

Santa Cruz County Council Minutes

October 17, 2013

**The meeting was called to order** at 7:03 on October 17 by Mindy Gillen.

The flag salute was led by Emily Lopez and the **4H pledge** was led by Steven Katawicz..

**In attendance** were:

**Scotts Valley:** Mindy Gillen, Brennan Gillen; **La Selva Beach:** Danielle Crill, Rebekah Crill, Robin Turnquist, Katelyn Praley, Christine Praley; **Boulder Creek:** Steven Katawicz, Julie Katawicz, Brian Charles; **Corralitos** Emily Lopez, Stephanie Hedgpeth-Lopez; **Staff:** Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty, Stephanie Fontana

**Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** add THRIVE to County Reports

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion for the minutes from the 2013 August meeting motioned to be approved by Brian Charles, with a second by Danielle Crill.

**Treasurer's report:** Rebekah Crill is still sorting out last year's books. She is working on getting budget going for next month. She has submitted everything that has been done so far since she received the books. Please note in report that cd is listed as \$ 63,000 not \$63,000.01. Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty asked about the scholarships and it was explained how scholarship fund works and how they are awarded ( students in high school can begin to apply for college scholarships while still in high school) Stephanie Fontana asked council to vote on new treasurer's fund request/deposit report form so that it could be dated as council approved. Rebekah Crill created it to show clear records for deposits and withdrawals from various funds.. She suggested to add to top "club" so clubs could use form as well. Rebekah Crill explained each item on the form .

A motion was made to approve with changes (club) by Brian Charles and was seconded by Julie Kavatawicz. Stephanie Fontana asked if she should still receive in the office and give a receipt. It was suggested it to be sent to club leaders when finalized as well.

Rebekah Crill pointed out that at this point Clover Deli is the only fundraiser we have. She pointed out we keep using funds in savings and we need to think about replenishing them. This month alone she used \$5000 to cover bills.

**Leadership Team Report** Emily Lopez: There will be a Crab feed Nov 9 (members participate to raise leadership funds) County game night is Oct 25 (Halloween themed) starts at 6:30. Bring an SPCA donation to receive bingo card.LCORT is coming up, The teaching team is All-Stars (Emily Lopez, Marjorie Garbini, Julia Fuller, Lyann Suruki) and Katelyn Praley. They are planning a funday for leadership team (possibly bowling). Katelyn added about Halloween costume contest- most original scariest, 4-H spirit, etc. Michaela Crill to send out a flyer.

**Club Reports:**

**Boulder Creek:** (Brian Charles) Fair recap: Livestock for the first time in awhile; they participated in Roaring Camp Harvest Festival with a petting zoo. They made \$64 and was also part of their outreach.

**Corralitos:** (Stephanie Hedgpeth-Lopez, Emily Lopez) recap of fair, members won lots of awards, new community service project, bylaws and constitution discussion, Planning a club movie night for November.

**La Selva Beach** have not met since last meeting mountain biking project will be available-building trails part of project

**Scotts Valley** (Mindy Gillen)- reporter ran 4 club press releases and they have had new members; they participated in annual Save Our Shores: members attending tour of Santa Cruz Wharf Seymore Science Center; they will hold a food drive in November and participate million tree planting; annual wreath fundraiser beginning- forms available. limited supplies; county wide ukulele project thurs at St Phillips Church (see website); advanced sewing county wide project focused on altering patterns

**Soquel** (not present)

**County Reports:** THRIVE all about team work. Katelyn Praley reported on September 13-15 trip for THRIVE master trainers in Anaheim. Training was to prepare for training participants and rolling out new curriculum. Katelyn was very enthusiastic about it, and said they "focused on the positive" New Curriculum focuses on science technology and communication. They are working on a project "Teens with a Voice" to help teens communicate better. Mindy Gillen questioned about how to get more teens involved and to find the right audience for THRIVE. New curriculum does include portion for younger members Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty suggested using as curriculum for teen leadership in clubs. Rebekah Crill suggested bringing it to game night. Katelyn Praley has an activity in mind in will do as suggested.

**Committee Reports:** Expansion and Review- Yard signs are here- please take 10 per club. More available with Stephanie Fontana in the office. Mindy Gillen asked for club leaders to send committee volunteers sheet as she makes up new committees

**Clover Deli-** Approximate net from this year's Santa Cruz County Fair was \$8300 . Mint chip shakes very popular. Shift pin awards went well- feedback was on pins...Mindy suggested posting recipients on website, as kids were interested in who "won". Robin Turnquist said Pepsi storage shed was repaired as it had been vandalized again. This year, it will be left unlocked with tank hidden. It was suggested that family's get % off tabs when paying. This year's tab take was \$1300. Mindy suggested a reminder before fair about tabs to meeting before fair next year. Robin Turnquist spoke about needing to show fair Clover Deli is not a concession but is volunteers to change 5 paid to fair.

Fair note: Amp broken at fair....needs to be fixed or replaced or new purchased before snow camp. Mindy asked if anyone could look into Brennan Gillen added that older technology is harder to fix. Stephanie Fontana said she would look into it.

