

Orange County Council Meeting Minutes
SCREC, 7601 Irvine Blvd, Irvine, CA 92618
September 25, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Alex Martin at 7:04 p.m.

The **Pledge to the American Flag** was led by Katie Moore and the **4-H Pledge** was led by Ashleigh Mathias.

Officers Introduced – Alex Martin introduced the officers. **President** – Alex Martin, **Vice President** – Jim Mullion, **Treasurer** – Helen Koshak, **Recording Secretary** – Beverly Schrieber, and **Corresponding Secretary** – Phil Pacia, **Adult Sectional Representatives** – Jan Tubbiola & Kay Strothman (2 year terms) - **Youth Sectional Representative** – Zakariah O'Mara-Mezzano – **New County 4-H Program Coordinator** – Jason Suppes – **All-Star/Ambassadors** – Ashleigh Mathias, Rebekah Villanueva, Kayla Caston, Joey Caston – **Teen Council Member** – Cassy Vos
Recording Secretary – The June 26, 2012 minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer – Jim Mullion reported that the balance in the checking account is \$13,572.75 and the maximizer account has \$55,267.39. The treasurer's report was submitted and accepted to be filed for audit. Alex asked that each county committee submit a budget by November 1 so that the officers may review before it is presented to the council at the November Council meeting

Old Business

Orange County Fair - The Orange County Fair was held in July and August. All of our youth who participated did really well. The Fair enjoyed the number of livestock entries. The auction prices were a little higher. If anyone had an animal go through auction and have not received your check, please contact your leaders for help. Make sure that your members send Thank You notes to their buyers and anyone who added on to their animal price at auction. Their names and addresses are on the checks. If any of the members won trophies or awards in the Youth building or from the fair, these are also donated or sponsored and should receive Thank You Notes as well.

Website – Alex explained that all events and results are posted on the web-site at www.oc4h.org. For committee Chairs for this year – If you have information with dates and themes, please e-mail Alex so she can update the web-site with the new information. We are going to try on-line registration for all County events through ShoWorks this year, so please arrange a time with Alex to define your divisions and classifications, as well as what other information you want in the database. Alex has many forms and manuals uploaded to the web-site, but if there are any that you are looking for and can't find, please let someone know and they will be tracked down and uploaded.

New Business

Club Registration – All clubs need to set up appointments with Jason for club re-enrollment for the last 2 weeks of October. No confirmations for each club will happen until those meetings are held. The list of items you need to bring is on the check sheet that was in the front of your binder given to Club Leaders at the club leader training. Bring one check for Insurance and one check for the Fair Share. If you have questions regarding that, please see Jason at the end of this meeting. No confirmations will be done until these meetings are held with Jason. All new and returning County Volunteers will need to take the on-line Child Safety Course, even if you did it last year. http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Volunteers/Online_Courses/ Club/County financial reports are due to Jason by Saturday, October 20th. Most Club Leaders have been confirmed in the system by Jason and now they can review /approve their members and volunteers.

New Leader Training – There were two new volunteer/leader training sessions this month. There were quite a few new volunteers, so that is really great. There were about 35 people at the second session. If your clubs still have other volunteers that need to go through training and fingerprinting, please send Alex an e-mail so we can see if we have enough to schedule another session, or whether they will have to do individual trainings with Jason and be fingerprinted on their own.

County-wide Policy & Procedure Manual – has been published and posted on the web. It is available to everyone. If you have questions about what is and is not permissible in Orange County 4-H, that would be a great place to start. If you still have questions, or need clarification, please contact your club leader, who can follow up with us or the County Office if they don't know the answer. Orange County's new 4-H year is July 1st thru June 30th. This is a new State

Mandate. However, if your members have already completed their paperwork and put September 1st thru August 31st on the Medical Form or the Waiver, that will be fine. This will affect Record Book entries for this year and financial reporting.

Treasurer Training – Thursday, October 18th – 7pm – 9pm at SCREC. Please have your youth Treasurer, Adult Treasurer’s Advisor, and one Club Leader attend this training. Thank you, Richard Schrieber, for stepping up to do this training.

