

Ventura County 4-H Council
May 30, 2018 - General Meeting
Ventura County Cooperative Extension Office Conference Room

- 1) Heather called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with Sue Poland recording.

In attendance were:

Jenean Bass, Council Corresponding Secretary
Kitty Beckmann, Council Vice President
Leslie Bellmore, Council Treasurer
Heidi Marshall, Council Member at Large
Sue Poland, Council Secretary, recording
Heather Wray, Council President
Valerie Zeko and Susanna Bruzzone-Miller, Highly Esteemed Staff

Maranda McLemore
Virginia Reyes
Julie Salomonson
Jennie Willoughby

Flag salute and 4-H pledges were led by Jones Salomonson.

- 2) **Minutes** from 3/28/18 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Sue submitted 2 corrections:

- a) Jenean Bass is Corresponding Secretary, not Recording Secretary.
b) The Skills PDC report should state that Presentation Day is “2/10”, not “2/1’0”.

Motion to approve the corrected minutes from the March meeting (Maranda, Jennie) passed unanimously.

- 3) **Treasurers Report**

- Leslie shared May’s report showing Council with \$7434.12 in Discretionary Funds, \$14107.18 Committed, and \$21541.30 Available to the Council.
- Virginia submitted receipts tonight from her Large Livestock Field Day.

- 4) **Correspondence Report:** Jenean sent a thank you note to the County 4-H Staff for the amazing and very-much-appreciated Volunteer Tea held on May 5.

- 5) **PDC Liaison Report:** Kitty

- **Small Animal Field Day** went really well – it had a great turnout. Thank you, Virginia, for graciously sharing the date and location of your Large Livestock event.

- 6) **Committee Reports:**

- a) **4-H Office Report** – Valerie introduced herself and shared that they have moved into the new offices at HAREC. While they miss the old house, they are appreciating some of the modern comforts they now enjoy, like... heat, air conditioning, and more electrical outlets. Signage should be up there soon.

- b) **Small Animal:** Kitty shared more about Small Animal Field Day – There, Crystal McLean hosted a Dog Challenge event. The “Odd Animal Rescue” lady was also there,

sharing her snakes and other “odd” critters. SAFD included events for rabbits, guinea pigs, chickens, pygmy goats and insects.

c) **Large Livestock:** Virginia reported on their May 12 Large Animal Field Day. It included lamb/goat showmanship with an educational clinic. That judge has already been booked for next year’s LAFD, so hopefully more kids will come and participate. LAFD also included swine bowl, posters and lots of fun.

d) **Family & Consumer Science PDC:** no report

e) **Equine PDC:** no report

f) **Skills PDC:**

- Heidi reported that State Field Day is this weekend – and yes, Ventura County 4-H will be represented there. Good luck to our kids!
- Regarding Record Books: County clubs will set their own due dates for their books. Clubs review the books then submit them to the County. Books are due to the County by 8/24. Record Book evaluations will be 9/8. Heidi is seeking volunteers for this project – it’s not difficult, requires no experience, and is a great way to learn about how to do Record Books. She is asking that each club that submits Record Books send 2 evaluators if they have 5 or fewer entries, and an additional evaluator for every 5 books after that.

g) **Kaleidoscope:**

- Kitty is planning a holiday Rock, Paper, Scissors event on November 10. She’s hoping the kids there can create some fun holiday gift items. If you have any suggestions, please contact her.
- The PDC’s next meeting will be at 6:00 at the Cooperative Extension Office Conference room, right before the next Council meeting (June 27).

h) **Southern Area:** no report

7) **Old Business:**

a) **Ventura County Fair Buckles and Ribbons:** Intentions regarding Fair buckles, pins and medals have been finalized.

For Horse Fair: Fair provides ribbons for 1st through 10th places, high point ribbons in all disciplines, champion and reserve, and overall champion and reserve, plus a gift certificate.

For Regular Fair:

- The Fair is providing buckles only for Grand Champion of each market species – NOT Reserve.
- Fair is providing buckle only to winners of Senior level showmanship events, not Junior nor Novice.
- Fair is providing buckles for winners of Senior and Junior Round Robin Showmanship.

- 4-H is providing buckles for Grand and Reserve winners of each Large Livestock Market animal species.
- 4-H will not be providing buckles in Large Livestock showmanship competitions. The PDC opted not to this year.
- Because it's "open" (there's no 4-H Division), 4-H does not provide awards for Small Livestock competitions.
- Because Showmanship is key to 4-H and the educational aspect of our mission, 4-H will provide pins/medals for 4-H members who win their animal showmanship events (small and large livestock).
- The complete 4-H Awards Protocol is posted on our website:
http://ceventura.ucanr.edu/Families_-_Communities/4-H/Leader/

8) **New Business:**

- a) **Budget 2018/2019:** Leslie presented the budget proposed for our county for 2018/19. Motion to approve the budget as presented (Virginia, Sue) was made. Discussion ensued including:
- **Planned Enrollment Fees for 2018-19** are:
Youth: \$62 (\$54 goes to state – an increase of \$8 from 2017-18)
Adult: \$20 (\$18 goes to state)
Aging Out: \$8 (\$0 goes to state for these)
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- b) **Calendar 2018/19:** Dates for 2018/19 County level events were shared. PDC meeting dates are not included on this calendar. It will be posted on the website.
- Question: Since Small Animal Field Day is scheduled to be held at HAREC, can animals be part of the event?
 - Answer: Most likely yes. They have in the past. A new Director will start in August, and we should confirm with her then.
- c) **Southern Area Youth Rep for 2018-19:** This volunteer position serves from July 1, 2018-June 28, 2019. The youth must be at least 14 years old. This person attends committee meetings and provides youth perspective to planning Southern Area events. Interested parties should contact Valerie or Edith Sorensen for more information.
- d) **Office Equipment:** For many reasons, the Council would like to purchase a laptop and financial software for use by our Treasurer.
- Motion to approve the expenditure of no more than \$500 for the purchase of a laptop and Quickbooks software (Maranda, Virginia) passed unanimously.
- e) **Emerald Star Committee:** Seeking volunteers to serve on this committee. Generally, duties include meeting with prospective Emerald Star candidates, reviewing their project plans before they get started, and when they're done, meeting with them for their final presentation. Committee needs to have at least 4-5 members. Youth over age 14 or adult 4-H members may serve on this committee.

f) **PDC Chairs:**

- Thank you, Rachel McClanahan for volunteering to lead the Consumer Science PDC!
- Kitty is currently negotiating with prospective Small Animal PDC Chair.

g) **County Ambassador Program:** This new program will replace our former All Star Program. It will officially kick off in January, 2019, so stay tuned...

9) **Any Questions?**

a) Is there any news on the **Newcastle Disease** outbreak?

Answer: Not since the email that went out from Dr. Bradley in Davis. When Kitty hears more, she will share. Meanwhile, keep your poultry isolated, protected, and disease free.

b) How do kids submit **request for reimbursement** for attending Student Leadership Conference?

Answer: There are two sources of reimbursement funds for 4-H education. 1) Tractor Supply makes a donation specifically for youth who attend SLC – those funds will be divided among all Ventura County youth who apply for the conference, pay for it, attend it, and then lend a hand at either the Fair Awards program or at Achievement Night. No application is necessary for these funds. 2) There is an additional Travel Stipend Request form and procedure available on our website: http://ceventura.ucanr.edu/Families_-_Communities/4-H/Leader/. These funds may be applied for SLC or other 4-H educational conferences.

10) **Meeting adjourned by Heather at 7:50**