4-H members went to TIC.

Thrive – Richard Schrieber reported that Jeanne Lothridge, Richard and Beverly Schrieber attended a **Thrive** training last Saturday in Riverside. We hope to have a workshop with training for the Club Leadership Leaders in January. The available books are **iThrive** – for the teen members and **iChampion** – for leaders. The January meeting will be on a Tuesday or Thursday evening or on a Saturday and will introduce the Leadership Leaders to the materials.

Tinkerbelle Half Marathon – Susan Yaros said that her club is signed up to do this activity on January 29th, the day after the Food Fiesta. The 4-H member must be a teenager or adult. The shift is from 4 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. They will be handing out water to the runners. Other clubs may join the FBS members if you wish. Each person who works will receive a pass to use at Disneyland at a later date. If you are interested, speak with Susan Yaros.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Beverly Schrieber, Secretary