

Orange County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes
SCREC, 7601 Irvine Blvd, Irvine, CA 92618
March 27, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Alex Martin at 7:08 p.m.

The **Pledge to the American Flag** and the **4-H Pledge** were led by .Pierre Smith.

Officer's Reports

President – Alex Martin stated that the Agenda, Minutes and Budget are on the table at the back of the room.

Treasurer – Jim Mullion is not here tonight. He reported at the Executive Board Meeting that the checking account has \$13,084.46 and the savings account has \$10,767.14.

Recording Secretary – The Minutes from the February meeting were approved as presented.

Old Business

Web-Site – Check the www.oc4h.org site and you will find information on our county events. The forms library is becoming more complete. E-mails that Alex has been sending out are also on the site under the OC 4-H News. If members want to write articles, please have them send them in.

Record Books – Alex said that everyone should be aware that the forms have changed this year. Please go to [http://www.oc4h.org/Record Books](http://www.oc4h.org/Record_Books), and download the new forms. If you need any help getting started on your book, or trying to figure out what to do with the information you have, feel free to contact Alex - alex.martin@cox.net. Also, there will be another Record Book Workshop on Saturday, June 16th, 9am - Noon at SCREC. We will work on formatting and finalizing books for the end of the year. It's not too late to get started.

New Business

Orange County Fair – The Dates are July 12 - August 12. The Livestock Entry Competition Guides are available on-line at <http://ocfair.com/competitions/Grow.aspx>. You must download the 2012 Code of Conduct Form, sign it and return it with your entries in order for them to be complete. The youth building Entry Competition Guides are available on-line at <http://ocfair.com/competitions/Youth.aspx>. If you need help figuring out what to enter, ask your project leaders. If they need help, they can contact Alex for help. The on-line entries are not open yet. They should be open in May.

Scholarships - This information is being placed on the agenda each month so that people may be aware of the various monies that may be requested.

Higher Education Scholarships – The state site shows the following information
The [2012 4-H Higher Education Scholarship applications](#) are due April 30, 2012.

Golden Clover Awards – Deadline: May 31, 2012

<http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/>

Save the Date: **2012 State 4-H Leaders' Forum** – November 9-11, 2012

<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF/>

NEW Resource: 4-H Project Sheets –

http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Project_Sheets/

Visit ca4h.org if you are interested.

County Rep Report – Jeanne Lothridge is retiring as most of you know. This is her last night with us. Good luck in your retirement, Jeanne.

County Director Report - Darren Haver, our new interim director, had a few words to share with us. He came to tell about the replacement for Jeanne. He opened the position on March 9th. It should close this Thursday. He extended it another week because he wanted to get a good pool of people. There are 46 applicants now. He doesn't want to have to reopen and start again. Better to tack on another week and hopefully get enough good people. He can get approved by the affirmative office and move on. Hopefully interviews will be happening in April. It is not a short process. He has to get a committee together, get a calendar together, approval to interview people and then approval from the affirmative action once some applicants are selected.

His goal is to move as quickly as he wants to get someone on board as soon as possibly because we obviously need someone here. We will have someone 100% time. If you have any questions, Darren is keeping his office staff informed.

Committee Reports

Fashion Revue – Rachael Cram reported that the theme this year was “Rock the Runway” and the event was this past Saturday, March 24th at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Fullerton. In total there were 34 entries, with 29 participants from 7 clubs in the county. The members were able to choose between the various categories of entries. There were 6 in the \$19.99 Challenge, 3 in the Purchased, 3 in the Tote Bag Challenge, 4 in Wearable Art and 18 in Traditional. The awards will be given on April 15th. We will be announcing which participants will be able move on to State. It would be great to have many people come out to support all of the members for all of the hard work this year at the Awards Ceremony.

Presentation Day –The theme was 'Be All Ewe Can Be' on March 3rd. All of our participants did a great job and are to be congratulated. You can go to http://www.oc4h.org/Presentation_Day to see all of the medalists. Thank You's go to the following clubs for their donations: LHH, TT, OVH, MGG, FFBS, FVC, OABB, TriC, Master Pygmy Goats, BCB, Presentation Day Committee. We raised \$344 dollars at this Silent Auction. Thank you everyone for participating. Any Gold medal recipients may participate at South Section Field Day on May 19th. Kay Strothman said that she has 40 entries representing about 22 members for South Section Field Day. She still needs 7 more judges.

Youth Expo –The theme is 'Ewe Rock'. Our last meeting was held on March 22nd. The Youth Expo event will be Friday, April 13th - Sunday, April 15th at the OC Fairgrounds. The schedules for the week prior to and the weekend of the event are on the back counter and can be found at: http://www.oc4h.org/Youth_Expo. If your members are bringing livestock animals (anything but Cavies and Dogs) to the event, we ask that they attend the Livestock set-up day on April 7th from 7-9am, The pancake breakfast will be in front of the millennium barn from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The cost will be \$5.00. The summer camp will benefit. Building booth set up is also on the 7th from 9am-3pm. Non-perishable building entries are to be dropped off Monday, April 9th from 4-8pm. Perishable building entries are to be dropped off Tuesday, April 10th from 6-8pm. Building entry judging is Wednesday, April 11th from 6:30pm till finished. This will happen in the building next to the Wine Garden. This includes a tri-tip dinner. About 10 more judges are needed for Wednesday night. Livestock delivery is Thursday, April 12th from 4-8 p.m. Any posters or paper exhibits should be laminated if possible or in page protectors. Fine Arts and Photography MUST be framed and behind glass or Plexiglas for their protection.

Section/State Reports –Ginny Houtz reminded everyone of the South Section Retreat which is being held at the Planes of Fame Museum at the Chino airport. There will be a tour of the museum. The sessions look good. A question was asked about the Thrive program. Jeanne explained.

Teen Council- The Teen Council had their last official meeting of the year. Information and applications were handed out at that meeting for next year's Teen Council and All Star / Ambassadors. (http://www.oc4h.org/Teen_Council/) Applications are due to Mary Kerr by April 27th. Gold or Emerald Star required for All-Star/Ambassadors. NO Star rank is required for Teen Council. Any teen, 13-19, that would like to have something to say about where 4-H is going and what they would like to participate in should come and participate in the future meetings. You do not have to be on the Council to be heard. It is a great way to meet new people your age and share your experience.

Calendar - It is time to start working on the Calendar for next year! We need your photos from your projects, events like Food Fiesta, Presentation Day, Fashion Revue, Youth Expo, etc. If your club had a club event or participated in a community service event, send them in. When you send your e-mail with the photos, please say where they were taken and what they are for.

Summer Camp –Pat Hetherington reported that she sent an article to the Register yesterday. The dates for summer camp are August 13th - 18th. (Campers – 9-13 years old) and (Staff – 14-19 years old members) The Counselor / Jr. Counselor / Director application and camper applications and more information are posted on

the County web-site. Counselor application were due by February 17, 2012 to Megan Gaasch - mgaasch@hotmail.com. If you are still interested in being a counselor, please submit your applications and Megan will determine if there are open spots available. We will be opening registration for campers to other counties, so go on-line and make sure you send yours **\$75** in early holds your spot as a camper. A Pancake breakfast will be held at Youth Expo. Each counselor was asked to sell 10 tickets @ \$5.00 each.

LaHabra Fair – Phil Pacia spoke about the fair – June 8-10, 2012. More information will be on the website soon. <http://www.lhvcfair.com/> Look for the new event called Pee Wee Pig Show. Colleges will be showing too.

Jan Tubbiola suggested that we give Jeanne a hand for coming in and helping us. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. was made by Pierre Smith and seconded by Phil Pacia.

Respectfully Submitted by
Beverly Schrieber, Secretary