



# MONTEREY COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY MEETING

## Meeting Minutes

Date: April 16, 2024, 1432 Abbott St. Salinas, CA

**Call to Order** – Kelly Violini (President) at 7:06 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Sharon Sedillos (Carmel Valley)

**4-H Pledge** – Olivia Porcello (Natividad)

**Introduction of Guests and New Club Leaders**

- N/A

**Additions and Corrections to the Agenda**

- N/A

**Executive Officer Roll Call**

- President – Kelly Violini (Spring)
- 1st Vice President – Nicole Hostert (Spring)
- 2nd Vice President - Gina Acevedo (Aromas) - Zoom
- Secretary- Melissa Ortner (Chualar)
- Treasurer- Aaron Thornton (Natividad)

**Youth Officer Roll Call**

- Co-Council President – Abigail Clarke (Spring)
- Co-Council 1st Vice President – Tommy Storelli (King City Rural)
- Co-Council 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Youth Outreach Office - Aly Acevedo (Aromas) - Zoom
- Co-Council Secretary- Kapri Batistich (Chualar)
- Youth Marketing Officer– Sharon Sedillos (Carmel Valley)

**Club Representatives and Guests –**

*Aromas:* Melinda Luna

*Buena Vista:* Not Present

*Carmel Valley:* Chrissy Hayes

*Chualar:* Tiffany Batistich

*Greenfield:* Not Present

*Gonzales:* Janet Pacheco

*King City Blue Ribbon:* Alicia Crespo

*King City Rural:* Teri Storelli

*Lockwood:* Not Present

*Mission:* Crystal Rubbo

*Natividad:* Anita Porcello, Olivia Porcello

*Royal Oaks:* JoAnn Etchison, Sheryl Jones

*San Benancio:* Nette Hoover

*Spring:* Kelly Violini

*Staff:* Lorin Hofmann-Lurz

*Other:* Cayde Skinner, Prescott Skinner, Jack Skinner, Christy Skinner (Chualar)

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes, 3/19/24**

- Approval:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: Teri Storelli (KCR)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Crystal Rubbo (Mission)
  - No discussion

### **Correspondence Report - Kapri Batistich:**

- *Thank you's* were sent to the following clubs for hosting Presentation Night:
  - Gonzales – Overall Committee
  - Lockwood – Tabulations
- Letter from 4-H Foundation for \$30,000 Received

### **Approval of Treasurers Report – Aaron Thornton (Natividad)**

- 2024-2025 Budget Planning Schedule:
  - Have been held at March and April Review Meetings
    - 6:30, before the County Council Meetings
    - This years budget was a short-fall of \$17,000
      - -\$9600 for this year as of yesterday
    - Only income this year was MOU money of \$10,000
  - Final 2024-2025 Budget will be sent out with the June County Council Agenda for approval
- March Report:
  - General Fund Open: \$180,544.10
  - General Fund Close: \$195,316.49
  - Youth County Council Open: \$2,977.67
  - Youth County Council Close: \$2,977.73
  - Scholarship Funds Open: \$50,434.67
  - Scholarship Funds Close: \$50,435.47
  - All funds combined at close: \$248,729.69
- Approval:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: JoAnn Etchison (Royal Oaks)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tiffany Batistich (Chualar)
  - No Discussion

### **President's Report-Kelly Violini (Spring)**

- Funding Committee & Ag Building Country Store Volunteering, 8/28-9/2

- No meeting as of yet, waiting for 4-H founding director in Davis to determine what is in the L-account
- For the 2024-2025 year, it was voted on to take on the Country Store at the Monterey County Fair last month. This will go into the Council's general fund
  - 3.5 hour shifts, 3 shifts per day, 5 days of the fair, 14 clubs
  - Even if clubs are not showing at the fair, participation is required
  - Sign-up genius due out after the email with shifts. We need feedback!
  - 2 adults, 3 members per shift – maximum
    - 3 total - minimum
- County Ambassador Applications and Process
  - Emailed out to CCLs, please encourage teen applicants
- Council Scholarship funding for State Leadership Conference July 25<sup>th</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Applications are open. There is money in the Council Budget to support interested youth to attend
  - Reimbursement after completion
- Setting 2024-2025 Council calendar
  - Zoom meeting or other platform before council meeting for the calendar to be set by August. Need all club committees to set dates and locations for their committees to add to calendar.

