

Orange County Council Meeting Minutes
SCREC, 7601 Irvine Blvd, Irvine, CA 92618
March 23, 2013

The meeting was called to order by our **President**, Alex Martin, at 7:10 p.m.

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

Treasurer: Helen Koshak reported that the Checking account has a balance of \$6,678.19 and the Savings Account has a balance of \$55,020.78. She handed out this month's Treasurer's Report. A **motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Samantha Valverde, seconded by Greg Hammork, and passed

Secretary: Beverly Schrieber – The minutes from the February County Council meeting are in the back for review and approval. An amendment was made by adding the word "motion" under the secretary's report. A **motion** to accept the amended minutes was made by Beth Jesch, seconded by Samantha Valverde, and passed

Corresponding Secretary: Phil Pacia asked whether anyone wants him to write a thank you card.

Old Business

Web-Site: Most current events and results are posted on the web-site at www.oc4h.org. Jason has sent out a link to everyone for the new 4-H news update site. It is also posted on the web-site under the OC4H News page. Food Fiesta and Presentation Day results have been posted.

Club Registration: You should be able to continue to register members in 4-H year round through the on-line system. The year does end on June 30. Regardless of the date of registration, they must still pay the insurance fee of \$28.00. If you have any problems or questions with Registrations, contact Jason at the 4-H Office.

OC 4-H News: Alex is still waiting for e-mail copies of club newsletters from this year. Please send copies to 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 there have been a few outreaches in the last couple of weeks. On the 9th the Malones brought some chickens and talked with the public about poultry. They passed out ANR literature about chickens and 4-H stuff. On the 17th, there were a number of people come out to the Tanaka Farms. It was a lot of work. We did not get the amount of people as expected. Much turkey and chicken stuff was brought as well as the pygmy goats. The owner of Tanaka Farms was so impressed that he cannot wait for the next 4-H / Tanaka event. He offered us the opportunity to do a registration day at the farm. He had all kinds of ideas. This was the beginning of what should be a good relationship. They let everyone who worked to go on the Strawberry tour ride. The next big thing will be the Earth Day at O'Neil Park on April 27th. We have doubled the amount of people who had planned to come. About 70 people have signed up to go. Orange County Parks is going to redo their butterfly garden. When the kids arrive, the younger ones will be helping to plant the butterfly garden and the older members will be building cages for the sycamore and oak trees.

State Leadership Conference Registration: 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". Registration for SLC and State 4-H financial aid applications opens April 2013. We will be determining a mode of transportation that will depend on the number of participants. If anyone is interested in going to SLC this year, we have forms in the back for you to fill out. These forms, along with a \$100 deposit check, will be due to Alex by April 15th (day after Youth Expo). Those applications and deposits received will be how we determine how many youth will be participating. This will also help us to determine how much financial support we will be able to provide to the participants. Our goal is to help out with approximately 50% of the registration fees. Of course, this will totally depend on how many

youth participate. You are welcome to apply to the State Office for financial aid as well up to a total of \$300. However, regardless of the method of financial support, the \$100 deposit and County Form are required no later than April 15th. This is a final date in order to be considered for financial support from the County Council. Transportation costs will be the responsibility of the families attending. This will also depend on the method of transportation. The total registration for the conference is usually about \$430. We looked into plane flights into Sacramento, and they range from about \$230-\$350 round trip depending on the airport we use. Ashleigh talked about her experiences at SLC for the past 3 years. This is for teens 14 years old and up. Last year 15 kids from Orange County went. It was at UC San Diego. They took the train.

Committee Reports

Fashion Revue: Juliet Dillon gave a report of her participation at Fashion Revue.

Master Poultry - None

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 has ended. There are 234 building entries. For all clubs participating in the event, we need at least one adult and one youth volunteer to attend the meetings. At the meeting day after tomorrow, Alex needs sign-up sheets from each club for judges and volunteers. In order to get our building entries judged and get items checked in, this is necessary. There have been 86 pancake breakfast tickets presold, as well as 37 ice cream social tickets and 25 families have signed up for camping. There will be one parking pass per family. If there are leaders who have no children in 4-H or no entries, send Alex a list of their names and they will receive parking passes.

Sectional/ State Reports: Richard and Beverly Schrieber reported on their trip to Hawaii where they attended the Western Regional Leaders Forum (WRLF) from March 21-24. They attended wonderful workshops and enjoyed meeting people from many other 4-H States, counties and clubs. In 2014 the WRLF will be in Billings, Montana. In 2015 it will be in Portland, Oregon and in 2016 in Fairbanks, Alaska. If you want more information about national 4-H, check out www.4-h.org/my4h The WRLF workshop materials should be posted by April 7. The Sunday morning speaker was from the Josephson Institute and was very inspirational <http://josephsoninstitute.org/sixpillars.html> He was representing The Character Counts Educational Program with Six Pillars of Character. <http://charactercounts.org/resources/index.html>

Summer Camp: Pat Hetherington gave their counselor I director update, dates of summer camp July 29-Aug 2. Jason has designed a flyer for the camp and it will be on the website soon. Camp will be limited to 50 kids. They had 37 last year. The counselors are going to go up to the mountains for a planning meeting. The cost of summer camp has been lowered. Early registration will be \$250 and \$325 after May 15th. This is \$50.00 cheaper than last year. Pat put an ad in the Register in the Magazine that comes out in April. Last year there were only 10 members from 4-H. Right now there are 4 male counselors (2 new) and 7 female counselors (1 new).

Teen Council - The next Teen Council Event will be held on May 9th at 6:30pm at John's Incredible Pizza. This event is open to all teens and their families, and anyone interested in participating in teen council next year. We'd love to have you join us! We will also send out an e-mail flyer and reminder.

LaHabra Hilltopper's Hoedown: Tom Weiland handed out a flyer asking members to join them. Come support the LA Habra Hilltoppers 4-H Club for a country-filled evening! It will be a perfect night for the young and the old. Spaghetti Dinner – Annual Dessert Auction – Square and Line Dancing. See y-all there! Square and line dancing with caller, Bill "Tex" Gibson. **When:** Saturday, May 11th, 2013, 5:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Location: St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 11345 Miller Road, Whittier, CA 90604. Cost: Pre-Sale Tickets: Children (10 yrs and under): \$5 – Adults (11 yrs and up): \$10 – At-the-Door Tickets: Children: \$7 – Adults: \$12. If you would like to purchase tickets or receive further information, contact Mandie Garcia at 714-595-7625 or maui4mandie@gmail.com A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. was made by Samantha Valverde, seconded by Tom Weiland and passed.

Respectfully Submitted by
Beverly Schrieber, Secretary