



MONTEREY COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL



Monthly Meeting Minutes

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Meeting ID: 975 6806 1578

Date: November 15, 2022. Zoom

Call to Order -Travis Tanaka (Buena Vista) at 7:04P

Pledge of Allegiance – Misty Hancock (Lockwood) **4-H Pledge**- Crystal Rubbo (Mission)

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda

Alicia requested the addition of Poster Contest to Fantastic Field Day overall report.

Travis said that new and old business are dropped from the meeting agenda and that tonight is an informational meeting only.

Executive Officer Roll Call

Travis notified Council that Carla has resigned from her position as Council Secretary. Quorum was not met.

President – Travis Tanaka (Buena Vista)

1st Vice President - vacant

2nd Vice President - vacant

Secretary- vacant

Treasurer- Misty Hancock (Lockwood)

Club Representatives and Guests

Aromas: Melinda Luna, Nadine Houle

Buena Vista: Kerri DeCarli, Henry Brown

Carmel Valley: Kristen McIntyre, Chrissy Hayes

Chualar: Maya Giannini, Kapri Batistich, Sasha Batistich, Tiffany Batistich, Joy Hedberg, Wyatt Hedberg, Brooke Hedberg, Bella Nassiri, Dirk Giannini, Jen McVay

Gonzales: Erin Askew

Greenfield: Luzmaria Argueta

King City Blue Ribbon: Alicia Crespo, Duke Esparza, Tessa Rava, Marlene Rodriguez, Maripaz Reyes

King City Rural: Carla Ackerman, Hector Mandujano

Lockwood: Misty Hancock, Morgan Hancock

Mission: Crystal Rubbo

Natividad: Kristi Thornton

Royal Oaks: JoAnn Etchison, Sheryl Jones

San Benancio: none

Spring: Nicole Hostert

Staff: Lorin Hofman-Lurz, Ana Torres

Other: Commissioner Henry Gonzales

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The October minutes were sent out with pending items to address. Travis requested that questions or changes for the October minutes get emailed. If quorum is met in January, Council would vote to approve.

President's Report

Travis stated that the search for a consultant has stalled. Michelle Slade (C4 Consulting) has withdrawn from candidacy and will not be able to offer services to Council. Travis had a call with Susie Polnaszek (Community Foundation) to research leads for new consultant candidates.

Travis gave an Executive Board meeting (November 10) recap. Topics discussed by the Board included crab feed volunteer staffing, 2023 Council committees, enrollment payments, Morgan Stanley account closure, Fantastic Field Day, 2023 Down on the Farm. Travis said minutes would be out after Thanksgiving.

Travis and Dirk Giannini met with Ag Commissioner Henry Gonzales to thank him for the Commissioner's office previous and ongoing support. Young Farmers crab feed- 8 volunteers to date.

Guest Speaker

Monterey County Ag Commissioner Henry Gonzales address Council as a guest speaker. Commissioner Gonzales spoke about the importance of agriculture and the challenges that modern agriculture faces. Commissioner Gonzales said one of the greatest challenges are people that have a distorted view of agriculture. Before signing off, Commissioner Gonzales said he would be willing to speak to Clubs and that he would give Lorin his personal contact information.

Correspondence Report

Travis gave the correspondence report. Thank you cards were sent to Peggy Goldman (gift to Spring/BV), Swiss Rifle Club for use of their facility for Achievement Day, and Kelly Violini for assistance with getting the National 4H week proclamation process started with the Board of Supervisors.

Treasurer's Report-

For Council's information, Misty gave the Treasurer's report for October.

October open: \$210,160.25

October close: \$240,544.25

Youth Council open: \$7,007.87

Youth Council close: \$7,007.99

Provisional staff funding open: \$504.32

Provisional staff funding close: \$504.33

Morgan Stanley: \$55,544.13

All funds combined at close: \$303,600.70

Misty said that that the provisional staff funding account until Clubs with outstanding invoices from the 2021-22 fiscal year resolve their balances. Misty asked that she be included in correspondence with the County office regarding these invoices. There isn't an immediate due date, but funds should get reconciled as soon as possible so outstanding payments to the provisional account can get transferred and then closure of that account.

Misty provided additional information regarding the proposed (October meeting new business) transfer and closure of the Morgan Stanley account. Interest is low (\$1.50/ month) with \$120 fee to have an account. The Board discussed and agreed that moving the funds to an account that doesn't lose money and is easier to access if needed. Misty emphasized that this report is to keep Council informed.

