

County Council Meeting Minutes - September 27, 2022

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Attendance: Rita Jakel, Sandy Jacobs, Briana Jokerst, Vanessa Walters, Beverly Schrieber, Maddy M., Liz Broadbent, Luis Martinez, Jennifer Martinez, Serafina M., Nicholas M., Michaela B., James B., Jaz J, Rita Clemons, Carolyn Warne, Rick Boone, Niki Miller, Tyler Main, Miley M, Bella M, Susie Franklin, Laurelyn R, Dr. Debra Stout, Michele Foley, Tiffany Hoskinson, Kelly Speakman, Heather Witcher, Lark M

Call to Order - Sandy Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Pledges - Nicholas Martinez led us with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the 4-H Pledge

Review Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Niki Miller, seconded by Serafina M and passed.

Orange County Beekeeper Association - Speaker, **Rick Boone**, introduced the subject of Bees. He said that his children are almost ten and eleven in the next two months and he loves being involved in their learning on a daily basis. A couple of years ago we witnessed in our front yard this huge, what seemed to be chaos, swarm of bees flying from everywhere. And then within seconds they went and landed underneath the picnic table that we had in the front yard. I immediately, after years of emails from one of the local clubs, thought, Now is the time those are going to be my bees. Within a day, we found somebody that was willing to help me come and remove them, or capture them. Within a day or two they were gone. This marked my day one of studying bees, and how I can take care of them. 4-H is interested in agriculture. My family is too. We've been urban farming, with some gardens. We've had chickens for a decade or a dozen years or so. Bees seem like the natural next step right? - pollination going on at home, and just to be a little bit more self-sustainable in our home. He started doing research, I found really quickly that there were a lot of local clubs, but there was not a lot of actual formal education regarding beekeeping. I started doing some research, started talking to people at the clubs and found the **California Master Beekeeper Program**. There are opportunities for anybody to learn through that program. They have the First Level - assistant level (apprentice level). They now have an assistant apprentice. If you don't have these, maybe you don't even plan on keeping bees. But you want to start learning, you can start taking those classes. They do a lot of online. It is great to know that you guys know where SCREC is. Because that's where the Apiary is, and that's where they will be having more live classes. Once you go into that program, you can actually volunteer at the Apiary at SCREC. If you can't have your own bees, it's a way to get some hands on learning, in addition to reading books and hearing presentations. That's a little bit of how I jumped into beekeeping myself. One of the questions came in with some of the issues you've probably heard. You know stories about **colony collapse**, and you know the bees are dying, and that kind of thing. Honey bees is what we look to when we talk about beekeeping and managing backyard bees, and that kind of thing. There are a couple different varieties of those bees. But there are also a lot of native bees that **pollinate**. I have a wasp. I hate wasps. I've been stung. It doesn't feel good. But there's a wasp hive under one of my eaves right now in my house, but I haven't knocked it down, because I know they're pollinating. There are all sorts of different pollinators that help us grow food in our gardens and help you know our natives. There's a question about **native plants**. So when we're talking about beekeeping and maybe collecting **honey** and collecting bees **wax** and managing a colony of bees, we're talking about honey bees, and largely European bees. Maybe a decade or twenty years ago Africanized bees, swarms of bees were attacking people, and maybe even killing pets. Think about an almond grove being maybe hundreds or thousands of acres. A bee is only able to fly, maybe up to five miles for pollen. And so when you have miles and miles and miles of trees and no natural bees source. That's why they have to truck bees all across the country to come to California, especially during almond season. Citrus season too. **Poison** is a big problem. Another source of bee collapse, is mites. **Mites** are tiny little bugs, that live on other animals. Their parasites and those mites on the honey bee can also cause a colony to split and leave a location if they're unhappy in their box or potentially infect so many of the bees that they start to hatch out improperly, - so maybe a wing is deformed and that bee won't be able to fly, or something else anatomically with the bee is not working properly, so they can't produce the honey correctly, or they can't produce **Nepal** and the this bread is what they feed the next generation of young bees. And so when something's going wrong, that colony can collapse, so we actively as a beekeeper in Southern California actively have to be testing for mites, and if there are too many, then treating for mites as well. So what can the average person do? **Don't spray poison** on your plants on your gardens. Try to use any other type of organic type of oils. I think **education** is another piece, because you can't go pick mites off of bees. You might have a couple of colonies in your backyard. It's a time commitment for sure. One of the things that I've experienced is SCREC having my own colonies in my backyard. Very interesting facts were given as he spoke. Thank you, Rick. Tiffany Hoskinson - I think that Rick gave a really good lowdown on it. He's excellent. He's a good teacher. He's been a good teacher for me. I am doing a beekeeping project for our club. I really enjoy the program, and I would recommend anybody that's interested in learning about bees to sign up. I think sign ups you apply in January and just get involved. It's a great program.

