



MONTEREY COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 20, 2024, ZOOM

Call to Order – Kelly Violini (President) at 7:02 pm

Pledge of Allegiance – Tawni Ortner (Chualar 4-H)

4-H Pledge – Aly Acevedo (Aromas 4-H)

Introduction of Guests and New Club Leaders

- Hedmon Okella – 4-H Animal Science Youth Advisor

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda

- None

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)

Youth Officer Roll Call

- **Co-Council President** – Maddie Hostert (Spring)
- **Co-Council 1st Vice President** – Open
- **Co-Council 2nd Vice President/Youth Outreach Office** - Aly Acevedo (Aromas)
- **Co-Council Secretary**- Kapri Batistich (Chualar)
- **Youth Marketing Officer**– Open

Club Representatives and Guests –

Aromas: Not Present

Buena Vista: Mario Flores, Jorge Flores, Kalah Ishimuru, Felix Gimble

Carmel Valley: Tricia Glass, Richard Douglas, Brianna Glass

Chualar: Willi Ortner, Brittany Walker, Tawni Ortner

Greenfield: Yesenia Perea

Gonzales: Hennessy Murillo

King City Blue Ribbon: Alicia Crespo

King City Rural: Allie Cullen, Valerie Cervantes, Laura E. Torres-Resendiz, Bolin Hinkle, Sherie Hinkle

Lockwood: Misty Hancock, Megan Weferling

Mission: Crystal Rubbo, Giavonna Rubbo

Natividad: Anita Porcello

Royal Oaks: JoAnn Etchison

San Benancio: Nette Hoover, Jennifer Wasson

Spring: Courtney Boyles

Staff: Lorin Hofmann-Lurz

Other: Jeanie Grainger, Nikki Maxwell, Noah Maxwell, Madeline Maxwell, Emily Maxwell

Approval of Meeting Minutes, 07/16/24

- Approval:
 - 1st: Allie Cullen (King City Rural4-H)
 - 2nd: Hennessey Murillo (King City Rural 4-H)
 - No Discussion

Correspondence Report:

- None to Report

Approval of Treasurers Report – Aaron Thornton (Natividad)

- July Report:
 - General Fund Open: \$188,253.68
 - General Fund Close: \$187,111.15
 - Youth County Council Open: \$2,977.91
 - Youth County Council Close: \$2,977.97
 - Scholarship Funds Open: \$50,437.98
 - Scholarship Funds Close: \$50,438.89
 - All funds combined at close: \$240,528.01
- Approval:
 - 1st: Hennessey Murillo (Gonzales 4-H)
 - 2nd: Gina Acevedo (Aromas 4-H)
 - No Discussion

President's Report-Kelly Violini (Spring)

- Youth Committee Chair Training – Recap of July 29th Zoom
 - Kelly will send out a revised list of youth and adult Committee Chairs
- National 4-H Week
 - Information to come after the Monterey County Fair – 1st Week in October

Camp Report-

- June 22nd – June 27th – 5 Day Camp
 - Reviewing Costs for next year which will increase slightly
 - Teen camp counselor applications due Early November
 - Camper Applications online in Early February

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
 - No updates
- Monterey County Fair (August 29-September 2, 2024) Barn to be Wild
 - Fair Dates: August 29th thru September 2nd, 2024
 - Next week!
 - Pen charts are posted
 - 6am-9pm – Barn Hours
 - Livestock office across from pig races and closes at 9pm
 - Gate 7 from 6am to 9pm, must have leaders/parent/exhibitor wristband
 - Gate 3 or 5 with admission needed
 - Market rabbit and poultry pens - top 5 pens are required to remain on property
 - Official Vet-Dr. Amy McBurney
 - Weigh-in Schedule is posted
 - Link sent out for JLA auction runners- only needing 4-4-H clubs or 4-FFA chapters
 - Questions: entries@montereycountyfair.com
- Santa Cruz County Fair (September 11-15, 2024) Pioneer Days to Modern Ways
 - Entries due: 8/22/24 – 5:59pm
- San Benito County Fair (October 4-6, 2024) Fair Ever Young
 - YQCA Required
 - Still Entry Required for Livestock exhibitors
 - The entries are open for exhibitors, the entry deadline is August 25th
 - You can find any new information or changes on the fair website

County Ambassador Reports: Brianna Glass (Carmel Valley) & Kapri Batistich (Chualar)

- Brianna Glass – Overview of County Events and Club Meetings to attend this year and her goals as County Ambassador
- Kapri Batistich – Recap of State Leadership Conference and 1st Ambassador Meeting, Brainstormed Campaign Themes for this year – Planting Seeds of Leadership for a Brighter Future
 - Zoom Meeting with Santa Clara Ambassadors Pending

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

- Congratulations to Felix Gimble on receiving an award at Presentation Day (Buena Vista 4-H)
- State Leadership Conference

- Delegates Aly, Kapri and Felix attended this year, July 25-July 28. They shared the highlights of the teen leadership event.
 - Favorite tour was UC Davis Vet Tour where students can practice their skills
 - Ambassador workshop was fun to interact with State Ambassadors
 - Sabrina from Survivor was a great key-note speaker
 - Loved the Ridiculously Awesome presentation!

