

Orange County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes
SCREC, 7601 Irvine Blvd, Irvine, CA 92618
May, 22, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Alex Martin at 7:07 p.m.

The **Pledge to the American Flag** was led by B.J. Bender and the **4-H Pledge** were led by Ashleigh Mathias.

Officer's Reports

President – Alex Martin stated that the order of events will be switched around a bit so that some people may report and leave.

LaHabra Fair – Phil Pacia said that the LaHabra Valley Community Fair will be on June 8-10, 2012 at Sonora High School. Here is the website

<http://www.lhvcfair.com/> Due date is June 1. Look for the new event called Pee Wee Pig Show. The catalogues and Competition books are available. The entry fees vary depending on what you want to submit. Your entry will not be complete until you have submitted your payment. If you are entering any livestock (animals), you must sign a code of ethics form and have your Club Leader sign it as well.

Teen Council/All Star – Mary Kerr reported that the interviews will probably be June 15 at Sonora.

Treasurer – Jim Mullion reported that the checking account has \$13,420.34 and the savings account has \$65,251.26. We had a CD that was tied up with Washington Mutual and will now be put into a CD. A **motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report and file for audit was made by Stefan Forschner, seconded by B.J. Bender and passed.

Recording Secretary – The Minutes from the April meeting were written by Kim Courtney. They were approved as presented.

Old Business

Web-Site – 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' have been uploaded. Alex said that they will try to have all county events registered on ShoWorks next year. Arrange a time with Alex to define the classifications and divisions for your event. Many forms and manuals are now uploaded to the website.

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, and download the new forms. 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. The due date will probably be in Mid August.

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.

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

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.

The **Bobbi Rach Scholarship** forms will be E-mailed out soon to the club leaders. The due date will be June 15.

State Leader's Conference (SLC) is from August 9-12 at UC San Diego. Alex read a description of the SLC info.

<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/> Participants must be high-school-aged 4-H members (14-19 years old).

County Council Elections- If you are interested in running for the positions of Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and the Sectional Council Representative, please contact Megan Gaasch -mgaasch@hotmail.com.and she will add your name to the ballot. The County Council positions are for 2 year terms.

County-wide Policy & Procedure Manual – This is being prepared. It will be published to everyone and be posted on the web when completed. All clubs were supposed to have completed their By-Laws last year. Community Club Leaders should check with Darren tonight to see if your club has turned them in.

Committee Reports

Fashion Revue – None

Food Fiesta – Next year's theme will be "Soups, Stews and Casseroles. It will be held on the last Saturday in January.(Jan. 26).

Presentation Day – Alex is looking for a new chairperson for this committee.

Youth Expo – Alex handed out the judging sheets to each club rep.

Section/State Reports – Dick Schrieber said that there was a State Council meeting on April 28th. This coming weekend will be the State Field Day at Davis.

South Section Field Day was last weekend. The judging sheets are at the back of the room.

Alex said that the 2012-2013 fees will be increased to \$10.00 per adult and \$28.00 per youth. Next year, in August, at the Community Club Leader Orientation there are plans to have the Club Leaders register on line, if they have not already done so, so that they know how to handle registration for all of their members. They will need to submit their projects and leaders at that time. Some clubs charge a club fee in addition to the insurance fee. To be able to continue to do that, you will need to submit a request to the county director for approval before you can do this. You will need to explain why you need to charge this amount and how it will be used.

Incentives & Recognitions (I&R) – Record Book Workshop - June 16 & Record Books due. – Mid August. Alex said that the Leader Recognition and Achievement Night will be held together this year, probably in October. Kay will need to order the pins. It will be family friendly and leader friendly. It will be nice to have the kids see the leaders get their awards and vice versa. They will support their friends and family. It will be a sit down dinner. The kids will not cost anything. The price will be for the adults. The kids will still eat. The All Stars and a committee that is planning the event will work together.

Teen Council- (http://www.oc4h.org/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 Teen Council 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 - e-mail Ashleigh at ilovemygoat@yahoo.com or BJ at proud2bhorsegirl@aol.com for more information.

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 send them by e-mail 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 e-mail 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 :) If it is easier - you can burn a bunch to disk and bring that disk to the County Council Meeting - Thank you to your County All-Star / Ambassadors. Thank you to the Fashion Revue Committee for the disks of photos they provided.

Summer Camp — We are having a summer camp this year! The dates for summer camp are August 13th - 18th. The applications and other documents are available

at: http://www.oc4h.org/Summer_Camp/ We have opened registration for campers to other counties, so go on-line and make sure you send yours in now! \$75 dollars holds your spot as a camper. Questions - contact Megan Gaasch - mgaasch@hotmail.com. It is very important that you turn in your applications as soon as possible. We need to know how many youth are attending so we can plan accordingly. Due by June 1.

B.J.Bender told us about her project. This is a 100 hour project for Girl Scouts, called the Gold Award project. It is comparable to the Emerald Star project in 4-H. She asked for donations of money. With this money she bought 125 cactus, and 25 elderberry trees. They have been planted and are doing well. She will be writing an article for the TIO with pictures. BJ wanted to thank everyone who gave donations. This Saturday she is doing another day of planting and watering. Some time will be spent pulling mustard plants. They will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Whiting Ranch. Susan Yaros also spoke about the Disney ½ Marathon which is coming on September 2. If you accept the passes, they need to be given to someone else in order for you to count it as a community service. You may receive only one pass per year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Beverly Schrieber, Recording Secretary