

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

The meeting was **called to order** by our President, Alex Martin, at 7:08 p.m.

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

Treasurer: Helen Koshak - Balance checking \$5,768.27 – Savings \$55,020.78. Alex said that next month there will be a report of where we are with the budget. A **motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Samantha Valverde, seconded by Jim Mullion, and passed.

Recording Secretary: Beverly Schrieber – The minutes from the March County Council meeting are in the back for review and approval. Since there are no corrections or additions to the minutes, they will be **accepted** as presented.

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 who is registered online for the new 4-H news update site. It is also posted on the web-site under the Newsletters page. Youth Expo results will be posted on the web this weekend. Jason said that the oc4h.org website has totally changed. Check it out. The focus of the website is for external purposes. It is for people who are looking for information about our program, clubs in their area and how to sign up.

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 will open in May 2013. We are still determining a mode of transportation. Depending on the transportation, costs will be the responsibility of the families attending. If a van is rented the county will be taking care of details. If the members take a plane, the families will make arrangements. There were 9 members who turned in their letters of intent, and Orange County Council will be sponsoring each of them through the Arnold Fund and the Suzanne Guthrie Leadership Fund in the amount of \$250 each. These youth, as well as anyone else who would like to attend the conference are welcome to apply to the State Office for financial aid as well up to a total of \$300. The total registration for the conference is usually about \$430-\$450. When registration opens, Alex will send out a notice letting everyone know, along with instructions. The members who are being sponsored by the county, should not pay individually. They will pay the county council and the council will write the total check for them. The 9 members who turned in their paperwork and are planning on going are Ashleigh Mathias, Becky Bender, Carli Fawcett, Cassandra Vas, Corey Luna, Elise Ashley, Natalie Lutz, Sierra Courtney and Victoria Slaybaugh.

New Business

County Rep - Jason Suppes said that he wanted to keep us current on events that are coming up and things that he is working on. April is a busy month. For the coming year he is working on a Master Gardener supported gardening project. They are checking out curriculum and opportunities. They are hoping to have raised bed gardens at SCREC. That is in the future. Farm space could be made available. Jason went to a Master Gardener workshop. They do outreach where they bring in school teachers who want to do school gardens at their school. As a part of this outreach, they charge \$30.00 for teachers to come out and learn about how to set up a raised bed garden. Jason also went to a UCI food and agriculture club dinner in hopes of tapping some of those kids for volunteer opportunities. They have outreach to do in terms of food and agriculture and we have things that need to be done in terms of food and agriculture. He is hoping to make some connections there. Jason went to Mathobotix in order to learn to set up Lego Mindstorm Technologies and

small computer programming for Robotics courses. He went to a place in Irvine. He is looking for getting a volume discount. He is thinking of doing after school science stuff. In San Juan Capistrano there was an outreach event last week. He met with a whole bunch of totally underserved community school teachers who are wishing for someone to do something with this. The Solar Decathlon survey is up on the website. There is a need to know how many kids will be participating in order to know how much equipment to buy. Kits will also be made available to neighboring counties. San Diego, San Bernardino, Los Angeles and Riverside will be involved to some extent. In July there will be a training for project leaders at a club level. If any clubs want to participate, a project leader will need to attend the training for a short term project. There will be 2 months with a total of 6 hours of class time or build time. Over the months of August and September they will have build days with their clubs with groups of 10-15 kids who pull resources together. Jason is working on getting UCI Samueli School of Engineering students here to also mill through. If your club is interested in leading a project for your kids for the Solar Decathlon let Jason know. They are building recycled race cars. They will be provided with a motor, battery and a solar panel kit. The kids will use trash to build their own car. Go to <https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=10540> for more information and to take the survey. During the months of August and September rooms at SCREC will be made available for these activities. Jason will be trying to make a master schedule. The Solar Decathlon will be October 3-13, 2013. It is actually only 8 days (Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of those 2 weeks). Jason said that the Maker movement is a grassroots community fair. They have everything from Robotics, to canned foods, to clothing the kids make, to anything that you can make with your hands, may be shown. They have invited 4-H to come out and exhibit on August 17, 2013 at UCI. Their website is ocminimakerfaire.wordpress.com. Food Preservation Workshops are going to be on May 16th, 21st and 23rd. A lot of people have signed up. There may still be a few slots left. They can accommodate 30 kids.

Club Registration - You should be able to continue to register members in 4-H year round through the on-line system. Regardless of the date of registration, they must still pay the insurance fee. For this next year, starting July 1st, the registration fees have increased to \$12 for Adults & \$34 for Youth. If you have any problems or questions with Registrations, contact Jason at the 4-H Office. This information is also on the OC 4-H website.

