



MONTEREY COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 19, 2024, Salinas Ag Office

Call to Order – Kelly Violini (President) at 7:07 pm

Pledge of Allegiance – Aly Acevedo (Aromas)

4-H Pledge – Madison Hostert (Spring)

Introduction of Guests and New Club Leaders

- Included on the sign-in sheet

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** – Madison Hostert
- **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: Andi Moran, Jessica Tidwell, Tara Albrecht, Nadine Houle, Monique O., Wylan H.

Buena Vista: Mario Flores, Jorge Flores

Carmel Valley: Richard Douglas, Alyssa Mephram, Miley Mephram

Chualar: Willi Ortner, Tiffany Batistish, Joy Hedberg, Brooke Hedberg, Emily Pedrazzi

Greenfield: Yesenia Perea

Gonzales: Erin Askew, Paloma Ochoa, Israel Rodriguez, Maria Herrera

King City Blue Ribbon: Alicia Crespo

King City Rural: Teri Storelli

Lockwood: Not Present

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, 10/15/24

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

Correspondence Report:

- None to Report

Approval of Treasurers Report – Aaron Thornton (Natividad)

- October Report:
 - General Fund Open: \$182,593.13
 - General Fund Close: \$176,309.16
 - Youth County Council Open: \$2,978.09
 - Youth County Council Close: \$2,978.15
 - Scholarship Funds Open: \$48,440.55
 - Scholarship Funds Close: \$48,441.37
 - All funds combined at close: \$227,728.37
- Approval:
 - 1st: Nicole Hostert (Spring)
 - 2nd: Mario Flores (Buena Vista)
 - No Discussion

President's Report-Kelly Violini (Spring)

- Incentive & Recognition
- Expansion & Review
- Nominating Committee for 2025/2026
 - Google Form: <https://forms.gle/SPjoMRfHQTzQtHcb8>
- Funding Committee
 - YF&R Crab Feed, January 25, 2025 at the Rodeo Grounds
 - Google Form: <https://forms.gle/hfyRBNPmCCswBCNr7>

County Ambassador Report-Brianna Glass & Kapri Batistich

- If you would like the County Ambassadors to come speak at your meeting, please reach out to Lorin.

- A google link was provided at the end of their Service Learning Presentation tonight

Camp Report – Jeannie Grainger

- Interviews for counselors this past week
- Camp applications will be going live in February

Fair Reports – Gina Acevedo, 2nd Vice President

- Salinas Valley Fair (2025)
 - No updates
- Monterey County Fair (2025) Jungle Theme
 - Please pick up your checks before 90-days after issue.
- Santa Cruz County Fair (2025)
 - A Committee meeting will be held in January
- San Benito County Fair (2025)
 - No updates

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

- No Reports

Council Committee Reports –

- Achievement Event – King City Rural
- STEM Committee Report – Buena Vista – Jorge Flores (Youth Chair)
 - Event was hosted on 10/19/24 at the Fab Lab in Salinas
 - Great feedback from the attendees!
 - \$396 was paid for snacks and lunch, \$1500 was paid to the Fab Lab out of the budget of \$2000
 - Please turn in your paperwork for Youth Chair Pen
 - Learnings for next year, the club needs to confirm all detail with the Fab Lab in June to ensure the flyer is approved in July for greater outreach
- New Member Event – Carmel Valley – Avery Mempham (Youth Chair)
 - Event was hosted on 10/26/24 at the 4-H Office in Salinas
 - Great feedback from the attendees
 - Please turn in your paperwork for Youth Chair Pen
- Fantastic Field Day – KCBR – Alicia Crespo
 - Committee met in October for menu review and how to best conduct check-in.
- FFD Baking – Natividad – Anita Porcello
 - 4-Categories:
 - Muffins
 - Sugar Cookies (Decorate to Theme)
 - Chocolate Chip Cookies
 - Sourdough
 - How to judge a baking contest?
- FFD Poster & Photography – Spring – Nicole Hostert

- FFD Veggie ID – Mission – Crystal Rubbo
 - Looking to make insect boxes
- FFD Livestock ID – Chualar – Kapri Batistich & Melissa Ortner
 - Keeping as educational versus judging
- FFD Community Service – Aromas – Tara Albrecht
 - Planting succulent gardens and painting rocks with positive quotes (Kindness Rocks) to place in the community
- Presentation Night – Gonzales – Paloma Ochoa
 - Flyers are ready and provided in tonight’s packet.
 - Friday, March 21st, 5:30-8:00pm
 - Please reach out to Lorin with any questions

Club Sharing: What is your club’s Service Learning Project plans this year?

- Aromas: Nothing yet planned
- Buena Vista: City of Marina, Citizens for Sustainable Marina – Native Pollinator Plants
- Carmel Valley: Ocean Plastics working with NOAH and Ocean Strategies with an end-of-the-year Beach Clean-Up Day
- Chualar: Nothing yet planned
- Gonzales: Nothing yet planned
- Greenfield: City of Greenfield – Day of Thanks Crew on November 24th, 1pm-5pm – Donation of Canned Good and Foods Service
- King City Blue Ribbon: Nothing yet planned
- King City Rural: Monterey County Agriculture and Rural Life Museum
- Lockwood: Not Present
- Mission: Nothing yet planned
- Natividad: Nothing yet planned, hoping to partner with Madonna Gardens
- Royal Oaks: Moss Landing Marine Lab
- San Benancio: Fire Safety and Prevention with local Firefighters and planting plants for landscape rehabilitation
- Spring: Food Bank – Monterey County

Staff Report: Lorin Hofmann-Lurz (UCANR)

- Thank you for all efforts going through the summer and fall!
- Beginning of year documents, all turned in; Anna Torres to sign this week.
- Livestock Rules have been reviewed and feedback has been provided to club leaders
 - Required to add:
 - Process of club transfers
 - Housing is not provided
 - Problem resolution
- Enrollment instructions and updates have been emailed to VECs
- Safety Ratio policy, please help regulate
- Enrollment Deadline: December 13th, 2024
 - Required to show at King City, Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Fairs
- Presentation Workshop offered this year in form of a County-wide Presentation Project

- Start in December, additional dates to be confirmed.
- Gift-cards cannot be given out, all are encouraged to give with your hands, not your check-book.
- Mid-year Reviews are almost complete
 - Secretary Book Trophy: San Benancio
 - Treasurer Book Trophy: King City Rural

Unfinished Business:

- N/A

New Business:

- N/A

Next Council Meeting Tuesday, January 21st, via Zoom at 7pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm
1st: Tiffany Batistich (Chualar)
2nd: Alicia Crespo (King City Blue Ribbon)
Minutes compiled by Melissa Ortner & Kapri Batistich