

Ventura County 4-H Council Meeting
Minutes
May 24, 2017

I. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Jenean Bass, President, at 7:12 pm at the UCCE Office, 669 County Square Dr., Ventura, CA.
- In attendance were: Jenean Bass, Heather Wray, Hayden Wray, Heidi Marshall, Kitty Beckmann, Leslie Bellmore, Annabel Faris, Jill Lujan, Monika James, Virginia Reyes, Edith Sorensen, Anna Sorensen, Kelvin Sorensen, and Jennie Willoughby.

II. Flag Salute and 4-H Pledge

- The Flag Salute was led by Hayden Wray.
- The 4-H Pledge was led by Anna Sorensen.

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

- Virginia Reyes made a motion to accept the minutes dated March 29, 2017. Second made by Edith Sorensen. Motion passed.

IV. Open Issues

Anna Sorensen, Emerald Star

- Anna Sorensen reported that she has completed her Emerald Star Project. She educated the public about solitary bees and bumble bees. She led workshops at clubs, Fair, and the Scandinavian Center. She estimates that she reached over 500 people. Anna taught people how to make a floating cork island on which bees can land to drink water without drowning. She created and distributed brochures about solitary bees and bumble bees.

Vote to Approve budget for 2017 - 2018

- There was discussion about the line item "Pub/Promo" in the budget. It was suggested that we encourage participation of members from all clubs to create the 4-H Fair Booth. The booth could reflect all clubs and projects in the county (ie. bee projects, avian bowl, large animal projects, small animal projects, etc...). Jenean Bass stated that it's important to have an adult in charge to oversee the entire project and handle relations with the Fair (sign up, get the packet from the Fair, determine timeline, organize, etc...)
- Monika James made a motion to accept the 2017-2018 budget which was presented at the March 29, 2017 Council Meeting. Second was made by Virginia Reyes. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

1. Treasurer Report- Heidi Marshall:

- The treasurer report was distributed and read by Heidi Marshall.

2. Southern Area Report - Edith Sorensen:
 - There have been several recent changes in the Southern Area due to new leadership on the State Management Board. Contrary to previous discussions and plans, there will be a Southern Area Field Day next year and there will be only one State Field Day next year.
 - The funds that Southern Area gave to the State are designated for Southern Area.
 - On September 23, 2017 there will be a field day at Mt. Sac including large animals, small animals, and equine. It will have an educational focus.
 - A Healthy Living Summit will be held on November 11, 2017, most likely in Ventura County. They are researching venues. Jessica Poland is the youth chair (perhaps as an emerald star project). An adult chair is needed.
 - There will be a 3-day youth conference for ages 11 and older in Ventura County. Edith Sorensen is researching venues. It was suggested that Arnaz Camp in Casitas Springs might be a good location.
 - The California 4-H Southern Youth Summit, (formerly known as TIC), will be January 12, 2018 to January 14, 2018 at Pathfinder Ranch.

3. Consumer Science PDC - Edith Sorensen:
 - Food Faire went very well with 54 members participating.
 - Fashion Revue was also a big success with 11 members participating. State Field Day is May 27th, 2017 and approximately 6 members will be attending.
 - Next year, Edith Sorensen would like to have Fashion Revue on a Friday night, with a lovely dinner, fashion show, real flower centerpieces, etc...
 - Next year, for Food Faire, Edith Sorensen would like to have rotating events, so that the booths change every 1 1/2 hours.
 - Jenean Bass suggested that PDCs not spend as much on judges' lunches because that expense tends to be very high. Perhaps lunch items could be donated by clubs or it could be a potluck.

4. Large Livestock PDC - Virginia Reyes:
 - Large Livestock Super Field Day went very well, with 46 youth members participating. There was a swine bowl, educational posters, and a variety of other activities. The kids all seemed to have a great time.
 - Next year, Virginia Reyes would like to have more bowls (possibly a beef bowl).

5. Small Animal PDC - Monika James and Jill Lujan:

- Small Animal Field Day went very well and Gabi Billington did an excellent job. Jenean Bass pointed out that 40% of kids in small animal projects attended, which is a great turnout. They made \$80.00 in profit from entry fees. Also, the bake sale and silent auction brought in \$826.28 which is designated for belt buckles.
 - The Small Animal PDC received a grant from the Bank of the Sierra. This will provide the remaining funds needed for belt buckles this year and give the Small Animal PDC some cushion for next year. The Bank of the Sierra wants to take a picture of Jill Lujan and Monika James with some 4-Hers. Also, Jill Lujan and Monika James must write an article for the Ventura County Star.
 - Crystal McLean will be the Small Animal PDC Chair next year. Jill Lujan recommends that a person experienced with small animals and Fair be found to assist Crystal McLean.
 - The next (and last) Small Animal PDC meeting will be on June 21, 2017 prior to the Council meeting.
6. Equine PDC - Tracy Thomas:
- Tracy Thomas was not present, but Heather Wray read the report. The last EPDC meeting was done via email. No one has stepped up to chair the EPDC next year. There are several clubs that have equine projects.
7. Fair Report - Sue Poland:
- Sue Poland was not present, but Heather Wray read the report. Derek Smalley is the new Large Livestock Superintendent. He has been a showman judge (lamb and goats) in the past. Carol Wilkes is the new Small Livestock Superintendent.
 - The barrow show will not be eliminated because there was overwhelming support for it.
 - The Fair Livestock Committee meets the 1st Thursday of each odd-numbered month.
8. 4-H Office Report - Annabel Faris:
- Final enrollment billings are underway.
 - There will be an enrollment specialist/club leader meeting on June 5, 2017.
 - An offer was given to someone for the Program Rep job. Now the office is waiting for their response.

June Elections

- Jenean Bass asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none.

V. New Business

- Jill Lujan made a motion to approve \$607.72 to purchase 200 Fair pins. Second was made by Jennie Willoughby. Motion passed.
- There was discussion about purchasing a new quiz bowl buzzer system. This would allow more bowls to operate at events. Kitty Beckmann suggested purchasing the black box type with a buzzer on top. This type reduces the chance of kids inadvertently pushing the button. Jill Lujan made a motion to approve \$450.00 to purchase a buzzer system with carrying case. Second was made by Monika James. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm by Jenean Bass.

Respectfully submitted by Heidi Marshall