

Ventura County 4-H Council
January 25, 2017 - General Meeting
Ventura County Cooperative Extension Office Conference Room

- 1) Heather called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

In attendance were:

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

Gabrielle Billington
Annabel Faris, County 4-H Office
Monika James
Jill Lujan

Heather led us in the pledge to the American flag. Sue led the 4-H pledge.

- 2) Minutes from the 10/26/16 Council meeting were presented. Several typos were corrected. Motion to approve the corrected minutes from 10/26/16 (Jill Lujan, Monika James) passed without objection.
- 3) **Treasurer Report** showing Council with \$796.25 in Discretionary Funds was presented by Heidi. - attached.

Questions were raised regarding specific sub-account balances held by the Small Livestock group. Their carryover from last year for awards amounts to \$43.07. They also have been allotted \$100 budget for awards and have \$180.22 remaining in this year's budget for education/events. The Small Animal Field Day carried over \$715.90 in its subaccount.

- 4) **Correspondence:** Leslie reported that we sent a thank you letter to Jim Rivera at the Ventura County Community Foundation for their \$500 donation.

- 5) **PDC Reports:**

General PDC Question – Can a 4-H member count the Ventura County Fair as a 4-H event if there is not a specific 4-H class for exhibitors of some species? For example, Equine and Small Animal events historically

have not had specific 4-H classes at Fair. **Answer: Yes.** State 4-H confirms that the Ventura County Fair will count as a state qualifier event.

Consumer Sciences PDC – Heather shared Edith’s report from their January meeting (attached). Note that attendance at this weekend’s Food Faire event counts for Record Book as attending a county function, even if the youth has not formally entered in the Faire.

Equine PDC – No report

Small Animal PDC –

- a) Gabi Billington has volunteered to lead the Small Animal Field Day currently scheduled for April 22 at Hansen. Crystal McLean (Loma Vista) will be her mentor and this project will be for Gabi’s Emerald Star.
- b) The October 29 leader training went very well and was well attended. Jill and Monika prepared project manuals for each species, to be kept in the 4-H library. Because of the expense of duplication and great general interest in these materials, they have requested that special controls/tracking be placed on these items so they don’t disappear.

Skills PDC – Heidi shared that Preliminary Presentation Day will be 2/27 and County Presentation Day will be 3/11. She is seeking volunteer judges for these events – no experience necessary. Teens age 16 and up could serve as judges. The scoring rubric is very easy to follow, and the presentations are interesting and educational. Judges would serve from about 8:30-11:30 a.m. on those dates, and lunch is included with the event. Please contact Heidi, Kate, or Annabel with any questions about volunteering

Question was raised – **Has the rubric been revised to deal with the situation where a high quality presentation is being delivered, but the information it contains is incorrect?** Answer – No. Heidi will work with Kate to appropriately send this feedback/request to State. The scoring rubric is part of the Presentation Manual, and all had an opportunity to submit feedback on that manual, however this was not repaired.

Question was raised – **Does the State have some sort of generic suggestion/comment box (email) where random suggestions like this might be sent?** Answer – Annabel will investigate.

Southern Area Report – Heather shared Edith’s report from their January meeting (attached).

4-H Office – Kate is doing jury duty on a 3-week trial, and her absence is temporarily hampering County Staff’s efforts to be as responsive as they’d like to be. Please be patient with them.

All Stars – Heather encouraged participation by County Youth in these opportunities. All Star applications are due around May.

6) Open Issues:

a) Re-enrollment: For next year’s (2017-18) re-enrollment process, it is hopefully and likely to be primarily an online procedure, with only 2-3 paper forms required on behalf of each member. Stay tuned...

b) Fair Attendance Policy: Heather announced that to qualify for Fair, 4-H youth must be re-enrolled in 4-H by the Friday before opening day of Fair opens. For the 2017 Fair, 2017-18 re-enrollment must be confirmed and in the hands of County Staff by July 28.

