

# Minutes

4-H Community Leader/Council Meeting  
May 22, 2019

Lara Lopez called the meeting to order at 7:0 p.m.

Secretary's Minutes

Minutes from April presented for review.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented – Peyton Belli

2<sup>nd</sup> Glenda McBride

Motion carried – No discussion

Treasurers reports. Checks have been ordered and are expected next week. Leann continues to work on bringing the chart of accounts into compliance with the minutes and expects to be done next week. Leann will be available for specific questions regarding timelines, tasks and budget items after the meeting.

Emerald Star Final Report – Peyton Belli and Josie Hernandez. Partnered with Del Oro FFA to showcase healthy living and connection with 4-H. They had a booth that had “Ag Olympics”, 4-H information and Healthy Living information. Peyton and Josie learned to facilitate different age groups, work as a team, and about our community. A video was presented highlighting their event.

Susan Rutz asked how they defined healthy living and Peyton and Josie explained that outdoor activity and being in the environment rather than behind a computer screen was their basic definition. They also wanted to high light the agriculture and food connection.

Lara Lopez asked if they could do the event again what would they change. They stated that having more activities to engage younger kids would be good.

Johnna Humber asked if they had used the booth/display at any other event. Answer was no. It was suggested that the booth that they had developed would be good for integration with the ambassadors (their purpose is community outreach)

Approximately 75 people participated – They had promoted with flyers in the community. This also increased the attendance at the FFA event.

Lee Bastien made a motion to accept the Emerald Star project completed as presented

Dena Evangelista-Taylor 2<sup>nd</sup>

Motion Carried – No discussion

Emerald Star Presentation – Cassandra Rhoades (Long Valley)

Dog training agility and tricks county wide program

Cassandra has been working with a local trainer for 2 years

She mentioned equipment being expensive and that she would plan to build the agility equipment. She would use the 4-H news letter to advertise her project and that the project would be minimally once each month but she would like to see more frequent meetings. Equipment would be stored in New Castle

Glenda McBride asked if she had prompted in dog agility. – Cassandra said that she had.

Shannon Kane offered assistance communicating

Kathryn Guthrie mentioned that as a county wide project she might want to connect with the Miners Ravine project as they have also been building some agility equipment.

Motion to approve the Emerald Star Project by Bobbie Davidson

Caden McBride 2<sup>nd</sup>

Motion Carried – Cassandra encouraged to come forward at a later time with additional planning and information if a financial request was going to be made.

### **OLD Business:**

Achievement Night – Caden McBride (2018-19 Ambassador)

Event is on June 6 and will be held at Auburn Recreation Park 6pm approximately 78 people have RSVP'd for the event. This is an opportunity for 4-H to experience larger community and get to know members in other clubs. The event is primarily an awards ceremony honoring youth who have earned 4-H Stars including Emerald Star. We also honor a friend of 4-H who is generally a community member outside of the 4-H program who has gone above and beyond in assisting the program. The plaque honoring this years recipient, Eric Sweet of Sierra Pacific was displayed. This years recipient (Voted on in the April Meeting) Donated their personal time as a Forrester to assist in organizing clean up and lumber sale for the Woodchuck Flat Cisco Grove campground that was destroyed by storms in 2017-18.

Council/County is providing Hamburgers and Hot dogs and guests will bring sides.

Dena Evangelista Taylor asked if names would be printed on the program Shannon Kane indicated that award recipients would be listed.

Animal Youth Fair – Samantha March

168 youth attended looking at a changed in the future to 4-H Field Day to acknowledge that there are animal and still exhibits (way to display and refine projects before fair). For 2019-2020 planning will begin in much earlier and all clubs will be required to sign up for an exhibit. Lee Bastien suggested that Yuba Sutter Farm Day in October is a good example event that we could learn from.

Natalia Munoz shared her experience at the last animal youth fair and requested that the passports include all projects. There was some discussion of logistics of the events and passports.

Noted that Kindness Rock – Emerald Star Project presented in April was present at the event.

Susan Rutz made a special thank you to the Wyatt family healthy living exhibit.

Scholarships – Susan Rutz presenting for the scholarship committee.

Proposed 4-H Alumni Recognition award:

Purpose: the purpose of this award is to promote volunteerism in 4-H beyond ones 4-H years as a program participant. Volunteerism includes serving in a leadership capacity across Placer County 4-H or CA State 4-H programs.

Award: up to a maximum of \$1000 depending on the nature/time spent the candidate volunteered. It is a one-time award. The monetary amount is awarded on a reimbursement system. The award is intended to defray costs associated with attending a college, university or technical school including tuition and books.

Applicant Requirement: 4-H Alumni age 18-24 registered as an adult leader in the Placer County 4-H program.

Kathryn Guthrie asked if there was any accommodation of young adults that enter the work force rather than continuing education. The answer was not at this time.

Dena Evangelista-Taylor asked how many scholarships of this nature are anticipated. Susan indicated that the current pool of potential recipients is very small. And that we would not anticipate more than 1-3 per year. It was acknowledged that there may be some years where there are no returning 4-H members will qualify apply.

Dena Evangelista-Taylor expressed concerns that the council is approving potential funding of scholarship that may not be sustainable.

