

Ventura County 4-H Council
March 29, 2017 - General Meeting
Ventura County Cooperative Extension Office Conference Room

- 1) Jenean called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

In attendance were:

Jenean Bass, Council President – presiding
Kitty Beckmann, Council Member At Large
Leslie Bellmore, Council Corresponding Secretary
Heidi Marshall, Council Treasurer
Sue Poland, recording
Heather Wray, Council Vice President

Gabrielle Billington
Annabel Faris, County 4-H Office
Monika James
Jill Lujan
Virginia Reyes
Julie Salomonson

Gabrielle led us in the pledge to the American flag and the 4-H pledge.

- 2) Review of minutes from January's Council meeting was postponed, awaiting arrival of copies.
- 3) **Treasurer Report** showing Council with \$5161.41 in Discretionary Funds was presented by Heidi. - attached.
- 4) **PDC Reports:**

Consumer Sciences PDC – Heather shared Edith's emailed reports (attached). Food Faire and Fashion Revue went well. She hopes to bring Iron Chef back into Food Faire next year.

Question: Could more than \$100 be allotted to awards in future county budgets for PDCs? Answer: PDC events need to break even financially – so if more awards are needed/desired, entry fees will likely need to be raised or other fundraising done to cover them.

Small Animal PDC –They had a well-attended meeting tonight. Gabi is doing an amazing job on Small Animal Field Day. They are seeking volunteers for and donations to the Silent Auction at that event. They suggest Small Animal youth sign up for and attend the Santa Barbara Fair (4/26-30 at Earl Warren Showgrounds). They are seeking a speaker for their June meeting and volunteers to take on PDC leadership for 2017-18.

Question was raised regarding process for selecting new PDC Officers: Answer: PDCs seek volunteers for their positions, and hold their own internal election if necessary. New officers official take office in July, and retiring officers overlap/assist them through Fair for their training and to ensure continuity.

SAPDC received and shared feedback from attendees at March Quality Assurance program: The event talked about Large Livestock, and seemed to completely ignore the Small Animals.

SAPDC was requested to submit that feedback to Fair directly and at the May 4 Livestock Committee meeting.

Large Livestock PDC –Virginia shared a printout of the survey for the May 20 Large Livestock Field Day event. Event is 9:00-2:00, and there is a \$5 entry fee per person. Two competitive events will be included: Poster Contests and Swine Bowl.

Regarding Swine Bowl: All participants must be active members of a swine project to win a medal in this event. Note that the button/buzzer equipment used at Swine Bowl is owned by Small Livestock. Swine Bowl participants are requested to be more careful with it to prevent breakage.

Skills PDC – Heidi shared that Preliminary Presentation Day was 2/27 and County Presentation Day was 3/11. 31 kids from 4 clubs (Loma Vista, Conejo Simi, Santa Rosa Valley and Las Posas) participated. 24 presentations and many interviews were done. Some of our kids will be competing at the Southern Area Field Day 4/1.

Equine PDC – Heather shared the high points from the 3/16 EPDC minutes (attached). Key EPDC need is: With Tracy and Debbie stepping down, new chairpersons will be needed for 2017-18. This year, 4-H Horse Fair awards will be incorporated in the 4-H Awards Ceremony on Sunday afternoon of Fair. A June 11 Field Day hosted by SFV Club is their next event.

Leadership PDC – Primarily needs a volunteer leader. This person will have great influence over the direction this PDC takes. Possible opportunities for them include: a County-level “Board” for youth, doing Community Service, helping other PDCs, Roberts Rules of Order, career exploration, résumé writing, “How to Use/Be a Teen/Junior 4-H Project Leader”, Emerald Star projects, 4-H Fair Booth... Funds are in the budget for this PDC.

Kaleidoscope PDC – This too is a new PDC opportunity, hoping to support and offer youth leadership opportunities for 4-H youth who are involved in assorted projects not covered by other PDCs, such as: Bees, Arts & Crafts, Camping, and more. This new PDC also needs a leader volunteer who will likely have great influence over its official name, direction and programs. Funds have been budgeted for this PDC also.

5) **Southern Area Report** – Heather shared Edith’s report (attached).

6) **4-H Office** – Annabel

a) **Enrollment process is changing for 2017-18:** While certain forms (i.e. releases, Code of Conduct) will still require hardcopy/signatures, enrollment will be as paperless as possible. It will be done online, and the clubs will retain all forms that are signed. When events are held, additional copies of these forms will likely be required from each participant. When the Clubs’ Enrollment Specialists confirm youth/adult members, this verifies that clubs have collected all necessary forms and fees – the County will no longer need to verify this.

b) **Adult Enrollment Process:** For 2017-18 and forward, new adult volunteers will be required to first do an online screening survey. Those who pass county screening will take leader training, complete LiveScan process, and once approved through that will do online enrollment.

c) **Adult Volunteer Training:** Every year, adult volunteers will have to complete an online training course. This will be provided by State 4-H, and is anticipated to be 4 sessions (

one for about an hour and 3 more for 15-20 minutes each). This training will not include any Ventura-specific information, but if necessary, the County could provide that.

- 7) **Calendar Change:** Jenean notified all attendees of planned changes: moving 2018 Fashion Revue to 3/10/18, and County Presentation Day to 2/10/18.
- 8) With arrival of copies of January Council Minutes, they were reviewed by attendees. Motion to approve 1/25/17 minutes (Virginia, Gabi) passed unanimously.
- 9) Budget Presentation: Heidi presented proposed changes:
 - a) **State 4-H dues:** State is raising their annual dues by \$8/youth to \$46, and by \$2/adult to \$18. Proposed budget keeps current level of County dues at \$8/youth, \$2/adult, and \$8 for aging-out members. So – 4-H dues for 2017-18 will be: \$54/youth, \$18/adult, and \$8 for aging-out, plus any extra charged by individual clubs.

