



MONTEREY COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 15, 2024, King City Fairgrounds

Call to Order – Kelly Violini (President) at 7:11 pm

Pledge of Allegiance – Giovanna Rubbo (Mission)

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

Introduction of Guests and New Club Leaders

- None

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda

- Add Camp Report to November Agenda

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** – Absent
- **Co-Council 1st Vice President** – Aly Acevedo
- **Co-Council 2nd Vice President/Youth Outreach Office** - Open
- **Co-Council Secretary** – Kapri Batistich
- **Youth Marketing Officer**– Open

Club Representatives and Guests –

Aromas: Not Present

Buena Vista: Felix Gimble, Meridth Gimble

Carmel Valley: Avery Mephram, Miley Mephram

Chualar: Willi Ortner, Tiffany Batistich, Tawni Ortner

Greenfield: Yesenia Perea, Alexia Perea

Gonzales: Erin Askew, Sonia Madera, Natalie Madera

King City Blue Ribbon: Alicia Crespo, Alejandra Acero, Janelle Mendoza, Harper Stamps, Mia Lopez, Sofia Patino

King City Rural: Desiree Vanoli, Jenna Vanoli, Teri Storelli, Vivien Cullen, Allie Cullen

Lockwood: Misty Hancock

Mission: Crystal Rubbo, Giavonna Rubbo

Natividad: Anita Porcello
Royal Oaks: JoAnn Etchison
San Benancio: Not Present
Spring: Linda Odello
Staff: Lorin Hofmann-Lurz
Other:

Approval of Meeting Minutes, 09/17/24

- Approval:
 - 1st: Gina Acevedo (Aromas)
 - 2nd: Terry Storelli (King City Rural)

Correspondence Report:

- None to Report

Approval of Treasurers Report – Aaron Thornton (Natividad)

- September Report:
 - General Fund Open: \$184,864.72
 - General Fund Close: \$182,593.13
 - Youth County Council Open: \$2,978.03
 - Youth County Council Close: \$2,978.09
 - Scholarship Funds Open: \$49,439.71
 - Scholarship Funds Close: \$49,440.55
 - All funds combined at close: \$234,011.77
- Approval:
 - 1st: Nicole Hostert (Spring)
 - 2nd: Anita Porcello (Mission)
 - No Discussion

President's Report-Kelly Violini (Spring)

- Committees Needed & Sign-Ups for:
 - Incentive & Recognition committee
 - Expansion & Review committee
- Nominations for Council & Youth Co-Council Officers 2025-2026
 - Discussion was to Add to the November Agenda. Consider how to Stagger Council Officer Positions to allow for overlap in positions as all are ending June 30, 2025. Must get started with nominations soon to meet bylaws.
- Funding Committee:
 - A request for 4-H adult volunteers to work at Young Farmer & Ranchers Crab Feed – January 25, 2025 at the Salinas Rodeo Grounds. A Google Form will be sent out by Kelly for sign-ups. Money will be donated to the council.

County Ambassador Report-Brianna Glass & Kapri Batistich

- 2024-2025 County Ambassador shared their Theme. This was placed on hats for all club officers. Refrigerator magnets were handed out to guests present. If your club needs a program, please contact the CA to come to your meeting.

Camp Report –

- To be added to the November Agenda

Fair Reports – Gina Acevedo, 2nd Vice President

- **Salinas Valley Fair (May 16-19, 2024) Golden Hills & Fair Time Thrills**
 - The 7th Annual Trunk or Treat for Halloween will be held on 10/31 from 4:30-6pm at the SVF Expo Lawn
 - To participate, call the Rec Office or go online to the fair website
- **Monterey County Fair (August 29-September 2, 2024) Barn to be Wild**
 - The Carcass Contest will be held Monday, 10/21 at 6pm in the Seaside Room at the Fairgrounds
 - If you would like to attend, please RSVP online.
- **Santa Cruz County Fair (September 11-15, 2024) Pioneer Days to Modern Ways**
 - Auction checks are ready for pick-up at the main office from 9am-4pm.
 - To pick up your check, you are required to bring all Thank You letters.
- **San Benito County Fair (October 4-6, 2024) Fair Ever Young**
 - The Carcass Contest Results will be held on 11/5 at 6pm in the Oaks Room at the Fairgrounds.

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

- Felix Gimble of Buena Vista said he was Looking forward to the event at the Fab Lab this year. There will be 4-H participation, once again, in the Salinas Veterans Day Parade. And, Buena Vista will also be holding its annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser.