Lara Lopez suggested that a motion to establish the scholarship in concept was in order

Shannon Kane asked the nature of the contribution required and it was noted that a project leader (independent) needs to be 25 years of age per guidelines. However there are current youth who are taking strong leadership positions in projects both club level and county wide that would qualify based on the criteria.

Dena Evangelista-Taylor raised objection to voting at this time as the plan is not complete.

Dawn Heywood made a motion to approve the establishment of 4-H Alumni Recognition  
Leann Dickinson 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Motion Carried

Johnna Humber made a motion to allocate an amount not to exceed 3000 in the 2019-2020 program year with the stipulation that the rules and policy for the 4-H Alumni Recognition Award be presented and confirmed at either the August or September Placer County 4-H Council meeting.

Samantha March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Motion Carried

Johnna Humber – Brought forward the budget issue of funding the material needs of County Wide projects. Made a motion to approve a \$50 materials budget for each county wide project in each project year for the purpose of printing materials or minor supplies required by the projects. An example would be printing the material needed for the Junior Toastmaster (publish speaking) Project.

Discussion: Lara Lopez asked if the County supplied any support for projects  
Kathryn Guthrie clarified that the County support was for general project outreach only (grow and develop the program as a whole) Shannong Kane confirmed  
Laura Chambers 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Motion Carried

## **New Business:**

Council Treasurer –

Treasurer position was not filled during elections at the last meeting. Lara Lopez nominated that Dena Evangelista-Taylor for the position of Treasurer. Dena Evangelista-Taylor declined the position.

Shannon Kane presented to the group that a CPA outside of the 4-H organization could be hired to provide monthly reports and reconciliation. This would be a paid position and we do not have exact numbers at this time. Using an outside paid resource would reduce liability for the council and provide a level of professionalism and continuity. Choosing someone with Non-Profit experience would also provide us with compliance assistance.

Kathryn Guthrie made a motion that the concept of using a CPA be pursued with ratification of costs and approval of the individual or firm in August/September time frame.

Glenda McBride 2<sup>nd</sup>

Discussion: Leann stated that she will remain available until the issue is settled (although she is Vice President)

Motion Carried

SLC Scholarship Request – Caden McBride presented and discussed what he hopes to learn from the State Leadership Conference. He has applied and met the requirements of the Scholarship as established in previous sessions of council. The purpose of this presentation was to introduce to Council and the 4-H community our scholarship recipient and set the expectation of knowledge share in his return. NO VOTE REQUIRED process and funding previously established.

4-H Around the World and Barn Dance – Club Sign ups – Shannon Kane

4-H Around the world will be a cookies event. You can purchase or make cookies. If the cookies are made by 4-H a leader with food safety must be involved. The event will be on September 28<sup>th</sup> at Regional Park in Auburn it is an OUTREACH EVENT and will be promoted to the community at large. Each club will have a table which will be decorated with theme of selected country and will serve cookies from their country (countries and recipes were provided). Clubs may also display projects, have a craft or game and should have a information about meeting times and available projects. 4-H Registration will be available at the event. Event time TBD but likely 10-2 with a 9am set-up. Sign up sheet was circulated for the clubs.

Barn Dance –

Country Band Horseplay will be donating 2 hours of live music. Date is November 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:30-9:00 at Mt. Pleasant Hall. Each club is requested to bring a basket or item with a min value of \$40 to silent auction and a Dessert to Auction.

This is a family friendly fundraiser – Dinner will be tri-tip and there will be a reduced cost for 12 and under. General public will be welcome to attend this event.

Shannon will also be seeking some higher value items for live auction.

This is intended to be an annual fund raiser and provide an opportunity for greater community in the 4-H family.

Placer County Fair – Lee Bastien

Lee Bastien suggested that people keep an eye on the website as changes will be posted there. Reminded everyone that animal exhibitors would need to submit a still exhibit and participate as a youth volunteer prior to the fair. Dates and times provided on a flyer distributed to the group and available on the website.

Volunteers to assist with setting up the small animal barn are needed on June 15.

Vet check 6am to 12pm on load in. NO ANIMALS WILL BE UNLOADED WITHOUT VET CHECK.

Make sure that you bring copies of your medication certification and ethics training with you to fair. Even though these items are submitted at the time of registration you should have copies with you at fair.

Cross county registrations MUST HAVE THEIR APPROVAL FORM in order to participating in Placer County Fair. – See Shannon

Questions about fair should be referred to the Placer County Fair Office.

Shannon Kane County Update

- Record book completion sheets must be submitted by 5/31/19
- Star Ranks are due 5/31/19
- The end of year reporting links have been e-mailed to leaders
- Garden Camp June 10-14 8am to 12:30 Auburn School Park Garden
- Bi County Officer training August 31 location TBD (working for Placer High School) more information to follow

Dawn Heyword requested a motion to adjourn the meeting

Dena Evangelista-Taylor had open floor item suggesting a change to the format of the agenda used by Council. The proposed agenda was distributed.

Lara Lopez thanked Dena and indicated that this issue would not be taken up by the Council in this meeting.

Motion adjourn Bobbi Davidson

Dena Evangelista-Taylor 2<sup>nd</sup>

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm