



MONTEREY COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 18, 2024, 1432 Abbott St. Salinas, CA

Call to Order – Kelly Violini (President) at 7:04 pm

Pledge of Allegiance – Morgan Hancock (Lockwood)

4-H Pledge – Sidney Ishimaru (Buena Vista)

Introduction of Guests and New Club Leaders

- Deirdre O’Grady, Salinas Valley Women in Agriculture Pumpkin Party, October 5th
 - Conference room open 10:00am-12:00pm, RSVP required
 - Education on seeds, growing, harvesting, varieties of pumpkin
 - Pumpkin pie and Martinelli’s apple juice will be served

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)
- Secretary- Melissa Ortner (Chualar)
- Treasurer- Aaron Thornton (Natividad)-Not Present

Youth Officer Roll Call

- Co-Council President – Abigail Clarke (Spring) – Not Present
- Co-Council 1st Vice President – Tommy Storelli (King City Rural) – Not Present
- Co-Council 2nd Vice President/Youth Outreach Office - Aly Acevedo (Aromas)
- Co-Council Secretary- Kapri Batistich (Chualar) – Not Present
- Youth Marketing Officer– Sharon Sedillos (Carmel Valley)

Club Representatives and Guests –

Aromas: Monique Olivarria

Buena Vista: Mario Flores, Kalah Ishimaru, Signey Ishimaru, Deirdre O’Grady

Carmel Valley: Chrissy Hayes, Richard Douglas

Chualar: Michelle Mazzuca, Owen Mazzuca, Tawni Ortner

Greenfield: Yesenia Perea

Gonzales: Not Present

King City Blue Ribbon: Not Present

King City Rural: Not Present

Lockwood: Misty Hancock, Morgan Hancock, Megan Weferling

Mission: Crystal Rubbo, Giavonna Rubbo

Natividad: Anita Porcello, Olivia Porcello

Royal Oaks: JoAnn Etchison
San Benancio: Nette Hoover
Spring: Courtney Boyles, Madison Hostert
Staff: Lorin Hofmann-Lurz
Other:

Approval of Meeting Minutes, 4/16/24

- Approval:
 - 1st: Courtney Boyles (Spring)
 - 2nd: Gina Acevedo (Aromas)
 - No discussion

Correspondence Report:

N/A

Approval of Treasurers Report – Aaron Thornton (Natividad)

- May Report:
 - General Fund Open: \$189,059.07
 - General Fund Close: \$188,952.19
 - Youth County Council Open: \$2,977.79
 - Youth County Council Close: \$2,977.85
 - Scholarship Funds Open: \$50,436.35
 - Scholarship Funds Close: \$50,437.21
 - All funds combined at close: \$242,367.25
- Approval:
 - 1st: Nicole Hostert (Spring)
 - 2nd: Anita Porcello (Natividad)
 - No Discussion

President's Report-Kelly Violini (Spring)

- Draft 2024-2025 Council Calendar with event dates. Proposed Council meeting dates for 2024-2025 that include reducing one meeting and allowing 2 to be held by Zoom
- Funding Committee
 - Sign-Up Genius out tomorrow to begin formulating the volunteers for the fundraiser at the Country Store held inside the Salinas room during the entire fair, 6/19/24
 - Volunteers for the Funding Committee to meet with Kelly
 - Nicole Hostert
 - Gina Acevedo
 - Chrissy Hayes
 - Misty Hancock – Zoom preferred
- County Ambassador Update – Lorin Hofmann-Lurz (UCANR)

- Provided an explanation of how the All Stars became the County Ambassadors
- Applications and interviews have been held
- The Advisor application and process has been updated to the updated version

Camp Report-Crystal Rubbo (Mission) *Where the Wild Things Roam*

- Camp teen counselors have been preparing
- No Cell Phones or electronics allowed by members
- A small snack shack is available, bring a small amount of cash
 - Food is not allowed in the cabins
- All medication should be provided in the original container with the prescription details on the bottle directly to the camp nurse at check in

Nomination Committee Report:

All adult council officer positions are held through 2025. Only Youth Council Co-Officer positions are voted yearly. Balloting was conducted by a paper vote. Each club was granted 2 votes.