Fair Reports

Travis read the received fair reports for Monterey and Santa Cruz County fairs.

Highlights from the MCF report included the Fair Board of Directors deciding to have the livestock show before the fair and to have Down on the Farm as an exhibit. Move and weigh in dates were given. 4-H help with Down on the Farm is desired.

Highlights from the SCCF update included a beef market show update. A mandatory ear tagging event will occur in May, with an announcement from the fair prior to the event. The fair has requested a reply to a message sent to exhibitors.

Youth reports

Duke Esparza (KCBR) reported that KCBR members handed out candy during a trick or treat event on October 30. KCBR members participated in town-wide cleanup on November 5. Duke said on November 11, KCBR members showed their respect for Veterans by participating a variety of local Veterans' Day events. Duke said KCBR's final meeting of the year will include a holiday party and cookie sale.

Committee Reports

Stem Event – (Buena Vista) Youth Chair Henry Brown gave a recap of the STEM event (Oct 22) hosted by Buena Vista. Henry reported that the theme was Mad Scientist and was put on by nine Buena Vista members. There were 20 participating members who experienced four stations- chemical reaction, elephant toothpaste, engineering and graham cracker haunted house, mystery puzzle.

Fantastic Field Day (overall)- (KCBR)- Youth Chair Maripaz Reyes reported that a draft flyer was sent to County for approval.

Fantastic Field Day (poster contest) (KCBR)- Youth Chair Marlene Rodriguez reported that a draft flyer was sent to County for approval.

Fantastic Field Day (community service) (Aromas): Melina Luna reported that their committee was going to meet that week. Melinda asked if a flyer was needed; Lorin to reach out with assistance.

Fantastic Field Day (Lunch): Travis said the Exec Board, at their last meeting, discussed and approved KCBR's request to host the lunch. Travis also noted that no other requests to host the lunch were received. Alicia added that the backside of the draft flyer included lunch information.

Fantastic Field Day (Livestock judging) (Chualar) Jen McVay reported that Chualar has a small committee and will draw new members to participate. Video selection to occur soon and a draft flyer to the County office is expected within the week.

Fantastic Field Day (Vegetable identification) (Mission): Crystal said their committee is working on it, especially with the change to an in-person Field Day. Flyer is pending.

Fantastic Field Day (Baking contest) (Royal Oaks): Joann said their flyer is pending.

Club Sharing

The topic for Club sharing was, "*What are your Club's community service plans for this holiday season?*" Service plans reported by Clubs included adopt a family, warm clothing drive, gift card donation, Christmas cards for seniors, Project Santa, various drives (canned food, clothing, blankets, toy), service with charitable organizations.

Camp 2023 update

Lorin gave the camp update. Lorin said there were not enough male counselors and that the opportunity to apply has reopened. Teen counselor selection to occur in December with training in January.

Staff Report- (Lorin Hofmann-Lurz)

Enrollment: Enrollment went well and was easier to reconcile compared to previous years. Lorin attributed this year's enrollment success to Volunteer Enrollment Coordinators getting trained and understanding what needs to occur. Lorin emphasized that volunteers or returning members that missed the deadline can't participate in 4-H activities because they are not in the 4-H program. Clubs are encouraged to get them re-enrolled.

Livestock deadline: Second Friday in December. Lorin asked Clubs to check their enrollment rosters to ensure members are in the correct project by the deadline.

Required signatures: Any documents that require a signature must pass through the County office to determine if the volunteer can sign or it may be signed only by staff. Volunteers are not allowed to sign contracts or hold harmless documents. Call Lorin with questions.

Youth Summit: Middle school teens are encouraged to attend. Clubs were asked to forward their scholarship application for County review.

Beginning of year documents: Ana Torres has signed all beginning of year documents. Copies of signature pages will get returned for inclusion into Secretary and Treasurers books.

Sparks award: More explanatory webinars are planned. The senior and intermediate awards were announced. Lorin recommended to participate in the webinars to get questions answered.

Mid-year review: Mid-year reviews are due soon. Reviews are required. There are three review choices, pick one and document the results of the review.

Note: Three clubs sent notice in the chat that they had a Fantastic Field Day update. Their reports are reflected under Committees.

Unfinished Business: Removed from agenda due to no Executive quorum.

New Business: Removed from agenda due to no Executive quorum.

Adjourn: Before adjourning, Travis asked that people think about possible Executive candidates and to forward names and contact information. Club leaders were not asked to volunteer but to consider volunteers from within their networks.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11P

Minutes compiled by T. Tanaka



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