Committee Chair/Volunteer Sign-ups – Several Committee sign-up sheets are going around. If you are interested in signing up to volunteer your time on them, please sign up with your name, phone number, e-mail address, whether you are a youth or adult and your club initials. For Chairs of Committee and County-wide Projects – Budgets will be due November 1st by e-mail to Alex. She will be sending out the budget forms for this year and a copy of last year’s approved budget forms for reference this week.

Member Achievement & Leader Awards Night – Thursday, November 15th – 6:30 p.m. at the Orange County Fairgrounds. The All-Star Ambassadors and Teen Council will organize and plan the County Awards Night event with the help of Mary Kerr (The All Star Advisor) & Kay Strothman. This is an important event that rewards the hard work and achievement of our youth for last year’s accomplishments and our Volunteer Leaders for their dedication and support. The youth receive their Stars, Junior & Teen Leader pins and patches, record book pins and officer book pins, as well as the President’s volunteer service awards. We highly encourage everyone to attend the event, even if they are not receiving an award. It is great to have friends there to watch. We are having it catered for dinner and flyers will be sent out when the theme and price for dinner is determined. Phil and his group will be catering this.

OC 4-H News – We have an on-line newsletter called the OC 4-H News. It is where you will find County-wide information. If any of your members want to write articles with or without photos, please feel free to have them send them to Alex at alex.martin@cox.net and she will have them posted that same week. These articles will count in their record books.

Record Book Workshop – Alex said that there will be a workshop to help members get the year started right with record books. Don't worry if you have no idea how to do it, or if this is your first year, but have never done one. We'll work through that and show you the easiest methods for record keeping. Alex will send out an e-mail inviting you to the workshop, so you can respond. The workshop for Junior and Intermediate (age 9-13) will be held on Saturday, October 13th – 9am - Noon at SCREC. The workshop for Senior members will be on Saturday, October 27th, from 9-Noon at SCREC. We'll have sample forms for note taking and Alex will e-mail the electronic record book forms. Hope to see you there.

Committee Reports

Fashion Revue – Michelle Kuester is going to ask Samantha Jensen as the youth director of this committee. The date for the 2013 Fashion Revue is March 23rd.

Food Fiesta – Susan Yaros reported that Food Fiesta is scheduled for Saturday, January 26, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Knights of Columbus in Buena Park the same as last year. The theme is 'Soups, Stews and Casseroles' The entry fee is \$5.00 per member and \$10.00 for 2 entries, such as a food item and a table setting. Members who are enrolled in foods related projects, cake decorating, food preservation and all primary members may participate. The committee is looking for youth and/or adults to help with a Community Service activity.

Master Poultry – Shar Rice reported that they have already started. They will have their first Invitational Avian Bowl in Solvang on October 27th. Sometime after January they will have the California Qualifier again. The 2 girls who are on the existing team now are looking for another 1 or 2 members. The ages do not coincide with the 4-H ages. There will be a poultry show in Victorville on the first Saturday in December.

Master Pygmy Goats – Barbara Lutz said that she needs a list of people. Alex said that until they get confirmed, we won't have a list. This is a county wide project that meets once a month. They will meet where and when the time is convenient with the people who sign up. If interested, contact Barb Lutz at btlutz@cox.net This is educational only. They do not bring the goats. Members will learn about feed, medicine, diseases, judging and terminology. Alex explained that when members choose a county wide project, they will enroll and choose county wide as the club and

then choose the appropriate project. The county wide projects being offered are Master Poultry, Master Pygmy Goats, Fashion Revue and possibly Dog. Alex will check with Elaine Alston about the Dog project.