Introductions - **Rita Clemons** - Area County Director, said that she has had the pleasure to meet a few of you in person. I'm really looking forward to some of the events. I am planning to attend the Clover-Joyed event on October 8th. Really excited about that event. So as the area county director, my position is one of the fairly newly created county director positions in that I am purely administrative. I do not hold an academic piece tied to it. So my focus is one hundred percent focused on our counties (at an administrative level.) With these new positions, they do cover multiple counties. I am overseeing San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange Counties. What I've been doing to support each of the counties is really encouraging the staff to invite me to anything and everything, whether it's meetings such as tonight or events or anything that I can be a part of. I come to support not only the staff, but the programs as well. I have been kind of an open door policy, although I'm not physically present at the OC. Site, I do encourage anybody to reach out to me with questions. Send me an email or an invite. So that's pretty much me in a

nutshell. Sandy said - Thank you for joining us, Rita. And since you are coming to Clover Joyed, I'm not sure what ages your kiddos are, but I encourage you to please bring them too, because there'll be lots of fun stuff for them to do. Rita said - Absolutely. My daughter is sixteen, but I try to bring her to as many events as Well,

Carolyn Warne - CA 4-H Foundation - I look forward to meeting some of you in person. I'm trying to make it down to the Clover Joyed event as well. I just started in July, and am just getting out trying to know all the different counties or councils and am getting to know what it's all about. I'm based at Davis. I run the Foundation side which is the Fundraising side, and then the Foundation Board and all that, not the program side, but the fun things. I'm responsible for all of California. My goal is to try and see as much of California this year as I possibly can. Rita Jakel added that Carolyn oversees all the donor stewardship. The foundation is there to support us, help find our donors, to help steward them, help us to acknowledge them, help us organize the donations that come in and then also administer the endowment.

Scholarship Recipients - Slideshow and statements - The following 4-H youth members spoke about their experiences at 4-H events attended and thanked Mr. Arnold for providing scholarships to them. --Serafina Martinez, Nicholas Martinez, Michaela Beckman, James Beckman and Jaz Jacobs. Rita Jakel shared that these were all the scholarships we were able to provide this year. The youth in this county are allowed to apply for two scholarships each year. They were: Virtual Youth Summit, In-Person Summer Camp, In-Person State Leadership Conference and In-Person State Leadership Conference. So you'll notice some at least one name is repeated. They are going to tell you about the experiences they had at these different events, and how they impacted them this past year. Michaela, is actually a State Ambassador this year, and she's jumping between meetings tonight. So thank her for joining us. She has an ambassador planning meeting right now. Rita Jakel said that we encourage everyone to apply for scholarship applications this year for all the different events, so many of them will be happening back in person again. Some of them will have virtual options. When you feel inclined to participate in one of these things, you fill out an application. It's not that hard to do. Sandy added that, as the chair of the Scholarship Committee, we have money. We want to send your kids. So if anybody's interested in events, I'm going to plug all the way through. Please sign up because the events are amazing. The kids love them.

Treasurer's Report - Vanessa Walters reported by showing the report of the checking account and the savings account. We are finished with Quick Books and will save \$85.00 per month for the county. She explained that Bri and Vanessa are now signers on the account. New checks have been ordered. You are encouraged to check out the accounts to see how our monies have been used. We've created a check registry so that we can see exactly when the checks were written, who they were to, and when they were cleared from the bank to make sure that everyone gets paid appropriately and within a good amount of time. We've also created an escrow to keep track of the different scholarship funds and escrow funds, so that everybody in the club can see there is a lot of money, so apply for the scholarships, and we can track it, and to see how often that we are using them, and who's getting them and congratulate the winners? We also have our 4-H budget that we put together with lots of patience and time from all the members. Thank you. We'll keep this yearly, and we can add to it to see how we are doing from year to year. We also created a new thing where we can see all the donations and to see when they have Giving Days. You guys can start asking people to donate money through the UC funds. They can do it monthly. They can do it one time, but we can see when we're getting money, and to which clubs the money is going. Sandy is going to put together a little thing to see which club, who can raise the most money during Giving Days, and we're going to come up with some kind of incentive for you guys. So keep that in mind and listen for details on that. Sandy needed to make an amendment to the budget for the Clover Joyed event. The five hundred that is budgeted is actually for the awards that are handed out for the events. But we need food, and we're going to provide the pumpkins as well. We will be having tractor rides that are going to be put on by staff at SCREC. So I do need to ask for an amendment of the Fall Clover Joyed budget, adding three hundred dollars to the budget. A **motion** to add \$300.00 was made by Beverly Schrieber, seconded by Niki Miller and passed. Rita Jakel added that we did get a check for Mr. Nichols again. She will be reaching out to him and letting him know we got it. It includes his phone number this time. So I'm going to give him a call and chat with him and hear about his background. We'll get some more information on him, and then we'll make another little fact sheet for his scholarship. So now we have local donations that we haven't been able to use.

New Business - Please state your name before discussing business at the council meetings so that your name can be properly noted. Sandy explained: The one thing that I would like to ask everybody, while we do record our meetings, if you choose to comment, or first, or second, or anything, - If you could state your name for Bev. She would appreciate it that way, because we don't always know everybody, and we are very happy to have you here. But we do need to have your name reflected in the minutes. Also, Bev is asking everyone to please write out your reports and e-mail them to her, as the secretary, so they are given correctly. If we have a zoom meeting, know that the way your name is reflected, is the way the attendance will be written.

Club budgets are due to Rita by September 30th, 2022.

County Projects: Sandy noted that we have **10 county projects**. Some have already started. Tyler Main asked a Question - Is the **Dog** project county? Yes. If you filled out the Survey and haven't received a response, that means that you're not being left behind, and we're still gathering dates and particulars. We have captured your information. Rita gets it, and she's sending it out to the leaders, those of us that are will be hosting. Our projects are on a holding pattern, because we need to figure things out. It's a little bit more planning because we have to work with everybody who's doing the projects, Rita, who has to be on campus, and then everybody else who is using the SCREC location. So we just have to make sure that it's open for us. Rita said that she will go over project enrollment in her presentation. I will have a brief overview of it. It was also in the Newsletter that came out Wednesday and repeated on Sunday. I think we've got a couple of project leaders on this call that can tell us a little bit about their

projects, too. Kelly Speakman spoke about **Community Service**. It went well. We had some new sign-ups. So that was good and we covered just the general ideas of what we'll be doing this year. So we plan on having eight meetings on Zoom. Then we want to have for four (2-hour) meetings in person. We potentially, the majority of them will be at the Peace Farm, where people can come and participate in gardening in different ways, and then that food is given to people in need in the community. We're hoping to find beach cleanup and potentially some other in-person things. That got started, and I did have a question. I wondered if it's possible to put in the Budget some money for some of the supplies needed to make some of our projects, and I wasn't sure how do I go about doing that? And maybe this is the time to bring that up. Do I need to make a proposal, turn in a request, or how does that work? Rita said Well, it depends. If you want to allocate, in the past. With previous President we did allocate funds from County Council for County Wide projects. It turned out they didn't end up ever getting used. But we did have an allocation for that in the budget. So it's something that can be under consideration, and the budget could be amended. - If that's something Council wants to support. Sandy explained further. I would just recommend if you could jot down a proposal with what your costs would be, and what you would be using this for. Then you can submit it to the board, and then we can bring it to the next meeting. We do have money allotted for that. Vanessa added that we have a thousand dollars set aside for county projects. If the different county projects want to get together and propose what they need, we can take a look at that. Bri Jokerst said that she is the project leader for county-wide **Cloverbuds**, which is an intro to 4-H projects for our littlest members that are ages five to eight, and in our project we'll explore different 4-H project options, learn about 4-H basics, like the pledge and the motto, and we will be developing long-lasting relationships as Clover buddies. But the problem is right now we don't have enough members to launch. So send us all of your little guys, so we can get our project started. Bri's daughter Coined the name and asked, Why are we Clover buddies? We should be Clover Buddies. Laurelyn R spoke about being the county project leader for **dog care and training**, and she'll tell you a little bit about the plans for this year. I could talk about dogs for hours, but I'm going to make it quick. So basically. This year we want to go full zoom ahead with everything, dog. So we're going to be going over basic obedience, training, rally showmanship, which are the three show types that we can have in 4-H. We're going to be doing fun, training for agility. The American Kennel Club, has a certification process. We're going to be studying basic veterinary knowledge as well as classes and groups, which is another American Kennel club thing. We're going to be using positive reinforcement training. You do not need to have a dog to be in the project. I didn't want to forget that we have some people who are volunteering their dogs to be used. If you do not have one personally, or if you just want to come and learn and watch and be a helper, we would love your help as well. We are asking that we have one adult per member with a dog at meetings. We will meet near Orange Park Acres. We have a little arena. We're just waiting to get all of our lists together. We will be starting in the middle of October, so don't worry. You're not missing anything yet. I don't even have my dog down here yet. And our first meeting will be without dogs. We're really excited to have all the interest in it that we have and shoot us your questions, and we will be keeping in touch with you. Niki Miller said that she contacted all the people who you sent me. I have only received back information from one that she is in too much pain to **crochet**, so I have one member at the moment, and we are going to be starting this Sunday. We are going to be crocheting tiny pumpkins. It will be lots of fun. She will crochet tiny pumpkins for Clover Joyed prizes. Rita reported about the **Beginning 4-H**. She is trying to get that going with the leaders. We already had our first sessions and make-up sessions at the **Leader Summit**. So there'll be more sessions coming up later on in the year. Sandy explained that some of the feedback that I got at the leader summit was regarding the meeting in the breezeway, so we had our August meeting in the breezeway, and it was super sunny, like in our eyes, sunny, and it got a little noisy. Towards the end of the night. However, we are going to fix that for our October meeting. We actually have a sound system. Everybody should be able to hear all the reports and everything. One of the things that has come up actually several times is if we could have a hybrid meeting. Unfortunately, we just don't have a good fix for that at this time.

Council Meetings - Breezeway/Live vs virtual vs Hybrid

Club Participation at County Meetings. Rita will be talking about this in her report.

Old Business

County Bylaws - Need a few people for committee - In January we will be looking to get started with that committee to update the Bylaws. I know we just updated them two years ago, but we have new requirements, and we need to get that updated.

Giving Tuesday/UC ANR Giving Day - Club Contest update - As Vanessa was stating earlier, we are going to do a club contest for our Giving Tuesday and our Giving Day. So we have two Giving Days a year. We have one coming up in November, and then one in the spring. We are going to have a prize for the club that brings in the **most individual donations**. What they will get is an ice cream party for their club or \$50.00 towards their club budget because some of the clubs need a little bit more than the ice cream party. But if you choose the ice cream party, several of us on the board will come and bring it to you and party it up.

Committee Updates

Record Book Committee - Evaluations were on September the 24th. Bri Jokerst said that we made it through them pretty much. There were a couple that needed a second one by Rita, but otherwise we made it through all of them. I think we had a total of about fifteen books - Rita added - (thirteen books and three officer books.)

Scholarship Committee -The Scholarship Committee met on the 20th, and at this time we did not have any scholarships that were submitted, but we are continuing to make sure that our application process is up to date. The fact sheets for our different scholarships was something that we worked on. Scholarship applications are due on the 15th of each month

Outreach and Marketing - Rita reported that we had a meeting on the 16th, and we had some new people that were interested in joining us, which was great. We left everyone with some tasks to do. Some people were traveling for a bit. Rebecca was going up to Davis for something on the campus there, and our Chairman was out of town for two weeks. When they come back we're

going to divide up some tasks and get working. We moved the **Marketing Boot Camp** to October 16th because all of them were out of town. That is the time when every club will be able to pick up their Marketing Box and be able to build it out with all the supplies they need to set up a table at community events and pick up their **yard signs** that go along with the marketing box. When you're in a park or at a facility where you're meeting, you have your signs to put out, and the corners nearby. So people can see that you're there. So that's going to be important, I think, to help clubs really with their outreach. Obviously we're outgrowing the two marketing boxes that we've kept for you. Sure it worked during Covid, when nobody was going anywhere. Now we realize every club needs their own. So we're putting the money into that and getting that set up.