Council Committee Reports –

- STEM Committee Report – Buena Vista – October 19, 2024 by Meredith Gimble It would be helpful feedback for committees, if all attendees and/or volunteers provided information on pros and cons of the event in order to between plan for the upcoming years.
- New Member Event – Carmel Valley – October 26, 2024 Allyssa Mephram . Carmel Valley is looking forward to the event and are tracking on budget. RSVP is required. A dinner will be served for all attendees.
- Fantastic Field Day – King City Blue Ribbon – February 22, 2025. The event will be held in the Orradre Building at Salinas valley fairgrounds. There was a all committee meeting before this meeting to go over matters. A flyer will be created. Lunch will be a fundraiser for and by KCBR. Please RSVP in the provided system to ensure there is an accurate count to ensure there is enough food.
- Presentation Night – Gonzales – March 21, 2025 by Erin Askew.

- Presentation Night will be held at La Gloria Elementary School in Gonzales, same as last year at the same times.
- The turnout was small last year. It takes a lot of work to get organized in time Committee is asking for more volunteers and judges in order to make this event a success

Club Sharing: How do you celebrate National 4-H Week?

- Aromas: Many youth wore 4-H t-shirts to school.
- Buena Vista: Felix Gimble is currently conducting research as to when 4-H was started in Monterey County.
- Carmel Valley: With this Spirit Week, alumni pictures of youth in the club were shared.
- Chualar: Ambassador hats were provided to all Officers, and all were asked to report about 4-H at their respective schools.
- Gonzales: A spirit week was held with different pictures of youth participating in 4-H each day.
- Greenfield: Not present.
- King City Blue Ribbon: KRKC radio talk, window decorating in King City, officer highlights each day followed by a group photo submitted to the Rustler. Ambassador hats were distributed.
- King City Rural: Ambassador hats were provided to all Officers and announcements were had on the radio and the group picture was included in the Rustler.
- Lockwood: Spirit week/theme days and the group picture was included in the Rustler.
- Mission: Ambassador hats were distributed.
- Natividad: Picture was submitted to the Rustler, Social Media post each day with different members about why they joined 4-H and why 4-H is enjoyed.
- Royal Oaks: Posters were made by the youth and fall flyers were handed out at the local schools.
- San Benancio: Not Present
- Spring: Meeting was held at the Pumpkin Patch, Ambassador hats were distributed.

Staff Report: Lorin Hofmann-Lurz Program Representative

- Enrollment updates: Please enter your child's grade if required in Z-Suites. You likely have received an email from Myra if this was missing. Enrollment Historical numbers for club enrollment is provided in the packet to show all who needs more help and Outreach . For club or project transfers, all transfer paperwork must be complete. Ana Torres, Regional Program Coordinator, approves all County Volunteers
- Livestock Deadline this year is the 2nd Friday of December : Friday, December 13, 2024
- Livestock Leaders: A required Review of all rules is needed. A letter with a request and instructions will go out to the livestock leader and club leader. Please review the email and respond to Lorin.
- Beginning year packets, were turned in 9/27/24. Waiting on signatures by Ana Torres. All Club Calendars should be complete, ready to go for new club members. This helps to keep new families engaged.

- Outreach – Keep this effort going. Enrollment numbers, and some clubs need assistance. Rule of thumb, every time you lose a member, try to recruit!
- Clubs are to write Outgoing letters to the community as part of Outreach. Samples have been provided. Officer should write and send these in the US Mail . The Corresponding Report Form should be used, it's easy to use and should be attached to the outreach documentation form.
- Sparks Award – Beginners Zoom will be provided at the end of the month. along with the Intermediate level called Emerald Star I & II training will be in early November.
- The annual Treasurer & Secretary Training/Judging – Mostly all complete! Thank you for those who attended and the participation from those who helped judge. The trophy will be handed to the Best Secretary and Best Treasurer book.
- In going through books, the required Service Learning was found as only 2 clubs turned this in. To maintain a club charter as outlined in the Program planning Guide, this must be completed each year. Service-Learning information will be provided by Kapri Batistich, Monterey County Ambassador on 11/19/24

Unfinished Business:

- N/A

New Business:

- N/A

Next Council Meeting Tuesday, November 19th, at the Salinas 4-H Office at 7pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm

1st: Nicole Hostert (Spring)

2nd: Gina Acevedo (Aromas)

Minutes compiled by Melissa Ortner & Kapri Batistich