

Orange County Council Meeting Minutes
SCREC, 7601 Irvine Blvd, Irvine, CA 92618
October 23, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Alex Martin at 7:12 p.m.

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

Treasurer – Helen Koshak was absent. Jim Mullion reported that the balance in the Checking Account is \$12,185.14 and the Maximizer Savings account has \$55,271.13. A Profit & Loss Budget Overview for last year is available in the back. The budget for the new year will be brought before the council next month for approval after we get information from all of the committees added in.

Recording Secretary, Beverly Schrieber - **Minutes** from the September 25th County Council meeting are in the back for review and approval. Alex said that if there are no changes or corrections to the minutes, they will be accepted as printed.

Corresponding Secretary - Phil Pacia was absent

Old Business

Web-Site - All events and results are posted on the web-site at 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 to define your divisions and classifications, as well as what other information you want in the database. Food Fiesta committee chairs have asked to accept the money the old way. The idea was to eliminate the need for all of the clubs to have to collect one dollar here and another dollar there, deposit and writing a check to council. Everyone will be paying directly online through ShoWorks. Some committee chairs have submitted their information. Alex will be putting this on the web site soon. There are new rules and categories for Fashion Revue. Michelle Kuester has given her information to Alex. If any of your members are in Fashion Revue, be sure to check the new rules. There are a lot of changes as far as which project members may participate and which project members are not as well as which activities in Fashion Revue are changing.

Club Registration - All clubs should have set up appointments by now with Jason Suppes, our County Rep. If your club has not set up an appointment, make sure that you do so by tonight. As a County, we need to submit our first check to the State for insurance. We need your numbers in order to do this. All Club Leaders that have done their own registration have been confirmed by Jason and can go in and review/approve your members and volunteers. If you are having any problems with this, please see Jason at the end of the meeting for help. New leaders need to enroll themselves online. At the last session there were 36 leaders; so, they were not registered at the meeting. As soon as a leader has enrolled online, paid their insurance and turned in their paperwork to the community club leader, they may be approved by the club leader. This information will all then be turned in to Jason. He will be able to approve the leaders when the fingerprint information comes back from DOJ and the Child Safety Certificates come to him.

Club / County Financial Reports - Reports were due to Jason last Saturday. If your club has not submitted their reports, please see Jason at the end of the meeting to discuss this with him. Jason is still missing a few. If you know that your club has not submitted it, please take care of this soon. He has a time frame that he must meet.

New Business

County Rep – Jason Suppes - New Leader Training – If you have any volunteers that have not gone through the training, please send an e-mail to Jason to let him know how many more we have to schedule.

Jason has been attending club meetings and a bunch of events and is available for helping when

you have a need. If there are only a few, it does not warrant bringing in the fingerprint guy in for another training session.

Treasurer Training – It was Thursday, October 18th put on by Richard Schrieber. If your club was not at this training, please see Jason to be sure that your club is on the right track by doing the forms correctly and have everything that you need. There were 3 or 4 clubs that did not attend. .

Committees - For Chairs of Committees and County-wide Projects - Budgets will be due November 1st by e-mail to Alex. She sent out the budget forms for this year and a copy of last year's approved budget forms for reference. Master Poultry Project, Master Pygmy Goat Project and the Dog Project are county wide projects and may have items that you want to submit as a request for the budget. Alex has Fashion Revue and the All-Star/Ambassadors information. If you have Fundraisers for your projects, that needs to be in the budget.

Complete the forms and send them in. As soon as the club leaders meet with Jason and turn in their enrollment with the projects listed, we will know who is in various county wide projects. Also remember that there is a cross-county form if someone is in the project from another county.