Presentation Day – Alex said that Samantha Valverde is our new chair. The meetings will be held on the first Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates, November 7, 2012, January 2, 2013 and February 6, 2013 at the Montessori on the Lake in Lake Forest. Presentation Day event will be Saturday, March 2, 2013 at the Montessori on the Lake School. More information and details will go out regarding meetings and forms later. There will be a poster up to show where the meeting will be, just like last year. One adult and one youth from each club should attend these meetings to inform their clubs of the details. There will be a Presentation Day workshop on Saturday, February 2 from 9-Noon at SCREC. Registration will be due at the Feb. 6th meeting. They are trying to do all of the registration online this year.

Youth Expo – Alex reported that the meeting dates and locations have not been confirmed yet. We may not use Memorial Gardens. Once they are, an e-mail will go out with that information. Meetings will not begin until November. The Youth Expo event will be Friday, April 12th – Sunday, April 14th at the OC Fairgrounds. Alex will be meeting with the Fair at the end of next month. One adult and one youth should attend from each club. There will be club booths again and there will be club food booths. Be sure to put this in your budget now. There will be sign ups for these later.

State/South Section Reports

South Section Meeting – September 8, 2012, Mt. SAC – 10:00 a.m. Zakariah O'Mara-Mezzano gave an abridged report from the minutes. The President kicked it off by saying that Mt. SAC will still be their meeting place and it will continue to be so. There are no troubles with that. Treasurer's report was given by Kay Strothman. It was handed out with the proposed budget. These were voted in. The program was by Stephanie and Delaney Barrett. They spoke about the 4-H Project Proficiency Program that they are implementing in Riverside County. The State Report told of the Diamond Clover Award, which is a Higher State honor that is being offered this year. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year while the member is from 17-19 years of age. They are reviewed by the I & R committee on a quarterly basis. The 4-H "Eco-Bot Challenge" kits are now available. Trainings for the Thrive program in the South Section took place in Ontario on September 22nd-23rd. Jan Tubbiola reported that we are doing member registration. Officer and Senior Record Books were judged. Primary, Junior and Intermediate books were just recently judged. We participated in the State Leader's Conference. We had summer camp. We have new All Stars. Kerri Olobri reported that the theme for TIC will be "Flash Back to Leadership." The dates will be January 18, 19 and 20. They will do the 50s, the 70s and the 90s. They decided the service project will be "My Stuff" Bags. Lynn Warren said that the South Section 4-H Horse classic will not happen this year. They are hoping to have a show in 2013. Jan Tubbiola added that the Revised Constitution and Bylaws were submitted to the state for approval. We also had elections. It was a very big day. For the State Council, Dick Schrieber is Treasurer, Beverly Schrieber is the Secretary, and Jan Tubbiola was elected as the Representative from South Section for one year. Kay Strothman is the South Section Treasurer. We started talking about plans for the State Leader's Forum (SLF) at Asilomar for 2014 when the South Section will be in charge. Mary Ann Smith, from Imperial County, will chair this committee. This year SLF will be on the second weekend in November.

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.

State Leadership Conference – August 9-12 – We had 15 youth attend this conference along with Alex and Phil at UC San Diego. It was a lot of fun and a great experience for all who attended. Ashleigh Mathias, Kayla Caston, Joey Caston and Cassy Vos came up to the front and shared what they enjoyed most about SLC. Phil said that he was happy with the youth because they were there to learn and that he was proud of the way they conducted themselves. The participants enjoyed the classes (yoga), the speakers and the food. SLC will be at UC Davis for the next 2 years.

Incentive & Recognition – Kay Strothman stated that any Seniors who have books out and want them to be judged at state should be sure to get them back to Kay. They will be judged on the first weekend in December at UC Davis.

Summer Camp - was held August 13-18. Ashleigh Mathias and Jake Hetherington (our youth directors) told of all the fun the campers and counselors had at camp this year. Next year camp will be July 29th thru Aug. 3rd.