7) New Business:

a) Bylaws Revision: Council reviewed and updated our bylaws in August, 2016, and then sent them in for review by State. State has instructed us to reword two sections, and 2 typos should be repaired:

- **Article 2, Section 2 – Eligibility and Term of Office** will be returned to its original wording, with two-year term of office, and the limitation that no officer may serve any given position for more than 2 consecutive years.
- **Article 2, Section 3G – Members-At-Large** will be revised to specify that no more than 3 MALs that may serve on the board at any one time.
- **Article 2, Section 3G – Members-At-Large.** The final bullet point should refer to a “treasurer” rather than “treasure”.
- **Article 4, Section 1 – Regular Meetings** “one (6)” should read “six(6)”

Discussion ensued including a suggestion: In the interest of promoting newly elected offer training as well as continuity through Fair with officers who have been serving, that Council may consider holding officer elections prior to Fair each year, but not transition positions to newly elected officers until after Fair.

b) 2017-18 Calendar: Going forward, to the extent possible, County 4-H events will be scheduled to take place annually on fixed days within a fixed week of a given month (such as the 3rd Saturday in May), rather

than establishing specific ordinal dates (such as May 13) each year. Heather shared the following proposed dates for 2017-18:

- Fall Kickoff (possibly incorporating volunteer training, pot luck meal) second Saturday of September
- Record Book Judging, third Saturday of September
- Record Book Interviews, last Monday in September
- Science Night, Wednesday during National 4-H Week
- Project Leader Field Day (training by PDCs) last Saturday in October
- Achievement Night (Record Book and Star Awards) Friday of National 4-H Week
- Food Faire, fourth Saturday in January
- Fashion Revue, second Saturday in February
- Preliminary Presentation Day, Last Saturday in February
- Small Animal Field Day, third or fourth Saturday in April (depending on Easter and Santa Barbara Fair)
- Volunteer Appreciation Day – no date set
- Large Animal Field Day, second Saturday in May
- Southern California Field Day, third Saturday in May
- Northern California Field Day, fourth Saturday in May

Council has not yet formally set its meeting calendar for 2017-18, but historically Council meetings have fallen in August, October, January, March, May, and June, on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

c) PDC Meetings:

- PDCs should submit their anticipated meeting dates for the 2017-18 program year to Annabel as soon as possible. This will allow facility and staffing plans to be made. It should be noted that formal official reservations at Hansen and the Cooperative Extension office cannot be confirmed more than one year in advance.
- PDCs should email Annabel an agenda for their scheduled meetings about 2 weeks prior to meeting date so she can send those out with reminders to attend the meeting.
- Each PDC meeting should include: application of the 4-H's (head, heart, hands, and health), an education component, a citizenship component, and a guest speaker.

8) Meeting adjourned by Heather at 8:05.

Ventura County 4-H Council
as of January 20, 2017

Opening Balance	\$37,042.96
Outstanding deposits	\$6,234.00
Outstanding checks	\$730.48
Dinning out fundraiser *	
Sub accounts *	\$6,888.42
Total Available to council	\$35,658.06

Budgeted Items

PDC's	\$2,327.53
All Stars	\$500.00
General Awards	\$1,461.72
South Sectional Fee	\$500.00
Gen Enrollment	\$27,974.00
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	\$34,861.81

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*designated funds

Consumer Science PDC report January 2017

Our county events are on the way: Food Fair on January 28, 2017, and Fashion Revue on February 11, 2017. We have formed a youth board in this PDC, and the young 4-h members have been working hard to alongside the adults to put these events together. The youth board will be judging the Food Faire this year which is very exciting.

We have also worked hard at including 4-h members in both events that may not be enrolled in Food or Fashion projects, they can participate as well.

If you did not register yet, maybe you would like to come and just check out the event.

Hope to see you there.

Southern Area Meeting January 2017

Southern Area will no longer have minutes due to it not being a council but committees. Each of the four regions in California has a director that will manage the area

There is a 2-year plan, and a 5-year plan being proposed for all transitions of the management board, and it will start with separating State Field Day into Northern and Southern State Field Days.

Northern State Field Day is being held at UC Davis, while Southern most likely will be held at Mt. San Antonio College. Children will go from County Presentation Day directly to the State level. New guidelines to accommodate that will come out soon. The geographical boundaries for north and south have not been determined yet. 4-H members could attend one or the other event. The preliminary dates are May 19, 2018 for Southern State Field Day, and May 26, 2018 for Northern. Details as to what events will be hosted under the Northern and Southern State Field Day are still being discussed by the area directors and the State 4-h office.

Leaders Retreat in Big Bear April 7-9 – registration will open soon.

Next Management board meeting at Davis will be February 18 from 10am – 5 pm

The Chair of the Management board resigned, and a new Chair and Vice Chair have been appointed.

Equine Field Day needs a Chair – please urge your county equine PDC leader to head the project

This year Southern Area Field Day is still being held traditionally, and I was asked to host the host the breakfast again.