#### **Camp Report-Tommy Storelli (Camp Counselor)**

- Discussed drug and alcohol policy and dress code policy at the last meeting
- Camp applications are still open, when it's full, it's full
  - Current availability, 20 spots for boys, 10 for girls

#### **Youth Reports**

**Fair Reports** – Gina Acevedo, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP & Aly Acevedo, Youth Co-Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

- Salinas Valley Fair (May 16-19, 2024) *Golden Hills & Fair Time Thrills*
  - Kick-off: Saturday, April 20, 2024
  - Virtual Presentations are due May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Monterey County Fair (August 29-September 2, 2024) *Barn to be Wild*
  - Entries Open: May 20, 2024
  - Entries Close: August 1, 2024
  - Ownership Dates:
    - Market Beef: April 29, 2024
    - Market Swine, Sheep, Goats: June 28, 2024
    - Breeding, Poultry, Rabbits: July 26, 2024
  - Livestock Awards Sponsors:
    - If you are interested in supporting the 2024 MCF Livestock Show, please email [colten@montereycountyfair.com](mailto:colten@montereycountyfair.com)
  - 2024 Judges:
    - Cattle & Hogs: Hannah Frobose
    - Sheep & Goats: Kylar Lee

- Santa Cruz County Fair (September 11-15, 2024) Pioneer Days to Modern Ways
  - The 2024 Santa Cruz County Fair is coming soon! Our livestock entry guide has been approved by the fair's Board of Directors and will be posted to the fair's website and online entries will open later this Spring. An email announcement will be sent out at that time.
  - Market beef exhibitors living in Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey Counties, and market beef exhibitors who were selected to participate through the 2024 Beef Drawing for Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties, must bring their market beef entries to be tagged. Only tagged beef will be allowed to enter the 2024 Santa Cruz County Fair Market Beef Show.
  - Exhibitors must be present for Mandatory Market Beef Ear Tagging and Brand Inspection, Thursday, May 9, 2024, 5 to 7 pm @ 101 Auction Yard. Scales will be open for weighing animals as a courtesy to our exhibitors. Exhibitors may tag more than one animal but will be allowed to enter only one. First animal tagged is free. Additional animals will be charged \$10/head for tagging. If the animal loses either visual ear tag or RFID tag, a \$10 replacement fee will be assessed at Check-In. If the animal loses both visual tag and RFID tag, the \$10 replacement fee will be assessed, and the animal WILL NOT BE eligible for championship.
  - A Brand Inspection made out to the exhibitor, an Out Billing from an Auction Sales Yard, or a Bill of Sale showing a minimum of 120 consecutive days ownership is required. If the animal is dropped by one of your own cows, a Yellow Slip must be presented. Proof of ownership must be shown at time of Mandatory Ear Tagging and must be presented at scale before weighing at Fair. Check-in for cattle is Sunday, September 8. Weigh-in on Monday, September 9, 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Dairy cattle may opt to check in on Thursday, September 12.
  - A Yellow Transportation Slip (74-0364) must accompany all cattle.
  - The Market Beef section of our 2024 Entry Guide is attached. Please note that we have eliminated the Natural Fed Market Beef division.
  - This is a first come, first served event. No appointments are necessary. Please share with other beef exhibitors who may not have received this email. Send any questions to [santacruzlivestockcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:santacruzlivestockcommittee@gmail.com).
- San Benito County Fair (October 4-6, 2024)
  - Guidebook will be out after May 1<sup>st</sup>

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

- Olivia Porcello (Natividad): Attended Regional Presentation Day in Antioch and provided a recap of the day and her presentation on Bicycle Safety.

