

Orange County Council Meeting Minutes
SCREC, 7601 Irvine Blvd, Irvine, CA 92618
January 22, 2013

The meeting was called to order by our President, Alex Martin, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Treasurer, Helen Koshak announced that we have the following bank balances - Checking - \$5,790.83, - Savings - \$55,274.87. A **motion** to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Samantha Valverde, seconded by Phil Pacia and passed.

Secretary, Beverly Schrieber said that the Minutes from the November County Council meeting are in the back for review and approval. The minutes were accepted as posted.

Old Business

Web-Site - All current events and results are posted on the web-site at www.oc4h.org. We are getting ready to launch on-line registration for Presentation Day through ShoWorks this week. Record Book awards are posted. State winners are shown also. Check it out. Here are the results: Samantha Jensen – Winner, Ashleigh Mathias – Winner, Kayla Caston – Medalist, Rebekah Villanueva – Merit and Zakariah O'Mara-Mezzano - Merit

Club Registration - Jason said that the confirmation will be done by next week of all volunteers and members except for one club. After this meeting, Jason will meet with Helen and the check will go to state for Orange County enrollment.

Club / County Budgets – Alex reported that part of the financial documents that were to be turned into Jason included a budget for this year. If your club did not have one at that time, please be sure a copy gets to Jason ASAP.

OC 4-H News - If you could please send copies of your club newsletters to Alex at alex.martin@cox.net that would be great. She will print them and share them with the executive board, and post them as attachments to the OC 4-H News page.

New Business

County Rep- Jason Suppes said that he is making his way around to as many **clubs** as he can. March 17th we have been invited to participate in an event at **Tanaka Farms**. This will celebrate National Ag Week or Ag Day. They are an organic working farm in Irvine. We may do outreach at their open house. If anyone is interested in coming out for a few hours, talk with Jason. On April 27th we are working with a partnership with Orange County Parks to do a habitat restoration. It looks like it will be a tree planting of oak and sycamore trees. This will probably start at 9 a.m. with a debriefing by a park ranger as there is an interpretive presentation as to where they are, what they are doing and why they are doing it. There will be a safety talk and then go off and plant trees for a while. There will be park ranger hikes after the activity. The **Solar Decathlon** is being planned for October 3 thru the 13th. Week by week the plans are shaping up.

<http://www.solardecathlon.gov/index.html> or <http://www.solardecathlon.gov/index.html>

Jason is focusing on recycled race cars. He gave us a quick demo with 2 of his cars. The kids will be provided with 2 volt solar panels that will recharge AA or AAA batteries and a motor. Different ages of kids will receive different supplies so they do not need to do soldering. Older kids will have opportunities to solder if they go that way. Jason is trying to see which motors will work best and be the cheapest. This project will probably take shape in August. A couple of workshops will happen where the kids can come and

learn. It will be a constantly evolving process. They expect in excess of 200,000 people attending over this 8 day period. 4-H will have our own area to use. Kids from various clubs may wish to come and race their cars for fun. Jason is also working on a terrain challenge. They may build for speed or for rock climbing. Alex asked about the Child Safety Training Certificates for the leaders. Jason will be checking the clubs for these soon. Make sure that everyone who has registered as a volunteer has completed this training.

Committee Reports

Fashion Revue – Michelle Kuester was not able to attend tonight. There are workshop flyers at the back of the room. It is from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. on Feb. 16th. You will learn modeling skills, how to write a commentary and there will be a committee meeting at 1 pm. http://www.oc4h.org/Fashion_Revue/

Food Fiesta - Susan Yaros reported that the event will happen on Jan 26th at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Buena Park from 9 am to 12 noon. There are 32 kids signed up. Plan to arrive a little early in case of rain. There will be a community service project and a judging contest for the kids to do. There will also be a cookbook printed to be given to the participant families.

Master Poultry - Shar Rice reported that next month on the 16th of February they will have the California Qualifier for Avian Bowl in Fresno. It is a Greater California Poultry Event.

Master Pygmy Goats - Barb Lutz said that they have not had their first meeting yet. They have a field trip planned. They are making a donation to the Master Pygmy Goat Basket for auction at Presentation Day. They will also help with questions for the Pygmy Goat Quiz at Youth Expo.

