



# MONTEREY COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY MEETING

## Meeting Minutes

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

**Call to Order** – Kelly Violini (President) at 7:05 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Sygney Ishimaru (Buena Vista 4-H)

**4-H Pledge** – Sygney Ishimaru (Buena Vista 4-H)

### **Introduction of Guests and New Club Leaders**

- Sygney Ishimaru (Buena Vista Youth)
- Brianna Glass (Carmel Valley Youth)
- Taren Boyles (Spring Youth)

### **Additions and Corrections to the Agenda**

- Kelly Violini moved introductions of scholarship recipients to after introductions and roll-call

### **Executive Officer Roll Call**

- President – Kelly Violini (Spring)
- 1st Vice President – Nicole Hostert (Spring)-Not Present
- 2nd Vice President - Gina Acevedo (Aromas)
- Secretary- Melissa Ortner (Chualar)-Not Present
- 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)
- Co-Council Secretary- Kapri Batistich (Chualar)
- Youth Marketing Officer– Sharon Sedillos (Carmel Valley)

### **Scholarship Recipients Introduced - Four (4) Scholarship recipients receive \$1,000/ea**

- Abigail Clarke - Spring 4-H, gave an update on her future plans
- Sharon Sedillos - Carmel Valley 4-H, gave an update on her future plans
- Cassandra Lopez - Greenfield 4-H, gave an update on her future plans
- Nathan Wasson -Not Present. A thank you letter was read by the Secretary Kapri

### **Club Representatives and Guests –**

*Aromas:* Melinda Luna

*Buena Vista:* Kaylah Ishimaru

*Carmel Valley:* Tricia Glass  
*Chualar:* Tiffany Batistich  
*Greenfield:* Yesenia Perea  
*Gonzales:* Erin Askew  
*King City Blue Ribbon:* Not Present  
*King City Rural:* Allie Aillen  
*Lockwood:* Misty Hancock  
*Mission:* Crystal Rubbo  
*Natividad:* Anita Porcello  
*Royal Oaks:* JoAnn Etchison  
*San Benancio:* Nette Hoover  
*Spring:* Courtney Boyles  
*Staff:* Lorin Hofmann-Lurz  
*Other:*

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes, 06/18/24**

- Approval:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: Courtney Boyles (Spring 4-H)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sydney Ishimaru (Buena Vista 4-H)
  - No Discussion

#### **Correspondence Report:**

- Thank you note for the scholarship from Nathan Wasson
- Read by Kapri Batistich (Chualar 4-H)

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

- June Report:
  - General Fund Open: \$188,952.19
  - General Fund Close: \$187,403.68
  - Youth County Council Open: \$2,977.85
  - Youth County Council Close: \$2,977.91
  - Scholarship Funds Open: \$50,437.21
  - Scholarship Funds Close: \$50,437.98
  - All funds combined at close: \$240,437.98
- Approval:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: Kaylah Ishimaru (Buena Vista)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tiffany Batistich (Chualar 4-H)
  - No Discussion

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

- Updated Binders for CCLs
- Funding Committee

- No new information at this time - After 6 days of sales from MCF Country store/Ag
- Building Operations 2024, all donations will be submitted at 12:01AM to CA 4-H Foundation to double the amount raised.
- SLC Council Scholarship Award
  - Council scholarship provided to help offset the registration fees –
  - Recipients as follows: Kapri Batistich will be fully funded as she is a County Ambassador. Aly Acevedo will receive \$379 towards her conference fees and Felix Gimbel was awarded \$279 money from the state office so he will receive \$100 towards his registration fees.
- County Ambassador Update
  - We will be introducing the Ambassadors tonight and please contact them if you would like to have them come and speak at one of your clubs meetings as a program

#### **Camp Report-**

- Jeannie Granger - reported 100 campers and 20 counselors, the new On-site nurses were awesome. Overall Camp was a great year. New applications for Teen Counselors will start in the fall.
- Total cost \$40,770.00, enrollment fee was \$355.00/ea, Raised over \$11K from MC Council.
- Camping fee is increasing for 2025 to \$370.00/camper. The next camp dated is set for June 22-27th, 2025.
- Looking towards increasing fundraising efforts and have money donated from Giving Tuesday towards camp fund. Goal for 2025 is \$12K.
- A framed photo with campers and their signatures was presented to MC Council for their appreciation and gratitude.