Elections - Nominations for County Council President and Secretary are open, as well as 2 Adult Representatives and 1 Youth Representative for the Sectional Council. All of these positions, except for the youth, are for a 2 year term. Anyone who is interested in running for these offices or knows someone who is and want to nominate them, please contact Jason Suppes. He will be verifying all of the nominees and will bring a slate for approval to the May County Council meeting. Our goal is to hold the elections between the May Council Meeting and the June Council Meeting so we can announce the results at that meeting. There is no County Council meeting in July or December. There will be a transitional Executive Board Meeting for the newly elected officers in July.

Committee Reports

Fashion Revue – No report

Master Poultry - Shar Rice said that there is no new report.

Youth Expo- The event was **Friday, April 12th- Sunday, April 14th** at the OC Fairgrounds. The event was successful and there were no major incidents. We had 23 families camp, and everyone seemed to have a great time. The Adult Large Livestock Round Robin was loads of fun, and the youth members enjoyed doing the judging. Again - the results will all be posted on the web-site this coming weekend.

OC Fair – The Livestock schedule is out. The Division book is available and registration started April 15th. Market animals (beef, calves, sheep, goats, swine, turkeys, broilers & rabbit pens) and breeding animals (rabbits, sheep, dairy, covies, pygmy goats, and poultry)

on-line entries are due by June 7th by 3:30pm with code of conduct. Building online entries are due June 1st with various dates for delivery of items. There are some changes in the animal show dates. All animal exhibitors must watch the ethics video and clubs must turn in a signed log of members by June 7th.

Sectional/ State Reports

Teen Council Meeting - Ashleigh Mathias reported that the Teen Council was the same Saturday as Youth Expo. They planned their budget and decided on a theme for next year's TIC which will be "To Leadership and Beyond" from Toy Story. For the South Section food booth they decided to sell muffins and bananas for breakfast and have a taco bar for lunch. They needed to transfer \$1000.00 from the regular teen account to the TIC account. Ashleigh also said that she would really like to have volunteers for workshop sessions at TIC. She is in charge of this area of TIC. Jason Suppes will lead one on Solar Power and also lead a nature hike. Ashleigh and her friend will lead a session on nutrition.

South Section Council Meeting – Jan Tubbiola, Dick and Bev Schrieber attended the South Section meeting on Saturday, April 13, 2013. Brennen, Matthew and Henry John Tien came to give the program for the day. They showed their incredible video of their experience with the Revolution of Responsibility project. All of the other leaders appreciated the wonderful job that they did telling of their hard work and fun. There were 3 guests in attendance. Sandy Cohen, our State 4-H Council President and her husband, Danny came and inspired us. She encouraged us to enjoy the many 100th Birthday Celebrations around the state for our 4-H Centennial. Sarah Watkins from the state office who is our state liaison spoke about many state events, business and happenings that affect all of us. It is always interesting to hear as each county reports on what the 4-H members are doing in their counties. The plans for South Section Field Day on May 18, 2013 were finalized and shared. South Section needs judges and room supervisors from Orange county clubs. Centennial Magnets and pins were sold and ordered for \$3.00 each to be taken back to each county to help people celebrate our 100th Birthday. The second round of the South Section By-Laws was reviewed, voted on and approved so that it can be sent to state for approval.

Summer Camp - Megan Gaasch/Pat Hetherington – counselor/director – July 29-Aug 2. Information about summer camp is on the county website. Check out the where, the when and the how much for camp. It has already been published publically so we really need 4-H members to register. This is for members who are 9-13 years of age. The cost is \$250 until May 15th and \$325 after that. Encourage your members to register and have a great time at camp.

Teen Council- The next Teen Council Event is open to all teens, their families, and anyone interested in participating in teen council next year. We'd love to have you join us! An e-mail flyer with information went out today. Ashleigh shared the following information from the flyer. Let's Celebrate – End of the Year 4-H Celebration at – John's Incredible Pizza – 8601 On The Mall – Buena Park, CA 90620 – May 9, 2013 – 6pm-8pm – Only \$7 for Dinner, Drinks and Starter Tokens – You may bring additional money for extra games and rides. Please RSVP by emailing Mary Kerr at marekerr@gmail.com

Open Discussion – Someone asked about the La Habra Valley Community Fair which will be June 7-9, 2013. Food booth applications are being received. The booth cost has changed so be aware of this. Check the website for information at www.lhvcfair.com. Alex announced that there are Youth Expo shirts at the back of the room for sale for \$5.00. A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. was made by Shar Rice, seconded by Ashleigh Mathias and passed.

Respectfully Submitted by
Beverly Schrieber, Secretary