Member Achievement & Leader Awards Night, Thursday, November 15th-6:30pm – 8:30 pm – Ashleigh said that the All-Star/Ambassadors and Teen Council will organize and plan the County Awards Night event with the help of Mary Kerr & Kay Strothman. The flyer tells that there is a Pirate Theme for the event. People may dress up as a Pirate or in their 4-H uniform. The cost is \$15.00 for adults. Kids are free. The county council is paying for the kids. The meal is buffet style with Tri-tip, salad, drinks and dessert. Phil Pacia and his crew will be putting it on. It will be in Building 16 at the Orange County Fairgrounds. Enter at Gate 5 off of Arlington – Parking will be to the left. There will be a Canned Food Drive, a Photo Booth, and a Silent Auction. There will be a treasure chest with all kinds of props for dress up for fun pictures. You may also nominate your favorite leader from your club. Please pay before this event. Write your check payable to OC 4-H and let the committee know your name, your club, your e-mail address, phone number, # of adults, # of youth (under 12 years of age) and # of youth (age 13-19) in your group. There will also be an award for the club with the most members in attendance. Alex explained further that 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. Everyone is highly encouraged to attend this event, even if not receiving an award. It is great to cheer on your friends. Alex also explained that there is the Bob Cole Award and the Meritorious Service Award. There are forms at the back for you to complete to nominate people these awards. The due date for these awards is October 31. Michelle Kuester won the Bob Cole Award last year so she will gather these nominations. Please send the Meritorious Service Award nominations to Jan Tubbiola. An e-mail went out with the descriptions, date, time, addresses, due date, etc. on October 19, 2012. Check attachments.

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 send them in. These articles will count in the 4-H Record Books. It would be good to see each Club send a newsletter.

Record Book Workshop – The workshop for Junior and Intermediate (age 9-13) was held on Saturday, October 13th. A second workshop to help the Senior members (age 14-19) get the year started right with their record books will be held on Saturday, October 27th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at SCREC. There will be sample forms for note taking.

Committee Reports

Fashion Revue – They have already had a meeting. The next meetings will be Dec. 8, Jan. 12 and Feb. 9 or 16. There will be a workshop in Feb. They will make drawstring bags for the

military as a community service. Contact Michelle Kuester with any questions.

Food Fiesta – an e-mail said that they have had 2 meetings already. The event will be Jan. 26. The theme will be “Soups, Stews and Casseroles”.

Master Poultry – Tea Rice reported that they are still looking for 2 more members of their team.

Master Pygmy Goats – Barbara Lutz reported that they are waiting for the enrollment to start.

Presentation Day - Alex reported that the meetings will be held on November 7th, January 2nd, and February 6th at the Montessori on the Lake in Lake Forest. Presentation Day event will be Saturday, March 2nd at the Montessori on the Lake School. Samantha Valverde will be the chair this year. Registration will be done thru ShoWorks. Money will go into PayPal and automatically go into our checking account.

Youth Expo - The meetings will be held on November 28, January 16, February 20 and March 28 at SCREC at 7:00 pm. The Youth Expo event will be Friday, April 12 – Sunday, April 14 at the OC Fairgrounds. Clubs that will be participating in the event, please have at least one adult and youth attend these meetings. If your club is interested in having a food booth, please be prepared to provide information about what you would like to sell and how much you want to charge for the items.

Sectional/ State Reports - Richard Schrieber said that this Saturday, Oct. 27, the same day as the Record Book workshop in Orange County, is our State Council Meeting in Davis. Since 2013 will be the celebration for California’s 100th Birthday, there will be plans for celebrations at State Leader’s Forum and other events. South Section will be planning at a later year because the State Council is taking next year and the various sections are shifting their rotation years for planning SLF.

2012 State 4-H Leaders' Forum –November 9-11, 2012 will be the date for this year’s Forum at Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, CA. 4-H Adult Volunteers from all over the state meet to attend workshops and share ideas.

<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. All 4-H leaders would benefit from attending and enjoying.

TIC (Teen Involvement Conference) registration is open-

http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Volunteers/Councils/Sectional/South/Teen_Involvement_Conference/ The event will be January 18-20, 2013 at Pathfinder Ranch by Idylwild. It is open to teens 13 and up. The fee is \$110.00 through December 31. Ashleigh told about how much she enjoyed going to this conference last year. The theme will be “Flashback to Leadership”

Summer Camp – Megan Gaasch said that camp will be Monday, July 29 thru Aug. 3, 2013.

Teen Council- Participants may be 13 and older. The first official meeting will be Thursday, November 8, 6:30 pm at Grace OC Church, 8095 East Crystal Drive, Anaheim, CA 92807.

Ashleigh told us about how much fun the teens have at these meetings, especially the Thanksgiving meeting. Ashleigh also explained about her community service for her school where they are raising money for UNICEF.

Open Discussion

Jason Suppes said that San Diego County is inviting other county members to an Equine Learning Day, on December 2 in Fallbrook.

Close Meeting – A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 was made by Samantha Valverde, seconded by Ashleigh and passed.

Respectfully Submitted by
Beverly Schrieber, Secretary