#### **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
  - No update
- Monterey County Fair (August 29-September 2, 2024) Barn to be Wild
  - Fair Dates: August 29th thru September 2nd, 2024
  - Make sure to Upload your YQCA certificate completion number with entries to ShoWorks by August 1st
  - Make sure to complete the Storm Water Survey which is completed online NO LATER than August 9th via link on ShoWorks
  - Prop 12 Compliance Form (Hog Exhibitors ONLY): Due NO LATER than August 9th email to entry@montereycountyfair.com
  - Declaration of Animal Medication Form need to be filled out and signed to Submit at the Scales
  - Exhibitor Code of Conduct/Parent Code of Conduct needs to

be Read and reviewed & signed and emailed to  
entry@montereycountyfair.com, NO LATER than August 9th,  
2024

- Santa Cruz County Fair (September 11-15, 2024) Pioneer Days to Modern Ways
  - Urge exhibitors to get their entries in and make sure that their YQCA certificate does not expire before the end of our fair. Pioneer Days to Modern Ways September 11-15, 2024. Bonus:
  - Money Saving Deal - Carpool with 5 or more people and Park for FREE!
- San Benito County Fair (October 4-6, 2024) Fair Ever Young
  - The entries are open for exhibitors, the entry deadline is August 25th
  - For Goats, Sheep, and Hog exhibitors make sure to email your tag id requests which are due July 17th and July 19th is the tag id pick up from 4-6pm
  - You can find any new information or changes on the fair website

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

- Congratulations to Felix Gimble on getting Silver at Presentation Day (Buena Vista 4-H)

#### **Council Committee Reports –**

- County Record Book Judging Contest - Greenfield
  - August 10th @9am
  - Providing lunch, breakfast and snacks
  - 2 judges per 5 Record Books
- Star Rank and Sparks Awards - San Benancio
  - Meeting 1st week of August to go through sparks awards
- Achievement Event – King City Rural
  - Just an awards banquet this year
  - Unable to contact Soledad High School
  - Checking with King City Fairgrounds for an alternative option
  - Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

#### **Club Sharing:** How do you provide project leader orientation and resources on the club level?

- Aromas: Folder for each project with attendance sheet for each project and the members contact info and they also use Band for communication. Meets with leaders 30 minutes before club meetings to check in
- Buena Vista: Uses a spreadsheet with everyone's contact information and does orientation of how to keep kids entertained and interested.
- Carmel Valley: uses Band App, project list to leaders and contact info provided.
- Chualar: Holds a meeting at club leaders office and goes over expectations and roles.
- Gonzales: Everyone meets to go over job descriptions and uses Band app for meetings and events.

- Greenfield: Meeting 1x year with calendar with proposed dates for the year and all activities. Follow up on a monthly basis and review all meetings and hours of who is not attending
- King City Blue Ribbon: Not Present
- King City Rural: Uses Band App and tries to add new projects every year to keep it interesting for all. Find volunteers and complete all required paperwork.
- Lockwood: Do not have a lot of projects, have alumni leaders and are reminded of all trainings, and expectations. Using google classroom and will look into using Band App.
- Mission: Project leaders get a list of kids and are given a list of job duties and what's required.
- Natividad: Made a spreadsheet with members in project and we use Band for all communication
- Royal Oaks: Meets with leaders and gives out a binder with roles and expectations
- San Benancio: A simple email with kids in project and their contact info and their job descriptions
- Spring: Starts in May prior with the VEC contacting project leaders. They have a project leader meeting to inform them of youth enrolled in the project and their contact info and communication through the Band app.

**Staff Report:** Lorin Hofmann-Lurz (UCANR)

- Two trainings available to learn about the Treasurer & Secretary Book Trainings.
  - Held on 8/13<sup>th</sup> in King City & 8/21<sup>st</sup> in Salinas.
- Annual Treasurer's Training is Mandatory, no exceptions. Dates choices were sent via a Doodle poll.
- Bank signature cards - Build in extra time to have your clubs bank signature card updated with new signers.
- If you need help with your club annual budget please reach out to the Regional Budget Coordinator.
- Officer training is available by staff at events or on a personal basis.
- Club Awards form is due tonight - July 16<sup>th</sup>
- Enrollment opens on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Send Mayra your clubs project list ASAP via email so she can enter.
- Campus Extension: All New Club volunteers and returning must pay by Credit Card and the Club will reimburse the volunteers. The Council will no longer balance volunteer fees.
- Updated 2024-2025 fingerprint form will be sent out by Lorin. All can have access this year.
- Enrollment fees are set at \$95.00/youth and \$50/volunteer
- Any club or volunteer using the 4-H Logo on clothing, print/adv., must have artwork approved by Lorin at county level.

**Unfinished Business:**

- MCF Council Fundraiser – Ag Building Country Store: August 28-September 2
- You can send Alumni to sign up not just 4-Hers

- Directions are going to be changed slightly and emailed out soon
- we need the names of members who are working for wristbands
- Youth Committee Chair Training Date via Zoom – Monday July 29<sup>th</sup>
- We need to know who your youth chair is for a zoom training
- Being a youth committee chair qualifies you for the county scholarship

**New Business:**

- County Ambassador Announcement and Introduction
  - The County Ambassador Position is the highest Leadership position in a county 4-H program
  - The 2024-2025 Ambassadors are:
    - Brianna Glass of Carmel Valley 4-H
    - Kapri Batistich of Chualar 4-H
- Youth Co-Council Officers Installed for 2024-2025
  - Kapri Batistich - Youth Co-Officer Secretary
  - Aly Acevedo - Youth Co-Officer Vice President

*Next Council Meeting Tuesday August 20<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom.*

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm  
1<sup>st</sup>: Kaylah Ishimaru (Buena Vista)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Gina Acevedo (Aromas)  
Minutes compiled by Kapri Batistich