Presentation Day – Samantha Valverde reported. Our last meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 6th at Montessori on the Lake School. Presentation Day event will be Saturday, March 2nd at the Montessori on the Lake School. For all clubs participating in the event, we need at least one adult and one youth volunteer to attend the meetings. All cover-art for the program and paper copies of registration, as well as donation baskets, are due at this meeting. Additionally, we will be having a Poster Judging event at Presentation Day. The theme is "Lettuce Turnip the Beet". Please start bringing those posters in. We are asking that each club provide at least 2 posters. If you have questions about what should be on them, please contact Samantha or Alex with questions. Thank you in advance for stepping up. Even though we will be trying the registration and payment for the event on-line, we would like the actual paper copies of the registration forms turned in at the committee meeting as backup. We are also doing a '4-H Project Silent Auction' again this year. The following clubs baskets have been selected. The cost (amount actually spent) should be no higher than \$25, but the value can be higher. If you can get items donated, that is even better! We choose silent auction basket themes for each club: BCB - Pygmy Goats, FFBS – Photography, FVC – Rabbits, MGG- Arts & Crafts, LFS- Horses, LHH - Beef (Dairy & Market), OABB- Dogs OVH – Cooking, TriC- Sheep, Teen C – Leadership, TT- Poultry, and YLC- Swine. A Presentation Day Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, February 2nd at SCREC from 9 am until Noon.

Youth Expo - Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 20th at 7pm at SCREC. The Youth Expo event will be Friday, April 12th - Sunday, April 14th at the OC Fairgrounds. The theme for the event is 'Ham it Up'. All club responsibility forms are due back to me no later than at the meeting. Thank you in advance for stepping up :) For all clubs participating in the event, we need at least one adult and one youth volunteer to attend the meetings. We will be in a building this year.

Sectional/ State Reports – Richard and Beverly Schrieber reported that the South Section meeting was on Saturday, April 12. Zak and his mother attended too. All 9 counties were represented. Paulette Sauln gave her San Diego report via Adobe Connect. This was the first time to have Adobe Connect available. Sandy Cohen, our State Council President attended also for a while. After the meeting we had an impromptu workshop to learn how to make duck tape flower pens.

TIC (Teen Involvement Conference) – Ashleigh Mathias reported on the fun that they had at TIC. Ashleigh is now the new Vice President for South Section Teen Council. Other Teen Council kids who were elected are as follows:

President: Amanda Penicks, Riverside,

Vice President: Ashleigh Mathias, Orange

Secretary: Delaney Barrett, Riverside

Treasurer: Eric Barrett, Riverside

Reporter: Janet Champlin, San Bernardino

Executive State Representative: Megan Chiatovich, San Bernardino

State Representative: Amber Meek, San Bernardino

State Representative: Kerri Olobri, Riverside

The event was January 18 thru 20, 2013 at Pathfinder Ranch by Idyllwild. The workshops and speakers were really great. 12 youth from Orange County attended this year.

Summer Camp – Pat Hetherington and Megan Gaasch said that they have not received many applications for counselor / director. They have received one male and five female applications. They told of a change of camp and difference in prices. The age requirement for counselors is 14 years old. The dates will be Monday, July 29th thru Friday, August 2nd.

Teen Council - Ashleigh Mathias reported that there was an ice skating event held on January 11th at Anaheim Ice. The next Teen Council Meeting will be held on February 14th at 6:30pm at Grace OC Church- 8095 East Crystal Dr, Anaheim, CA 92807. There will be a short meeting, community service, then fun activities, food and friends. We'd love to have you join us! See you all there. We will also send out an e-mail reminder.

Program - MGG Revolution of Responsibility – Brennen Tien, Matthew Tien and Henry John Tien, from the Mesa Goathill Go-Getter's 4-H Club gave a wonderful talk and slide show about their Revolution of Responsibility Project.

Close Meeting – A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. was made by Samantha Valverde, seconded by Jim Mullion and passed.

Respectfully Submitted by
Beverly Schrieber, Secretary