Teen Council –(Senior 4-H members – 13-19 year olds) – Ashleigh Mathias, Rebekah Villanueva, Kayla Caston, Joey Caston and Cassy Vos came to the front of the room and explained about Teen Council. The Teen flyer was made available at the back of the room. It says, Hey 4-H Teens! We are getting our Teen Council year started with a Beach Bonfire. It is scheduled for October 6th from 5-9 at Huntington Beach. Cross Streets are PCH & Magnolia. If you come, we ask that you bring food potluck style! Following is the alphabetized list (by last name) of who may bring what! (A-D – Chips) (C-H – Fruit and Sides) (I-L – Drinks) (M-O - Entrees) (P-Z – Desserts) We will be providing hot dogs, S'more supplies, and some drinks. Make sure you bring jackets, chairs, and towels. Can't wait to see you guys. Tell your other 4-H teen friends. Ashleigh Mathias, (7140 743-1634) ashleigh.suzanne@gmail.com Call Mary Kerr - 858-774-1831 The yearly schedule is as follows: The first Meeting & Fun will be on November 8, from 6:30-8 pm. The Theme will be – Thanksgiving w/potluck & games. December 13 from 6:30-8 pm will have the theme – “Holiday Cheer” w/favorite cookies, games & white elephant gift exchange. January 11th from 7-9 pm will be Ice Skating at the Anaheim Ice Rink. February 14th from 6:30 – 8 pm will be a Meeting & Fun. The theme will be “Cupid Says” w/cookies, games & prizes. March 14th from 6:30-8 pm will be a Meeting & Fun. The Theme will be \$pring \$\$ w/egg hunt & live auction, dessert, potluck & root beer floats. May 9th from 6:30-9 pm will be John's Incredible Pizza. The address for the meetings that are not at the beach or the ice rink or the Pizza place is Grace OC Church, 8095 East Crystal Drive, Anaheim, CA 92807. That information is in the calendars that you may purchase for \$10.00 as a Fundraiser to help the Teen Council.

Wounded Warriors – Katie Moore, YLC President, spoke about a Community Service project that their club did. The livestock group all worked together and pitched in and raised a market lamb. They sent out hundred sof add on letters because all of the profits from this lamb went to the Wounded Warriors Project. They made a total or \$7400.00. At the October meeting they handed the money over to their representative. This was a really good experience. This was a great community service project that they all did together. Jim Mullion told us that 4-H got a lot of publicity out of this project. During the OC fair write-ups were in the newspaper probably 4 or 5 times. If you got up early enough to watch the news at 5 or 6 you would have seen Katie to do 2 or 3 news spots. 4-H got great publicity out of this. Katie gave up her spot in the auction to do this. A clipping of the newspaper was passed around for everyone to see. They also ended up bringing the military to the auction.

Haley Boasheals talked about a chili cook-off with opportunity prizes and games. This will be benefitting the Lake Forest club. It will be on Saturday, Sept. 29th and it will be \$5.00 each. Please RSVP with us. It will be at Serrano Creek Stables from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There are flyers in the back.

Beth Jesch from the OABB e-mailed some of the club leaders that she found in the CCL book to say that her Vet Science Project has room for more members. This is for any kids in middle school and high school. They will talk about animal health, veterinary medicine and the educational requirements. They will meet the 4th Tuesday of every month starting in October at the leader's house in Orange. Alex said that if she sent a project description, she would send it out. Ashleigh Mathias announced that she has a health and nutrition project in the Trabuco Trailblazers. She needs more members. This will be about how to eat healthy, live healthy and good examples of good exercises.

Susan Yaros said that they are looking for people for the Tinkerbell Half Marathon which will be January 20th. They want people who will make a commitment and keep it. This is from 3:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

Other Business – Phil Pacia asked for a motion to ratify the new officers. A **motion** to ratify the newly elected 4-H County Council board members, who are Vice President – Jim Mullion, Treasurer – Helen Koshak, Corresponding Secretary – Phil Pacia, Adult Sectional Representatives – Jan Tubbiola & Kay Strothman (2 year terms) - Youth Sectional Representative – Zakariah O'Mara-Mezzano, was made by Beth Jesch, seconded by Samantha Valverde and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Beverly Schrieber, Secretary