Courtney Boyles is the Nomination Committee Chair

- President elect : Madison Hostert (Spring)
- 1st Vice President elect : Aly Acevedo (Aromas)
- Secretary elect : Kapri Batistich (Chualar) second term

Fair Reports – Gina Acevedo, 2nd VP & Aly Acevedo, Youth Co-Officer 2nd VP

- Salinas Valley Fair (May 16-19, 2024) *Golden Hills & Fair Time Thrills*
 - Auction checks are ready for pick-up, details in today's email
- 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
 - 2024 Judges:
 - Cattle & Hogs: Hannah Frobose
 - Sheep & Goats: Kylar Lee
 - Storm Water Survey: Due August 9, 2024
- Santa Cruz County Fair (September 11-15, 2024) *Pioneer Days to Modern Ways*
 - Entries are open!
 - 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.
- San Benito County Fair (October 4-6, 2024) *Fair Ever Young*
 - Guidebook is out
 - Entries open July 15, 2024
 - Livestock Ownership Dates:
 - Goats, Sheep & Swine: August 2, 2024
 - Rabbits & Poultry: August 30, 2024
 - Goats, Sheep & Swine Exhibitors:
 - Request Form Pick-Up: July 17, 2024
 - Tag ID Pick-Up: July 19, 2024
 - Tagging Information Due: August 2, 2024
 - Beef Exhibitors:
 - Ownership Deadline: June 3rd 2024
 - Tagging June 3, 2024 from 5:00pm-7:00pm at Bolado Park
 - Livestock Weigh-in/Check-in:
 - Rabbits: September 29, 2024
 - Goats, Sheep, Swine, & Beef: October 1, 2024
 - Poultry: October 3, 2024
 - Camping Reservations:

- Email Request: entry@sanbenitocountyfair.com
- Paperwork Deadline: August 1, 2024

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

- Tawni Ortner (Chualar) – State Presentation Day Recap
- Signey Ishimaru (Buena Vista) – Her club’s End of Year Graduation Party

Council Committee Reports –

- Grad Recognition/Senior Scholarships - Natividad
 - Olivia Porcello, youth chair
- County Record Book Judging Contest - Greenfield
 - Yesenia Perez
 - 2 dates in August to receive training
 - Final Record Book Judging will be August 17, 2024
 - Yocelyn Zavala will be the youth chair
- Star Rank and Sparks Awards - San Benancio
 - Nette Hoover
 - Will be working closely with Greenfield

Club Sharing: How does your club install their officers?

- Aromas: Light candles, read job description, then the new board lights the candle. BBQ
- Buena Vista: Full whites with alumni, light the candles, transfer of power
- Carmel Valley: Candy M&Ms for each officer, each color coordinates with their position.
- Chualar: BBQ at Giannini Ranch, all the outgoing members received candy with their job description
- Gonzales: Not Present
- Greenfield: Light candles and each leaving officer read the script to the new officer to accept the position.
- King City Blue Ribbon: Not Present
- King City Rural: Not Present
- Lockwood: Will install at the 1st meeting in September with different themes.
- Mission: Light candles, with a 70’s theme last year
- Natividad: Cereal theme that went with job description.
- Royal Oaks: Catered dinner for the youth. Speech for each officer.
- San Benancio: Incoming officers stand in front, each job description has candy associated with the title
- Spring: How to make cookies, and each officer was a part of the recipe. Everyone received a bag of cookies.

Staff Report: Lorin Hofmann-Lurz (UCANR)

- **Enrollment** – The system will be closed June 21 to mid-July. Your club can still hold a project-only enrollment in which you find out which project the members want to take. club projects are due June 30th so we can load them into the system.