Spring fair horse show intake was approx \$1900 (scholarship subtracted out)

**Unfinished business;** Emerald Star applications- none received this receiving period Mindy would like more information given out. Rebekah said I and R committee should work on that.

**New business:**

**Club plans/budgets:** All club plans/budgets due Nov. 1. Mindy Gillen has said it is hard to plan next year's books when they don't receive last year's in a timely fashion to refer to. Stephanie Fontana asked these please be emailed in, brought in, or mailed in by Nov. 1. Lynn Schmitt McQuitty reminded that EVERY fundraiser this year needs to be pre-approved with fundraiser form.

**Council Minutes:** Mindy Gillen said it has been recommended that minutes be sent within the next 7 days. Lynn asked if ok to do with unapproved minutes. Rebekah Crilly Said we had already approved it. It needs to be put out there as a draft of minutes until approved.

**County Website-** Mindy Gillen would like it updated more often. Stephanie Fontana mentioned office secretary does update once a month. Mindy Gillen feels this is hurting our access to new members. Stephanie Fontana reminded everyone that newsletters are no longer being produced. Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty has said problem is emails are only to members, website open to everyone. There was a concern over blogs. Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty has said that we will archive old notes, make a point of keeping website updated, and perhaps in November a presentation on how 4h is working on communication(..previous issue is many of newsletter info contained private information).

**Teen Leadership introduction:** Mindy Gillen suggested that presentations be made to all clubs. so members new about teen leadership. Robin Turnquist said it was not discussed at last meeting but will be the next meeting- Mindy Gillen is suggesting outreach to clubs. Rebekah Crill suggested maybe their own web page. Stephanie Fontana suggested a flyer that she would have available to handout.

*State record books due today.* There did not seem to be an interest. Rebekah Crill commented on her experience working with it at state level, and felt it was extra work that members might not be motivated to do

*County fun event?* Would corralitos consider extending invitation of movie event? Mindy Gillen suggested Boulder Creek will do glow in the dark soccer agina later in the year

LCORT funding apps due November 1. Stephanie Hedgpeth-Lopez reminded everyone that because of price jump, deposit is higher than previous year according to funding request form. (\$50 instead of \$25)

*Million Trees City of Santa Cruz Planting day* as part of million trees .org We need a dozen kids to sign up. Day is Nov. 17 if interested email Stephanie Fontana. for more information - please wear your "clovers"

*LCORT is Jan 24-26, 2013*

*Snow camp is Feb 14-17* we need a new camp director for that camp previous director unable. Clarification was made that though a family camp, adult volunteers could be a chaperone Brian Charles recommended bringing it up at club level now before the holidays to increase participation.

Mindy Gillen is trying to get more information out sooner to increase participation in all events.

**Staff Reports** - Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty reported this was first year ever with 100% All Reasonable efforts report being turned in. California had a federal affirmative action review as a result, there will be re education this year. Yard signs, boughs, etc., every single paper must include UC symbol and affirmative action statement on it, even if internal to our own members. 8 point is smallest allowed, UC symbol and affirmative action must be on everything. There will be a more visible copy on website in order to copy and paste where needed it Stephanie Fontana will put it on auto reply as well.

Whenever we have a county wide event, we would like you to have a sign in sheet so county may enter data into enrollment system. It is needed to show USDA as well as state of California to show attendance at events Can use online enrollment system to keep track as well. As a county we will get more credit.

Stephanie Fontana.- LCORT forms here. In the spring, Scott Mautee will come to talk about online record book training This is a great opportunity for our county . Will need to pay for his travel expenses. Lynn Schmitt McQuitty said she will cover the costs

February 1-2 2013 will be a training for archery leaders and teens at a cost of 35\$ at Corralitos Community Center. Trainer will be Jeannie George

Would like council to consider a 4H Facebook. to post events - it was brought up before and would like to consider it again. Fair would like more youth to be more involved. They want youth feedback about the fair and invite all to a Fair Board Meeting.. Meeting is this next tuesday Oct. 22 in the Harvest building at 6:30 Would like to see kids there.

Adult orientation may be 7:00 at Aptos Grange on Monday the 28th. Mindy Gillen asked about a site more North, Stephanie Fontana asked for assistance in finding a facility- wifi needs to be available. Mindy Gillen said she could offer preschool in Scotts Valley as location.

**Other announcements:** Lynn Schmitt McQuitty said that as 2013 is 100 year of anniversary of 4-H she would like a proclamation by the board of supervisors and is encouraging All-Stars or leadership team to work on that. Mindy Gillen asked if we could get signage about various groups on city sign.

Club resources are available for things such as parliamentary procedure handouts.- see Stephanie Fontana.

State leaders forum- Robin and Randy will be there representing Santa cruz County. They are asking for club donations for a Santa cruz basket- they would like it by the 4th to have to take to auction. Robin Turnquist motioned for a donation of \$30 towards basket (from council) if needed and was seconded by Rebekah Crill and the motion was approved

Brian Charles motioned to adjourn the meeting .....Katelyn Praley seconded it, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:03 pm.

Note: There was a correspondence from an SLC funding recipient and it was tabled to next meeting as it was brought up towards end of meeting

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