



MONTEREY COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY MEETING

November Meeting Minutes via ZOOM

Date: November 28, 2023, Zoom

Call to Order -Lorin Hofmann-Lurz, 4-H Program Representative at 7:10 pm

Pledge of Allegiance – Aaron Thornton (Natividad)

4-H Pledge –Kristen McIntyre (Carmel Valley)

Introduction of Guests and New Club Leaders

- N/A

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda

- N/A

Executive Officer Roll Call

- President – vacant
- 1st Vice President – vacant
- 2nd Vice President - vacant
- Secretary- Melissa Ortner (Chualar)
- Treasurer- Aaron Thornton (Natividad)

Club Representatives and Guests –

Aromas: Gina Acevedo, Melinda Luna

Buena Vista: Mario Flores

Carmel Valley: Chrissy Hayes, Kristen McIntyre

Chualar: Dirk Giannini, Jenn McVay, Tiffany Batistich

Greenfield: Alma Picazo, Cassandra Lopez

Gonzales: Isela Fierro

King City Blue Ribbon: Alicia Crespo

King City Rural: Teri Storelli, Allie Cullen, Bo Hinkle, Sherie Hinkle, James Hinkle

Lockwood: Misty Hancock

Mission: Crystal Rubbo, Yvette Zavala, Giavonna Rubbo, Chip Birmingham, Marilynne Birmingham, & Madeline Birmingham

Natividad: Anita Porcello

Royal Oaks: JoAnn Etchinson, Sheryl Jones

San Benancio: Nette Hoover

Spring: Nicole Hostert, Kelly Violini

Staff: Lorin Lurz-Hoffman

Other:

Jeanie Grainger, Camp McCandless

Approval of Meeting Minutes

N/A

Treasurers Report – Aaron Thornton (Natividad)

- **October Report:**
 - October open: \$206,224.81
 - October close: \$210,894.91
 - Youth Council open: \$2,977.37
 - Youth Council close: \$2,977.43
 - Scholarship Funds open: \$53,430.33
 - Scholarship Funds close: \$52,431.27
 - All funds combined at close: \$266,303.61.
- Approval:
 - N/A

Task Force Update-

- Report provided by Kristen McIntyre-Chair of the Task Force.
- Collection of adult volunteers to bring back the Council model by working on various tasks to meet the Bylaws. A subcommittee for the election process was formed. Initial meetings have been held, more work to be done.
 - Update: Current nominations through the online submission form,
 - Kelly Violini, President – Spring
 - Nicole Hostert, 1st Vice President – Spring
 - Gina Acevedo, 2nd Vice President - Aromas
 - Aaron Thornton, Natividad - Current Treasurer
 - Melissa Ortner, Chualar – Current Secretary
 - A voting Google doc to be sent out for use by all clubs. Anyone can vote.
 - 4-H staff reviewed the content and use of the Google doc.
 - The electronic form will be shared with every Club Leader and it will remain open until November 30th at 5pm.
 - Club Leaders are to encourage active club members and adults to vote for these open positions by sharing the electronic documents link. This step ensures the community is aware of the purpose of the Council.
 - Any youth member over the age of 14 can become a ‘Co’ officer if interested.
 - The intention of the Task Force is to regain the structure of the Council for adult and youth leadership to contribute to possibilities and opportunities for all members.

Correspondence Report

- N/A

Youth Reports from Club Events, Activities, Trainings, fundraisers, etc.

- James Hinkle (King City Rural) shared that he is one of the Activity officers for KCR. He shared some of the fun activities his club is working on.
 - Christmas Party Update
 - Ugly sweater contest, ornament exchange
 - Very fun event!

Committee Reports-

- Achievement Event – Youth Chair Thomas Storelli (King City Rural)

- Appreciative of all the support for this event held at the Soledad High school on September 9th. All awards were issued for the 2022-2023 year.
- Enjoyed helping the younger members overcome their fear of public speaking.
- Council funds were spent on food, dj, photo booth and other supplies
- Achievement Event Dance – Youth Chair Vivian Cullen (King City Rural)
 - Nachos and Desserts were served to those who attended.
 - It was a Western Theme party with a DJ, photo booth, Roping Dummy and Cornhole game.
 - Was pleased to have the opportunity to be in charge of this event.
- New Member Party – Youth Chair Cassandra Lopez (Greenfield)
 - Event was held October 21st, from 3pm-5pm at the County Office.
 - 22 new members and their parents attended the event.
 - 15 Greenfield members and parents helped support the event.
 - This included a STEM Activity using spaghetti and goodie bags were given to each new member
 - Snacks were provided to parents and new members. Council funds were used to support the event.
- STEM Event – Mario Flores (Buena Vista)
 - Held November 4th at the county offices in Salinas, the day well.
 - Looking for improvements for next year including some different science activities, perhaps may need more/outdoor space.
 - It was brought up the event was filled up early by some did not show up even though they were signed up. Please make sure members cancel with enough notice to allow others to come.
- Fantastic Field Day Alicia Crespo (King City Blue Ribbon)
 - February 10th, 2024 Salinas Valley fairgrounds, 9 – 12:30
 - A save the date flyer will come in December. With a full flyer in January.
 - Looking for another club to do the lunch on site, otherwise it will fall under KCBR
 - Tacos were served last year
 - For example - Pre-order \$7, day of \$9, included 2 tacos, rice fruit, cookie and choice of water/horchata/juice
 - Pizza has been served in the past

