

Orange County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes
SCREC, 7601 Irvine Blvd, Irvine, CA 92618
April, 24, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Alex Martin at 7:09 p.m.

The **Pledge to the American Flag** was led by William Vertrees and Karen Jesch lead the **4-H Pledge**.

Officer Reports

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

Treasurer - Jim Mullion reported that the checking account has \$12,488.06 and the savings account has \$10,767.82.

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

Old Business –

Web-Site – If you want to check on the progress, feel free to go to www.oc4h.org Information for Food Fiesta, Fashion Revue, Presentation Day, Youth Expo, Country Council, Teen Council, Record Books and the ‘OC 4-H News’ has been uploaded. There are also many basic forms used county wide posted. If there are any that you are looking for and can’t find, let Alex know and she will track them down and upload them. If any of the information is wrong or if you have changes for next year (i.e. 2013 dates) send this information to Alex. 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, they now include hours. Please go to 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 at least one more **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. If any of your clubs would like a brief session at your club or project meeting, or just need help with your books, please contact Alex.

La Habra Valley Community Fair – Competition Guides
www.lhvcfair.com

June 8 – 10 at Sonora High School

Catalogues for Large Livestock, Poultry – including Turkeys, Cavies & Rabbits, Youth Building, & Youth Dog Show

On-line entries should begin mid-May. Check the web-site for updates. I will also send an e-mail when registration opens.

Orange County Fair – The Dates are July 12 - August 12. Competition guides are available on-line –

Livestock Entires - <http://ocfair.com/competitions/Grow.aspx>

Conduct Form, sign it and return it with your entries in order for them to be complete. And you must watch the ethics video prior to entering.

Building Entries - <http://ocfair.com/competitions/Youth.aspx>

Jim Mullion said that Texas A & M has a great ethics program and recommended that we suggest it to the OC Fair since the current video is old. Daren confirmed that it has been suggested to them.

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

For scholarship categories and application details, please visit:

<http://ca4h.org/Resources/Members/Schlarships/>.

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 at Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, CA For 4-H adult volunteers -

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

The State 4-H Leaders Forum provides a weekend retreat for 4-H volunteers across California to gather for networking, education, relaxation, and fun. Country Council will pay a portion for 1st time attendees.

NEW Resource: 4-H Project Sheets – Guidelines on what we should be teaching.

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

Visit ca4h.org if you are interested.

New Business

New County Rep - Darin Haver is currently searching for our new County Rep.

The position posting closed on April 15th and 63 or 64 applications were received.

Other program reps are currently reviewing the applications. Darin will form a committee to help with selecting the new rep. He hopes to have this finalized in May.

Committee Reports

Fashion Revue –The awards were handed out to Youth Expo. A list of participants and awards are posted on the 4-H web-site. Congratulations to all of our participants and award winners. We have quite a few going to state.

Food Fiesta – The medalist are posted on the county web-site. Congratulations to all of our participants.

Presentation Day – The medalist are posted on the county web-site. Congratulations to all of our participants. We have a large number of kids going to sectionals.

Youth Expo – The theme was 'Ewe Rock'. We did well considering the weather. Good thing we moved the club booths inside before the storm on Friday. The summer camp booth was manned most of the time. They gave away 50 applications. We hope to get them back. The 4-H and Sonora FFA medalist are posted on the county web-site. Pins are on the back table for those that were not at the awards. Congratulations to all of our participants.

Ice Cream Social was well attended and we raised over \$300. Thank you to Sierra Courtney and Mary Gamboa for taking charge of this event.

Section/State Reports – Ginny Houtz spoke about the South Section Retreat which was held at the Planes of Fame Museum at the Chino airport. Ginny attended a session on plant science and showed what they made. She also participated in the geocaching event and said that was fun. There will be an Air Show May 5th if anyone is interested in attending.

The Section Vice President in charge of presentation is looking for unique presentations about the county or clubs. If you are interested please contact Ginny Houtz.

Beverly and Richard are the master trainers for Thrive and they need teen leaders to work with them. Alex said if we have Thrive next year it will be a county project. This may depend on the new rep.

Teen Council- (http://www.oc4h.org/Teen_Council/) Applications for Teen Council and All Star / Ambassadors 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. We'd love to have you join us! Questions – email Ashleigh at ilovemygoat@yahoo.com or BJ at proud2bhorsegirl@aol.com or OC4Hteencouncil@gmail.com

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. Please email to ashleigh.suzanne@gmail.com. Please keep in mind that pictures can be BIG and won't always get through the e-mail size limit. If you could limit each email to 3-5 photos, that would be great. You can send as many e-mails as you want. We will try to get a good variety of photos in the calendar this year, but you have to get them in to us to get them into the calendar.

Summer Camp –Summer Camp is August 13th - 18th. (Campers – 9-13 years old) and (Staff – 14-19 years old members) Applications and more information are posted on the County web-site. All applications are due to Pat Hetherington and Megan Gaasch - mgaasch@hotmail.com. We will be opening registration for campers to other counties next week, so go on-line and make sure you send yours **\$75** in early holds your spot as a camper.

The Pancake breakfast went very well – Summer Camp Staff raised over \$1000. We had lots of donations and expenses were \$184.00. Next camp counselor meeting is May 2nd at 7pm. There is still time to sign up to be a counselor.

State Leadership Conference - The State Leadership Conference will be held in San Diego August 9 – 12, 2012, the week before summer camp.

Jan Tubbiola mentioned that Helen Bailey fell and broke her ankle. She is not going to be allowed to walk for 6 weeks. She would really appreciate cards. Here address is 314 W. Whiting, Fullerton, CA 92832

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Kim Courtney, Corresponding Secretary