While discussing Aging-Out youth, the reminder was made that all 4-H youth must be enrolled by July 28, 2017, to participate in Ventura County Fair.
 - b) **Kaleidoscope PDC:** This new PDC has been added, with a standard PDC budget of \$400 for education/events and \$100 for awards.
 - c) **Science PDC:** As this “PDC” previously covered only the expenses related to Science Night (an event held during 4-H Week in October), this line item has been renamed “4-H Week”, and will now include Science Night and other events planned for that week.
 - d) We will vote on the budget at the next meeting.

- 10) **Bylaws:** We approved certain bylaw changes back in August, 2016. In their mandatory review by State 4-H, we were instructed to make certain revisions regarding Council Officer terms (returning that to its original wording), limiting the number of Council Board Members-At-Large to 3 and requiring that all officer positions be filled before allowing MALs, and repairing 2 typos.

With changes imposed by the State, these new bylaws will be effective immediately.

Enactment of these bylaws necessitates the election of Council officers again this year. That opportunity for Council involvement will be announced in Clover Lines.

Nominations/volunteers should be emailed to Jenean, and additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at the May Council meeting. Incoming Officer terms commence in July, but Outgoing Officers will overlap with them through Fair to provide training and continuity.

11) **Announcements:**

- a) Jenean encouraged the group to consider entering a 4-H Booth in the Ag Building at 2017 Fair. This project could be done by an individual(s), a project group(s), or County Club(s). Any cash prize won would be divided by and among those who participate in the effort. The Booth must present Ventura County 4-H, not an individual club.
- b) **Correspondence:** Leslie shared several thank you notes that the office has received.

12) **Meeting adjourned by Jenean at 8:26.**

Ventura County 4-H Council
as of March 29, 2017

Opening Balance	\$22,377.27
Outstanding deposits	\$0.00
Outstanding checks	\$1,486.32
Dinning out fundraiser *	
Sub accounts *	\$6,905.73
Total Available to council	\$13,985.22

Budgeted Items

PDC's	\$1,825.53
All Stars	\$500.00
General Awards	\$1,461.72
South Sectional Fee	\$500.00
Gen Enrollment	\$2,438.00
Gen Grant Project	\$0.00
Gen Refreshment	\$0.00
Gen Supplies	\$100.00
Gen Travel	\$900.00
Gen Promo	\$338.56
Needs Based Enrollment	\$760.00
Total Committed	\$8,823.81
Discretionary Funds	\$5,161.41

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*designated funds

Southern Area

Southern Area Field Day is April 1, 2017 at Mt.SAC.

Leaders Retreat is April 7-9, 2017 in Big Bear – registration was sent one more time to everyone via Annabel.

State Field Day is Memorial Day Weekend

Small and Large Southern Area Animal Field Day will be September 23,2017 at Mt. SAC

We will have Southern State Field Day next year on May 19, 2018

Northern State Field Day will be Memorial Day Weekend in 2018

It is under consideration to have a Speech and Presentation work shop day to replace the Southern Area Field Day. Speeches given would still count in record book, but one would also get constructive criticism and help to fix presentation to be able to do well at State Field Day.

Consumer Science PDC

Food Fair and Fashion Revue went well. We are hoping to have it either at the Farm or at the 4H office again if possible. I was informed that Fashion Revue is set for the beginning of March 2018, and I would like to state that it may need to be moved back a little. Since Food Fair and Fashion Revue cannot be moved together to the same day, it would be better to hold Fashion Revue on a Friday evening/ late afternoon if possible. Food Fair may have an Iron Chef again next year, and we are continuing with the youth board. We had great kids this year, and I am hoping they will stay on to serve another year.

I would also like for you to consider increasing the amount that can be spent on awards, since \$100 will not be enough for two events. Food Fair alone had almost 50 kids with multiple entries.

Thank you

Kind Regards

Edith Sorensen

Ventura County EPDC Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2017 @ 6:30pm County Office in Ventura

1. Call to order: 6:40pm

Attending: Tracy Thomas, Makayla Cozatt, Debbie McNelly

2. Treasurer's Report:

- ❖ Beginning Balance for 2016-2017 \$3,473.27

3. Agenda items discussed:

- ❖ Tracy Thomas and Debbie McNelly will not longer Chair the EPDC after Horse Fair in July 2017. This will be our last year.
- ❖ Starting in the new project year 2016-2017, Horse Fair awards will be announce and handed out during the 4H Fair awards on the last day of Fair in August. We will be handing out the ribbons at Horse Fair for placements won during the Horse Fair. Members will not be informed of the award won, so that they are surprised during the 4H Awards at Fair in August. The awards will be handed out in the following order: Senior, Junior, Sub-Teen, Maiden and Walk/Trot
- ❖ Below are the awards we have chosen to order this year, considering items price and availability.

Weekend Over All

Champion: Buckle

Reserve: Black Jacket

Showmanship

Champion: Buckle

Reserve: Ribbon

Western Equitation Champion

Bridle Bag

English Equitation Champion

Bridle Bag

Western Day End

Champion: Buckle

Reserve: Breast Collar and Bridle Set

English Day End

Champion: Buckle

Reserve: Leather Halter w/engraving of event

Gymkhana Day End

Champion: Buckle

Reserve: Saddle Pad with emblem

Supreme Exhibitor

Saddle Bag with embroidery

Sportsmanship

Cooler

Most Improved

Day Sheet

Adjournment: 8:00pm

2016-2017 EPDC events

October 23rd Play Day @ Conejo Creek Equestrain Park hosted by Santa Rosa Valley

* June 11thth Field Day location TBD Park hosted by Santa Rosa Valley