Fair Reports – Melissa Ortner (Chualar)

- MCF (Kelly Violini) –
 - Weigh-in will be on Tuesday.
 - Aug 29-Sept 2nd confirmed, livestock schedule
 - Aug 27th, weigh-in
 - Email Chris or Kelly with any questions
 - Fair Theme: Barn to be Wild
- SCCF (Melissa to report for SCCF)-From Kathryn Hill
 - The Santa Cruz County Fair dates for 2024 are September 11th through the 15th. Livestock weigh-in will be on Monday, September 9. Beef tagging will take place on Thursday, May 9, at 101 Livestock. Details will be emailed in early spring next year.
 - The poultry entry deadline will be the same as Livestock - August 22. No paper entries will be accepted for poultry entries in 2024.

- We are working on changes/additions to the entry guide. We welcome comments and suggestions from the community. Please send them via email to santacruzlivestockcommittee@gmail.com.
- SBCF (Melissa to report for SBCF)
 - No Updates

Camp report –

- 4-H Camp Co-Director Jeanie Grainger recapped the teen Counselors interview went well with 15 girls but only 6 boys. More boy teen counselors are needed and applications are still open.
- Both Camp Nurses are unable to attend this year’s camp. RN replacements must be found. This is a volunteer positions but all supplies are funded by camp.
- Camp applications open in February. June 23rd – June 28th, 2024

Club Sharing-

- Lorin opened the question “How does your club promote camp?” She gave a reminder that 4-H Camp is its own entity in the 4-H Program, separate from the County Council.
 - Aromas: A few members went last year. They will help promote, discuss more when registration opens.
 - Buena Vista: Discuss at monthly meeting. No members have gone since Covid. It would help if a representative who attended the camp could attend a monthly meeting to help in promotion of camp.
 - Carmel Valley: A Camp counselor attended last year and helped excite the members about camp. Hoping for more attendance next year.
 - Chualar: Scholarship within the budget. Many younger members this year, hoping to get more attendance.
 - Gonzales: Most youth have not attended camp, will call back older, graduated members to help promote the camp experience. Also has a scholarship.
 - Greenfield: Provides a full scholarship to anyone who wants to go. Word of mouth from past members helps to promote future attendance. Last year graduating senior was a counselor which helped introduce the younger members.
 - King City Blue Ribbon: Not many have gone to camp in the past. Even with scholarships, many families cannot afford to go to camp. Pushing additional fundraising to provide a full camp registration fee to those members who want to attend and are actively involved in the club.
 - King City Rural: Good turnout last year, many are excited to return. Camp scholarships help off-set the cost of members wanting to attend. 4-5 members have applied for Camp Counselors this year. Need more parent sharing.
 - Lockwood: Only 1 attended in 2023, with good reviews and feedback. Many kids are involved in extra-curricular activities other than 4-H. Scholarship funding is available via a pool method, divided equally to those who want to attend. Distance and other teen interests may prevent those from applying as counselors.
 - Mission: 3 campers went in 2023 and many more are interested in attending the 2024 camp. If adults attend, it helps comfort the parents who are unsure. Scholarship funding is available.
 - Natividad: N/A

- Royal Oaks: Start promoting camp in November with available scholarships. Only 13 kids in the club, many are in sports or on family vacations, but trying to promote for better attendance in 2024.
- San Benancio: 10 attendees last year. Talking to the parents is important to ensure they are aware of the situation, camp activities and expectations; it will help support the kids' decisions to go. The past Camp Counselor will speak at the February meeting to aid in promotion.
- Spring: Camp scholarships are available via club application. Many kids this year will be Camp Counselors and many other younger members plan to attend.

4-H Staff Report- Lorin Hofmann-Lurz

- Thanked all for the help in working through the new enrollment system. Much improved this year with online payments. Mayra has also helped.
- All club Beginning of Documents have been signed and will be returned shortly. Please make copies and give to officers for binders.
- As of today, 11/28/23, all VECs and Club Leaders were sent a notice about the Livestock enrollment deadline. These adult volunteers approved within the club. Please advise Mayra if new members sign up after today.
- Supervision ratio is required within the club as well as a 2-deep policy who are certified adult volunteers.
 - Remind your families why it is important to become certified adult volunteers to meet the safety ratio.
 - Adult volunteers will be approved by the Regional Supervisor, Ana Torres.
- Livestock enrollment date: Friday, December 8th, 2023.
 - If deadline is not met, cannot show until SVF 2025.
 - Lockwood needs Swine added as a project.
- If a holiday (or any) potluck is organized, clubs are required to have one trained Safe Serve Certification adult. This promotes clean serving of food and safety for all.
- We are in the Giving season for club members – Do not give cash or checks for non-profits. We “give with our hands and not with our checkbooks” . Additional supporting policy will be sent out to explain.
- Mid-year reviews are required with Officers in January 2024.
 - Sample agendas and minutes are available on the County Website in the CCL Corner.
- Take time for yourselves as Club leaders during the holidays. Tip- Plan out January and February meeting agendas now so the new year is easy.
- Offices will be open until Holiday Break.
 - Contact Lorin with questions regarding enrollment in January as Myra will be taking an extended break.

Unfinished Business-

N/A

New Business-

N/A

Adjourn-

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17PM
Minutes compiled by Melissa Ortner