Council Committee Reports –

- County Record Book Judging Contest - Greenfield
 - Yoselin Zavala, Youth Chair – Record Book Contest completed on 8/10
 - Breakfast and Lunch provided
 - All books were part of the contest and the event ran on time. Awards are given in the club leader packets after the Achievement event on September 7th. Thank you to all who helped judge!
- Star Rank and Sparks Verification Awards - San Benancio
 - 49 members awarded at total of 71 pins
 - Overall the Stars were easy to process. Members have until 2027 to complete their Stars before this retires. The Sparks started this year with some confusion on what to place where on the form. Awards will be in packets.
- Achievement Event – King City Rural
 - Bo Hinkle – Committee Youth Chair
 - Planning meeting on 8/19 – Zoom
 - Discussed the theme: Rise and Shine
 - Refreshments will be provided before the event begins
 - RSVP is open and flyer is out
- STEM Committee Report – Buena Vista
 - Jorge Flores – Youth Committee Chair
 - Event is planned for 10/7 in salinas
 - 7 Club Members signed up to participate and start planning

Club Sharing: How do you celebrate member achievements at the club level? (After Achievement Day do you have a club level awards program?)

- Aromas: Awards are provided at the Club Meeting following Achievement Day
- Buena Vista: Awards are provided at the Club Meeting following Achievement Day
- Carmel Valley: The officer team passes out year stripes, attendance, and record book contest winners and recognizes new members.
- Chualar: Awards are provided at the Club Meeting following Achievement Day and the officer group agrees on a gift for all project leaders.
- Gonzales: A potluck banquet is held at the October meeting to recognize club leaders, 100% attendance for project and club and longevity in club.
- Greenfield: A potluck or ice cream social is held to present awards.
- King City Blue Ribbon: Awards Potluck Banquet at the October club meeting to recognize all new and existing members with county awards and recognition of project leaders

- King City Rural: A Potluck may be held this year to present awards to youth members.
- Lockwood:
- Mission: A Taco Party may be held this year to present awards to youth members.
- Natividad: Awards Banquet and Ice Cream Social will be held at the October meeting to recognize the youth members.
- Royal Oaks:
- San Benancio: Awards are provided at the Club Meeting following Achievement Day
- Spring: The officer team passes out year stripes, attendance, and record book contest winners and recognizes new members.

Staff Report: Lorin Hofmann-Lurz (UCANR)

- Anybody who has an appointment with me this next week - it is cancelled due to Covid.
- Lorin shared a graphic showing the amount of youth enrolled in each club and another showing how many adults have enrolled in each club.
- Lorin asked that each club leader and Volunteer Enrollment Coordinator finish their enrollment steps by August 30th.
- Any club looking for Fair absence letters can request them, but Lorin won't be able to create these until after the fair due to illness.
- All other information will be emailed out after the council meeting and when she returns to the office.

Unfinished Business:

- MCF Council Fundraiser – Ag Building Country Store: August 28-September 2
 - Email to be sent out tomorrow from Sign-up Genius by Kelly
 - Utilize as an outreach opportunity – Please bring club banner and wear a club of 4-H t-shirt if able.

New Business:

- Youth Co-Council Officer Installed
 - Maddie Hostert - Youth Co-Officer President
- Proposal to increase 2024-2024 Budget for County Ambassador Project/Outreach
 - Brianna Glass & Kapri Batistich – Purchase hats or pins for the Officer Teams in each Club to wear during National 4-H Week. Google form to be sent out to determine the number of hats needed and will be distributed at the September Council Meeting. These items will be for all officer team members, not just the executive board.
 - Budget is \$1000, want to increase to \$3000 for outreach
 - 1st – Crystal Rubbo (Mission)
 - 2nd - Tricia Glass (Carmel Valley)
 - No Discussion

Next Council Meeting Tuesday September 17th, at the Salinas 4-H Office.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm

1st: Courtney Boyles (Spring 4-H)

2nd: Tawni Ortner (Chualar 4-H)

Minutes compiled by Kapri Batistich & Melissa Ortner