- The **VEC** training will take place closer to July. It will be by Zoom. However, all adults can begin the campus extension training videos after July 1st.
- The **Intent to Return** numbers from each club are due June 30th. PLEASE send in your numbers and please find Outreach opportunities.
- As of today, the statewide office calculated we are 20,000 less members this year than last year.
- The office will NO longer be taking checks from clubs. This will streamline the process. Have all the adults enroll and make their own payment then your club will reimburse directly.
- **Club Welcome letters** should be updated for each club.
- **End of year packets** were emailed to each club leader. The end of year documents are due July 16th. Tonight, there is a courtesy copy in your packet.
- Realistically your **financial peer review** needs to happen just after 4th of July – even if you know you are missing something. Get all 4 members of your peer review to look over the books asap. Bank statements can be requested, contact Mayra and she will give you a scanned copy.
- I will email the steps to using UC **online financial portal**. I will give your club your password. PLEASE use only your bank statement when entering in the information on the portal. Not your ledgers.
- I am required to hold the **Treasure's training** this year. I sent out a **doodle poll** of the best possible dates back in May, so everyone had time to review. I will offer 2 dates and 2 locations.
- **Record books and forms**. ALL clubs are required by policy to have members fill out the **Annual Project Report** form for each project they are in. This year, your club will be turning in a report of those who did and did not complete an APR.
- For clubs that use the minimum **verification book**, be sure to follow all the content listed on the county 4-H website under the record book tab. If applying for a star rank, that book needs to be signed by the club leader and turned into the office on July 16.
- **Record book contest**, please follow all rules set in place by the state.
- Record Books in a **contest or verification** should be done at club level long before July 16th because that is when the books moving on to the county contest are due.
- **County record book contest** will be hosted by Greenfield. PLEASE help them be successful by following the instructions provided, checking lists and getting your club volunteers registered to help on the date of the event. The contest and verification registration is already open.
- Incoming officers should have **time to review club bylaws** and club rules, project polices, animal contracts and whatever. You can make a personal appointment with me on the phone to walk through so your beginning of year packet is ready.
- **Club Team adult** training is underway. . Coming together to create a plan is super helpful. I can meet here at the office, or I can come to your location.
- **Club Budget support** – Be sure your budget is based on education. If you cannot find ways to spend on education, then fundraise less. Or you can look at charging families for certain activities.

- One way to spend money appropriately is to offset the costs of volunteer enrollments. You can pay fingerprint fees, partial enrollment or **adult volunteer training support**.
- **Officer Advisor mixer will** be done on a date in July this year. It's open to adult and youth officers. It will be slightly different than year's past.
- Those youth who are going to SLC will take part in the annual **SLC delegate** meeting with me. As we get closer to the event, we meet and go over travel plans, tee shirts, trinkets and behavior while away.
- **thank you** the long-time club leaders who have been so dedicated through so many challenges. And the newer club leaders who made it through one year!

Unfinished Business:

- Approval of 2024-2025 Council Budget - Action Item
 - Approval:
 - 1st: Kalah Ishimaru (Buena Vista)
 - 2nd: Nicole Hostert (Spring)
 - Leave the \$500 from STEM Event Scholarship
- Approval of adding Council Secretary-Melissa Ortner to signature card for Pacific Valley Bank
 - Approval:
 - 1st: Courtney Boyles (Spring)
 - 2nd: Gina Acevedo (Aromas)
 - No Discussion
- Approval of Youth Co-Council Officers for 2024-2025
 - Approval:
 - 1st: Courtney Boyles (Spring)
 - 2nd: Kalah Ishimaru (Buena Vista)
 - No Discussion
- Sign-ups open for MCF Council Fundraiser - Ag Building Country Store
 - Sign-Up Genous out Tomorrow, 6/19/24
- Youth Committee Chair training date via Zoom Monday, July 29th
 - Will record the Zoom and hold at 6:30pm

New Business:

- Appreciation Gifts for 2023-2024 Community Club Leaders

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

Important Dates to Remember:

- Camp McCandless - June 23-28 All club scholarship checks (potentially) cleared by June 30th
- All APRs turned in at club level by June 30
- Treasurer and Secretary book assembly July 1-8
- Treasury Book reviews July 8th-14th. ALL 4 signatures on form
- Club Year End reporting due July 16th
- Club awards submitted July 16th
- State Leadership Conference July 25-28
- Council Youth Committee Chair training via zoom July 29th

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM
1st: Joanne Etchinson (Royal Oaks)
2nd: Nicole Hostert (Spring)
Minutes compiled by Melissa Ortner