**Council Committee Reports – Nicole Hostert, 1<sup>st</sup> VP & Tommy Storelli, Youth Co-Officer 1<sup>st</sup> VP**

- Update on tracking and completing Council Committee Events with a spreadsheet

- If you need the event wrap up form, or youth chair form or additional information, please see Tommy after the meeting
- Grad Recognition/Senior Scholarships – Olivia Porcello (Natividad)
  - April 4<sup>th</sup> via Zoom – Discussed ideas for Graduation Gifts
    - Budget: \$2100, \$75/member
    - If members did not submit surveys, will they be included?
    - 27 graduates
    - Leaning towards College Essentials Kits
  - Senior Scholarship application is open, due May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Committee will go through all applications and created the panel interview.
    - Social media reminders about the scholarship will be posted by Sharon by the end of this week

### **Club Sharing:**

How do celebrate your senior graduates?

- Aromas: current club leader has No past history with graduates, available scholarship
- Carmel Valley: Current club leaders No past history with graduates
- Chualar: The graduates are announced at the last meeting with tacos or bbq and they are presented with a candy lei. They also share their future plans with the rest of the club.
- Gonzales: A Scholarship application is available. The graduates are provided with a graduation gift, dinner and cake with the club. They also share their future plans with the rest of the club.
- Greenfield: Not present
- Buena Vista:-Not present
- King City Blue Ribbon: A Scholarship is available, all members bring a small gift. They also share their future plans with the rest of the club
- King City Rural: A Scholarship is available, the graduates are presented with cords and a handmade lei.
- Lockwood: Not present
- Mission: A Scholarship is available, dessert is provided at that last meeting. They share their future plans with the rest of the club and are presented with a large laundry basket and each member brings something to support them in college.
- Natividad: A Scholarship is available, there is an Awards Banquet at the end of the year, they are also provided with a tassel.
- Royal Oaks: Hold an end of the year BBQ at Royal Oaks Park and give the graduates a check.
- San Benancio: A Scholarship is available, the graduates are provided cords to wear on graduation day, and they share fun memories in 4-H and plans for future.
- Spring: A Scholarship is available. Tacos will be provided this year at the Patch. The graduates will get a cake and a gift.

### **Staff Report:**

- Lorin Hofmann-Lurz (UCANR)
  - **Election time!** To ensure your club’s potential officers are ready, please review your club’s written officer job descriptions and expectations this month to update, modify or add new roles. Then, share the written roles with your club so both members and parents are ready for officer nominations and elections.
  - Clubs should hold nominations, elections to be done April and May. ~~This way it isn’t all being done at the last meeting of the year. And~~ the ballot process is to be done in a transparent way and announced immediately after voting.
  - ⊖ Fair time is the time to review **club inventory**. These photos go in the treasurer book. Take photos of Livestock scales, waters, feeders, travel items, club tack boxes, blowers, hoses, brooms, all of it. It’s great if they have the name of the project they go with. ~~We don’t need one photo of one item at a time.~~ As **the year end** get closer, club leaders and or Project leaders must announce when APRs are due. This must reflect in your meeting minutes, so the process was fair and advertised. Your club deadline should be no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> Remember, these forms are part of project completion.
  - **Fair time** –highly encourage every club has completed a majority, if not all, livestock meetings by April 1<sup>st</sup> when SVF entry forms are signed or approved. This ensures all requirements by members are complete and you don’t have to deal with attendance issues.
  - **As a club leader, please check in with your livestock leaders on attendance, eligibility, or enrollment now before it becomes a problem.**
  - **End of year packet and memo** will come out soon. These are the items your treasurer or secretary will need to complete their book. All paperwork is due date is July 16th.
  - There are have examples of completed forms, title pages, spreadsheets and more on the Club Leader Corner of the website with a table of contents.
  - ⊖ **Awards forms:** I will follow up with the annual pin order memo and order form to all club leaders.
  - **Upcoming trainings**
    - **Sparks** awards for beginner is this Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Club Book countdown** – This personalized workshop is to help a secretary or treasure get organized for the actual binder that is due July 16<sup>th</sup>. I will offer both in-person and virtual session for 30 minutes. the dates I have set aside are May 28-31<sup>st</sup>.
  - **State Field Day** –It is held at UC Davis and if your club has members who are giving their presentation at the highest level, they should go, in a carload of kids, and enjoy the day. May 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - ⊖ funds can be used to reimburse and adult volunteer for gas. The policy is those club funds can be used when a “volunteer is acting in the scope of their role. Being a driver for multiple members to go to a 4-H event, counts.
  - **Intent to return** - For sure, your club will need to circulate some type of intent to return form in May or June.