Leadership Development - Rita said I guess I can do that one, too, because we have not met yet, although we got the leadership summits going, and I think the Leadership Committee is going to help me with the Beginning 4-H.

4-H Event Updates

Fall Clover-Joved - October 8th - Sandy Jacobs reported that we already have a great Rsvp list. But if you are able to attend, please go on to that form and Rsvp. So we know to expect you. We'll be doing a **Chili Cook Off** so everybody will get to taste the different chilies that the different clubs will be making. When I checked it this morning we had three different clubs represented, so if any other clubs want to make Chili for your club, that would be awesome. Rita Jakel will make Chili for county. Awesome? We will also have a hot dog meal that we're selling, and then also individual hot dogs. Rita did recommend selling the extra. I'm not sure if we're going to have extra chili, based on the amount of people that we have coming. But if we do, then absolutely. I'm still in need of volunteers. We will have a **Spirit Table Contest** - Bring items to show off your club. We will have a **Pumpkin Decorating Contest** - pumpkins will be provided (one per club) - no carving. We're not going to deal with that mess. So bring decorations to put on the outside of your pumpkins. Bonus. The pumpkins will be coming from the You Pick, that will be happening at SCREC that same day. So if you want personal pumpkins, you can go over and purchase them also during our event and the **Plant Sale**. Rita has ordered ties, scarves and hats to sell - also signs for your houses. Take some pictures. It is at the end of Spirit Week. Post them all over, 4-H social media. We'll have our county t-shirts, and Rita is hoping to have some preliminary designs for the other merchandise. People wanted hats and hoodies and stuff. She has been in communication with the printing company. They're kind of busy. They're at least three weeks out from doing mockups for us. We can do pre-sales. We are also having a **Spirit Table Contest** so come and plan to go all out on your table. We'd like to see decorations. We'd like to see pictures. We want you to basically show off your club on a table and we have one of our nice volunteers who is doing an awesome prize for that. So there is a reward for your work. So come and show off your club.

Food Fiesta - January 28th, 2023 - Chair, Sandy Jacobs - She said that she will probably have more information for that next month. The event guide is done. I need to finish working on the evaluation sheets, and then we'll be posting up.

County Field Day - Need Committee. It will be on March the 11th. They are hoping to have it be just an allday fun event. Not only will it be Presentation day; but, horse bowl, avian bowl and knowledge tests. Hopefully, we can get some clubs to do the fun. If anybody would like to help out with that, please reach out to us because we do need a ton of volunteers to make this happen. Members will then be able to go to state. You have to start a county.

Fashion Revue - Chairs, Beverly Schrieber & Sheyla Jacobs met on the 20th. Rita and Sandy were also on that call. Sheyla has a whole agenda where they're working on themes, and they have a date - March 25th, which will be, two weeks after Presentation day and three weeks before Imaginology. They'll do Fashion Revue and then give awards at a Imaginology. We're going to have a Fashion Show at Imaginology. Everybody can see all their lovely outfits.

Imaginology - Need Committee - Imaginology is April the 15th and 16th. If we want to display in the building and have animals, we will need volunteers to work on committees for those also. If that sounds like something that you'd be interested in, please let us know. It takes a lot of people to put on a Imaginology, as a way that we really want to put it on for our county.

October County Council - October 25th - **Starting at 6:30 p.m.** In Person - **Halloween Themed - Costume Contest - Trunk or Treat - And More!!!** So we'll start our fun stuff at 6:30 p.m., and then hopefully, we'll be able to start our meeting at 7:00 p.m.

November County Council - Via Zoom

Club Updates - Review of Club activities: projects, meetings, events, etc.

