

Orange County Council Meeting Minutes
SCREC, 7601 Irvine Blvd, Irvine, CA 92618
February 26, 2013

The meeting was called to order by our President, Alex Martin, at 7:01 p.m.

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

President: Alexandra Martin

Vice President: Jim Mullion

Treasurer: Helen Koshak said that we have \$6,977.09 in the Checking account and \$55,267.39 in our Savings Account. A to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Samantha Valverde, seconded by Teri Vertrees, and passed

Secretary: Beverly Schrieber – The Minutes from the January County Council meeting are in the back for review and approval. The minutes were accepted as posted

Corresponding Secretary: Phil Pacia

Old Business

Web-Site: Alex stated that most current events and results are posted on the web-site at www.oc4h.org. The record book winners are listed. As soon as the information comes in from Food Fiesta, it will be posted. On-line registration for Youth Expo through ShoWorks has been launched for entries. Now, there will be no more need for clubs to collect money for Youth Expo. The Pancake Breakfast, the Ice Cream Social, camping and all of the entry divisions will be listed and online by March 1. A member's entry will not be final until they pay. This makes it easy on the Youth Expo staff. A user name and password will be need to be created. If all someone does is "save" something, it will not show in Alex's report. This will not be an entry. If someone forgot something and wants to add something, they may use their user name and password and do this. Some things like livestock showmanship do not cost. It is a zero dollar amount entry. But, of course, they will need to bring an animal. Members may sign up to do knowledge tests.

Club Registration – Jason said that as soon as he found out that it was his decision whether or not to keep online registration open, he kept it open for everyone to enroll. Regardless of the date of registration, they must still pay the insurance fee. If you have any problems or questions with Registrations, contact Jason at the 4-H Office. Registration names, paperwork and checks for insurance should be given to Jason. He will give the money to the County Council Treasurer monthly. Alex said that once the new member pays, technically, they are insured. Our club year goes from July 1-June 30 each year. This will be a unique year with this year's insurance continuing to cover members as they go to the Orange County Fair, 4-H Camp and SLC. However, for new members, the insurance will begin July 1. Jason said that the State totally understood our situation.

OC 4-H News –Alex asked clubs to send copies of the club newsletters to her at alex.martin@cox.net. She will post them as attachments to the OC 4-H News page.

New Business

County Rep - Jason Suppes said that on March 17th Tanaka Farms

<http://www.tanakafarms.com/Events.html> is hosting an open house. He has all of the animals that they will need. On March 30th our members are invited to show at the Los Alamitos Spring Carnival. <http://www.orangecountycoastlife.com/events/la-spring->

[carnival.html](#) They were looking to see if members were interested in bringing their animals and talking about the animal. Earth Day will be observed at O'Neill Regional Park on April 27th. Sign ups are available for the tree planting

<http://ocparks.com/parks/oneill/events> Be there at 8:45 a.m. until noon and later. It is important for members to contact Jason and let him know if they are coming.

County Banner – Beverly Schrieber showed a blank white banner with the following explanation. County Centennial 4-H Banners will help California Celebrate 100 Years of 4-H with Banners! The banner will be presented by two members from our county during the opening assembly. The banner should be 30" wide at the top and approximately 36" at its longest point. You can adjust the shape of your banner as you like (creativity is encouraged). Your banner must include your county name and can be decorated on both sides with any type of materials. Please attach a 5/8" x 36" dowel at the top of your banner for hanging. They will be presented at the 2013 State 4-H Field Day to celebrate our centennial, be displayed from the balcony of Wellman for all to see and possibly at the State Fair at the Youth and Design exhibit hall and/or the Animal Pavilion and at SLF at the Crowne Plaza in Sacramento from November 8-10, 2013. A **motion** to have the teen council decorate the banner was made by Jim Mullion, seconded by Pat Hetherington, and passed. Ashleigh said ok after a little protesting. Committee Reports

Fashion Revue – People who attended the Workshop said that it went very well. More members participated than expected, which made the committee happy. They made 29 laundry bags and had a great time. Zak came to take pictures for his Revolution of Responsibility project. Registration paperwork is due by this Saturday, March 2. Just bring it to Presentation Day and turn it in.

Food Fiesta - Susan Yaros reported that there were 30 members from 6 clubs. There were 13 golds and 7 silver medals awarded. There was a Share Table, Community Service Table, Spice Judging table, one table setting and one salsa demonstration. The theme this year was "Soups, Stews and Casseroles. About half of the members choose to enter the theme. Jason shared that when his grandmother was in the Acacia assisted living home she had a heart that she just loved to see. This was the same kind of craft that the Food Fiesta members were making for Acacia. This touched his heart.

Master Poultry – Helen Koshak reported that the team went to Fresno on Saturday, February 16, 2013 for the Avian Bowl State Qualifier placed 2nd. They were coached by Shar and Tracey Rice. The team placed 1st on the written part of the contest.

Master Pygmy Goats – Ashleigh Mathias reported that they sewed little bags out of feed sacks. They also made some true or false questions for the Pygmy Goat Knowledge bowl at the Orange County Fair. The next meeting will be March 24, at 7pm.

Presentation Day - The event will be this Saturday, March 2nd at the Montessori on the Lake School. There are 96 participants. 13 rooms will be used. There is a need for more judges. There are 51 demonstrations, 29 Impromptu, 9 extemporaneous, 2 primary rooms. We will be having a Poster Judging event at Presentation Day, so hopefully all posters have been turned in to Samantha Valverde or are here tonight. Payment for the event will be made at the time you sign in on Saturday. Please remember to bring \$5 per participant. Cash is ok. If you write a check, make it payable to OC 4-H. We are also doing a '4-H Project Silent Auction' again this year. The following clubs I baskets have been selected: 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, YLC-Swine. A community service activity will be to sew cancer hats.

Youth Expo- Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 28th 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'. Registration will be online beginning March 1st thru March 17th. For all clubs participating in the event, we need at least one adult and one youth volunteer to attend the meetings. The Code of Conduct is required whether you are doing a building entry or a livestock entry. Each member needs to download this Code of Conduct and hand it in to Alex when you come to the Fair. The booths will be 10 x 10 feet and the pipes and screening will be dividing them. A community service will be making tissue paper flowers for Mother's Day for Freedom Village. Jason will have an outreach table to advertise 4-H. There is a 10 x 30 foot area for Summer Camp, Community Service and the Outreach table.

Sectional/ State Reports

SLC (State Leadership Conference) - The 2013 California 4-H State Leadership Conference (SLC) will be held from July 25-28, 2013, at UC Davis outside of Sacramento. For more information about SLC, please visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/>. This year's theme is "There's No Place Like 4-H". This is for members who are ages 14 and up. Registration opens April 2013. Jan Tubbiola said that the State Leader's Forum (SLF) will be in Sacramento this year on November 8, 9 & 10. It will be a big deal because this is the year when California celebrates it's 100th Birthday.

Summer Camp - Megan Gaasch -counselor / director update, dates of summer camp will be July 29- Aug 2. Pat said that she has 4 girls + Ashleigh and 3 boy counselors. Pat is going to advertise in the Newspaper.

Teen Council - The next Teen Council Meeting will be held on March 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. They will be eating delicious food. The Easter Egg hunt will be fun and they will have an auction and cookies.

La Habra Valley Fair – Phil gave many details about the fair. It will be June 7, 8 and 9. <http://www.lhvcfair.com/> Check out the information and plan to participate.

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. was made by Ashleigh and seconded by Samantha.

Respectfully Submitted by
Beverly Schrieber, Secretary