- The club must also have the projects ready to be put in the system when it re-opens. Those projects should be figured out by your last meeting in June.
- **Enrollment** - Please note that the Zsuites closes on June and reopens on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Just like all past years, we need your projects we can load them into the system. If your club will have a new VEC, let us know as we start early on sending out information and offer training.
- **Camp Scholarships**
  - Clubs that offer camper scholarship should be advertising these forms now.
  - On another scholarship note, most all clubs have set aside funds to help teen members go to **State Leadership Conference** in July.
- **Club record book rubrics** will be given to the 4-H office around April 19<sup>th</sup>. Reminder, we do not post the rubric. You will request and we send it to you.
- **Service learning** – all clubs are to conduct what is called service learning. Not community service but a larger scale, more involved, activity that serves the community you are in.
- A training will be provided at the beginning of the year at a time when the club should be making plans.
- **Treasury training** each year I am required to provide a treasury training to incoming treasures and adults-After this meeting, I will send out a doodle poll of the best dates for your club in late July and August. Based on those responses, I will find 2 dates and 2 locations to hold the training. Please respond so that we can get this on the calendar.
- **#Liveforross-** They will be holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> BBQ and would like to know if there are clubs who would like to help with the ticket sales and receive some money back for helping. The event is Memorial Day weekend.
- We don't meet in May – see you all in June!

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- Committee List updates for 2024-2025
  - We will start in January for any changes moving forward
    - FFD Club 3: Add Photo Contest
    - Add Rotation by the County Ambassadors focused on Leadership
    - Alumni possible to Run an interview Contest
    - Approval:
      - 1<sup>st</sup>: Nicole Hostert (Spring)
      - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Teri Storelli (KCR)
- Clubs choose Council Committees – Process overview and implementation
  - 2-year commitment Final choices were:
    - Achievement Night/Day: King City Rural
    - FFD Club 1 – Overall Host Club: King City Blue Ribbon
    - FFD Club 2 – Community Service: Aromas

- FFD Club 3 – Tabulation/Poster/Photo Contest: Spring
- FFD Club 4 – Baking Contest: Natividad
- FFD Club 5 – Livestock Education: Chualar
- FFD Club 6 – Vegetable ID Education: Mission
- Presentation Night – Overall Host Club: Greenfield (modified)
- Presentation Night – Tabulation: Lockwood
- New Member Party: Carmel Valley
- STEM Event: Buena Vista
- County Record Book Judging: Gonzales (modified)
- Star Rank/Sparks Award Verification: San Benancio
- Senior Grad Recognition & Scholarship: Royal Oaks
- Call for nominating committee volunteers and process for Youth Co-Council Officer Positions for 2024-2025
  - Volunteered Nominating Committee Chairperson: Courtney Boyles (Spring) & Madison Hostert (Spring)

**New Business:**

- Approval of 2023-2024 Council By-Laws and submittal process – Action Item
  - All criteria has been met for 2023-2024 program year after significant updates in officers and operating procedures. Bylaws to be signed and submitted to 4-H offices.
    - Approval:
      - 1<sup>st</sup>: Teri Storelli (KCR)
      - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Alicia Crespo (KCBR)
      - No Discussion

*Next Council Meeting Tuesday, June 16, 2024, 7:00 PM at the Salinas Office.*

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM  
Minutes compiled by Melissa Ortner & Kapri Batistich