Capistrano Tails & Trails - Rita has an update. I thought she was coming, but maybe her schedule had a conflict. I know, I'm excited. I attended their meeting yesterday night before the County Community Service. They had a great turnout for the preliminary interest in the club, and a lot of people were there. I know two of their families. There's quite a bit of interest. I think they have a good shot at getting up and running soon and being very successful.

Fountain Valley Cloverdales - Maddy M reported that tomorrow night we will be having a parent meeting. Then we're going to be having our first official club meeting of the year on October 4th.

Fullerton Feeders, Breeders & Seeders - Niki Miller and Lark M (via chat) reported that our first executive board meeting will be held this Saturday. We also have our horse and hippology projects this Saturday. Our first general meeting will be on October 18

Fullerton Hills - None

La Habra Hilltoppers - None

Lake Forest Superstars* - None

Mesa Goathill Gogetters - Beverly Schrieber said that we had our Kick-Off picnic/First General Meeting on Saturday, September 17th. We had planned it on the 10th, but because of Hurricane Kay, on Thursday before Saturday we decided as a

committee not to have it. I'm still hoping that Costa Mesa Civic Center sends me a check that they said they would, because I would like to put that in the bank. We had a good time. We brought food and had too much. We brought a bunch of it home. We'll have it at our next meeting. We played. They got to know each other. New families and old families met each other. We had our executive board meeting last weekend. They had a nice meeting, and we will have our second meeting on Monday, October 3rd at the Duck Club. That will be nice. They made great plans. We have an October calendar that is full of fun projects, so I hope it all happens. We have a board now? We have Jaz J as our President. James joined the board, and Lola, little Miss Lola, who is a primary, isn't here tonight, but I can just clap for her. Lola is 8 years old. She is our Vice President, and she just stood right up, and the others were sitting down. She was quite as tall as they were. She was barefoot yet, and she did her best. We're just having a good year starting off on the right foot. So thank you very much.

Orange Acres Backbreakers - Laurelyn R reported that we had our last meeting on September 14th, and this was our first meeting of the year. We played a get-to-know-you-game. The project leaders introduced themselves in their projects. There was an overview of all the people who did really well, and everyone participated on the Orange County Fair. We also had our training the leadership team because some of their members were missing. So it was both a training, and a meeting all in one. I also introduced myself to the club, and I'm now holding that a youth counselor position, and am here being a counselor. Our next meeting will be held on the 12th of October.

Orange Villa Buckaroos - Kelly Speakman reported that we had our first meeting last week on the 19th and it was at the Duck Club which was great because it had been a while since we had been able to meet there. We had three new members. So that was exciting, and we did kind of the same thing and overview going over the projects that we're planning this year and a fun get-to-know-you-game.

Trabuco Trailblazers - Briana Jokerst reported that the Trabuco Trailblazers Club held our club meeting on Sept. 12 at the Norman P. Murray Center in Mission Viejo. Our next meeting is Oct. 3 and will be on zoom because we are transitioning to a new location. We have several projects that have already started up for the year and more will start up in October including Community Service, Arts & Crafts, and Cavies.

Cloverbuds Promo – Cloverbuds is an intro to 4-H project for our littlest members ages 5-8. We will explore different 4-H project options, learn about 4-H basics like the 4-H pledge and motto, and work on developing long lasting relationships as clover-buddies. We currently don't have enough members to launch, so send members our way so we can get the project started! Interested people can email me at briana.jokerst@outlook.com or trabuco4h@gmail.com.

Tri-Cities* - None

Yorba Linda Cloverleaf - Miley M said that we had our first meeting on September the 12th, and we talked about all our new projects, and then our next meeting we have will be on October the 10th at Fullerton College.

County 4-H Representative Reports & Updates - Rita Jakel gave a wonderful presentation about what is happening in Orange County 4-H. All of her information will be mailed to the clubs. **Theme: Our Sparks Light Our Way**

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. was made by Bri Jokerst, seconded by Tyler M and passed.

Next **Executive Board Meeting** - Wednesday, October 12th, 2022 at 7PM (Zoom)

Next **Orange County 4-H Council Meeting** - Tuesday, October 25th, SCREC

Respectfully Submitted by

Beverly Schrieber, Secretary