

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

June 25, 2013

The meeting was **called to order** by our President, Alex Martin, at 7:09 p.m.

The **Pledge to the American Flag** was led by Tianna Weiland, and the **4-H Pledge** was led by Tracey Rice.

Treasurer: Helen Koshak - Balance checking \$17,313.66 – Savings \$45,020.78. A **motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Beth Jesch, seconded by Tianna Weiland and passed.

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

Corresponding Secretary: Phil Pacia stated that he sent flowers to the family of Susan Yaros for her funeral with condolences from the county council members.

Old Business

State Leadership Conference Registration – At the moment there are 13 youth signed up to go. There may be 2 more. Alex needs to see all code of conduct and medical forms for those attending. We need a final count of members attending by June 30th so we can finalize transportation to and from the event. For the kids who turned in their paperwork on time, the county is underwriting \$250.00 per member towards registration, which is \$494.00. These are funded by the Arnold Fund and the Suzanne Guthrie Fund.

New Business

County Rep- Jason Suppes invited everyone to take free peaches which were grown here at SCREC. He said that the Community Club Leader training will be in August. Also in August will be the New Leader Orientation, with another one in September. Jason said that his November and December schedules will be different from usual. He will probably be gone for most of November. He and his wife are expecting their first child in November. She is due November 2, 2013. In December the weeks may be shortened. He will be working with the Community Club leaders to get budgets. Jason sent a notification from the state of changes made with finances. There are quite a few changes for Chapter 9. One important change has to do with Fundraising. Information must be included in the budget and the proper forms must be used. Today an e-mail was sent out with an inquiry as to who was interested in attending an Angel's Night in September to kick off the centennial celebration for 100 years of 4-H in California. There should be a special message on the Jumbotron. The Centennial Celebration is being scheduled for October 5 at SCREC. Jason will be working with club leaders. Each club will have a couple of tables as an exhibit space to highlight the club. Last year there were 500 people attending an event on this weekend. More are anticipated this year because of the Solar Decathlon happening at the Great Park. The event will be heavily publicized. There will be a History exhibit. Jason has been doing research and brought a photo album with newspaper clippings dating back to the late 30's. He has seen Agricultural Extension Reports. He is trying to find out how old Orange County 4-H is. When Cooperative Extension first started, there were annual reports that were filed with the Farm Bureau of Orange County. He found academic reports from the 1930's, late 20's detailing the inception of the boysenberry. He ended up meeting with Orange County Archivist. They knew that Orange County was founded on Agriculture but they

did not have a lot to support it. Jason and John Kabashima spent most of a day with the archivists. They were very excited about the “gold mine” of information that we have. They started archiving our book right there on the spot. We will be donating these books to the Orange County Archives for safe keeping. Anyone who wants to do research will be able to go there for research with our books. The photos are striking and incredible. They give an insight about what 4-H was like back then. Whoever took the pictures was a great photographer. This will be packaged into an exhibit. There is enough material to fill a small museum. So that will be a part of the Celebration on Oct. 5. Another thing that is in the works is a Birthday Cake Decorating Contest.

Club Registration 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. Club leaders should contact Jason to inform him of which projects will not be offered next year so that people do not sign up for them.

Elections Nominations for County Council President and Secretary were opened, 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. Jason said that there is one nomination for Secretary, Cecilia Villanueva, and one name for President Susan Read-Weil. There were no names submitted for the Sectional representatives. Alex asked for nominations from the floor. She then asked for a motion to accept these two people as Secretary and President by acclamation. This action has been approved by Darren and Jason because no one is running against these two individuals. A **motion** to accept the slate of officers for the 2013-14 Orange County Council by acclamation was made by Phil Pacia, seconded by Tom Weiland and passed. Helen Koshak will be the Treasurer, Phil Pacia the Corresponding Secretary and Jim Mullion the Vice President for one more year.

Record Books: The Primary, Junior & Intermediate Record Books will be due Saturday, August 10, 2013. The Senior books will be due on Saturday, August 24 (the same day that we are judging the Primary, Junior, Intermediate Record Books at SCREC). Jason wanted it to be very clear that the books may be delivered to SCREC or Kay Strothman’s home. Addresses are in the county newsletter and on-line on the Record Book page. Please remember to get all of the appropriate signatures. Forms are up on the web-site on the same page. Anyone who needs help compiling their record books can call for assistance, and Alex will be happy to help. Record Book judging is a really good way to learn all about how Record Books are done so that you will be able to help the members of your family or club. There are always 2 or 3 judges working together. Judges are given instructions before you begin to judge. You have judging sheets to follow and new judges work with experienced judges. You get a lot of ideas and see a lot of creativity. Judges never judge your own clubs books.

OC Fair All animal exhibitors must watch the ethics video and clubs must turn in a signed log of members by July 1st. Jason said that if there is anyone who has not seen the video and wants to come to SCREC on Thursday at 5-6 & 7:00 p.m. The video is 40 minutes long. Alex printed out an Orange County Fair Livestock Credentials sheet and made it available at the back of the room this evening. Feel free to take a copy. It explains all about who gets passes and wrist bands for the fair. Good luck to everyone at the Fair.

Committee Reports

La Habra Valley Fair: This event was held on the weekend of, June 7-June 9. Phil Pacia explained that it was very good this year. He would like to have people give him any suggestions for making it better next year. He was concerned about the number of entries and then no shows. If there is something that is fixable that caused no shows, let Phil know. He hopes that the Orange County Fair Auction does as well as theirs did.

Summer Camp: Megan Gaasch/Pat Hetherington-counselor/director. Pat said that it moving right along. She still has 14 or 15 openings to reach her number of 50 kids. Summer Camp dates are from July 29-Aug 2. There is some paperwork to complete. The Farm Bureau will be sponsoring 3 boys and 3 girls from Migrant Education at camp. Pat has already counted these. Jason will be visiting with the Los Angeles camp people tomorrow. Registration is \$325.00. Pat did not get any kids from the Register ads this year. She puts up signs and the next day they are down.

Teen Council: Applications for All-Stars / Ambassadors and Teen Council will be mailed out. They will be due by July 20. If you will be at the Fair for large livestock, you can turn your application in to the 4-H office that first week of the fair. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alex or Jason. Youth who are 13-19 may attend. Youth who are 14-19 may run for an office and vote at Teen Council.

The County Council showed their appreciation to Alex and Beverly by presenting them with gifts. Thank you.

NO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING IN JULY

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. was made by Dan Calma, seconded by Phil Pacia and passed.

Respectfully Submitted by
Beverly Schrieber, Secretary