

Ventura County 4-H Council Meeting

May 22, 2019

UCCE Office – 669 County Square Dr. Ventura CA

Names of Attendees:

Susana Bruzzone-Miller, Valerie Zeko, Sue Poland, Leslie Bellmore, Heidi Marshall, Shelby Wright, Emily Santos, Jackie Larson, Deion Gerhard, Virginia Reyes, Amylynn Robinson, Samantha Robinson, Julie Salomonson, Tiffany Cook, Brad Cook, Katie Cook, Julia Cook, Jennie Willoughby, Olivia Willoughby, Monika James, Scarlett James, Kitty Beckmann, Jennifer Boone, Claire Boone, Mary Belik, Sammy Belik, Robin Tan, Kaylee Tan, Ashley Pyle, and Elaine Pyle.

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Board President, Sue Poland, at 7:17 p.m.

Pledges

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ashley Pyle.
- The 4-H Pledge was led by Sammy Belik.

Club Spotlight

Chief Peak 4-H leader Jackie Larson shared the following information about their club:

- Chief Peak is the original 4-H Club of Ventura County!
- They are located in Ojai.
- The 13 club members enjoy their swine and pygmy goat projects.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Board Reports

1. Secretary – report given by Heidi Marshall
 - Shelby Wright made a motion to approve the March 27, 2019 minutes.
 - Second was made by Samantha Robinson.
 - Motion passed.
2. Treasurer – report given by Leslie Bellmore
 - The checking account balance is \$26,627.43
 - Deposits from Large/Small Animal Field Day will be divided evenly between the two PDCs.
 - Leslie has resigned as treasurer, effective the adjournment of this meeting.
 - Thank you very much to Julie Salomonson and Brad Cook for volunteering to be owners and signers of the 4-H Bank Accounts.
 - Bank account changes:
 1. Amylynn Robinson made a motion to remove Leslie Bellmore, Jenean Bass, Heidi Marshall, and Heather Wray as signers and owners of the University of California 4-H Primary Share and Checking Accounts held at Ventura County Credit Union, and add Julie Salomonson and Brad Cook as owners and signers to the University of California 4-H Primary Share and Checking Accounts held at Ventura County Credit Union.
 2. Second was made by Tiffany Cook.

3. Motion passed.
3. Other Board Officers – no report
4. 4-H Office Staff – report given by Valerie Zeko, 4-H Program Rep
 - Futures Task Force:
 1. The Futures Task Force has 9 members and they've had 2 meetings.
 2. By the next council meeting, they will present the new management board model along with the new volunteer job descriptions and applications.
 3. The Futures Task Force members will comprise the selection committee for the new volunteer positions.
 - Disney Physics Lab: One 4-H member from Ventura County and six non-members will attend. There will also be participants from Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties. After the physics lab, the participants will meet for an ice cream social.

Committee/PDC Reports

1. County Ambassadors – report given by Ambassadors Emily Santos and Shelby Wright
 - The Public Speaking Workshop held on April 27th was a big success. Fifteen members attended and had a great time. There were several fun public speaking learning activities, including mystery bag, peanut butter and jelly contest, um/like conversation contest, and cats vs/ dogs debate. Claire Boone and Samantha Robinson eloquently shared some of their favorite experiences at the event.
 - The ambassadors have continued to work on 4-H club outreach and have now visited 13 of the 14 clubs in the county.
 - They are also planning the 4-H Fair Booth. The booth will include memorabilia from all of the clubs. In addition, Shelby and Emily hope that each club will provide a club T-shirt to display at the booth.
 - Three ambassador applications were received. Applicant interviews will take place soon.
2. Equine – no report
3. Family and Consumer Science – no report
4. Large Livestock – report given by Virginia Reyes, PDC Chair
 - The Large/Small Animal Field Day was well attended with approximately 30 members. It was an exciting day and everyone had lots of fun.
 - Kent Short from Old Fashioned Country Butcher gave a presentation at the May PDC meeting.
 - Fair entries must be completed online this year.
5. Skills – report given by Heidi Marshall, PDC Chair
 - Thank you very much to Jennifer Boone who has volunteered to take over as Record Book Evaluation Day Coordinator.
6. Small Livestock – report given by Amylynn Robinson, PDC Chair
 - As Virginia stated, Large/Small Animal Field Day was well attended with members from five different clubs. Next year, the PDCs will reach out to the other clubs and encourage their members to attend.
 - Two speakers came to the event: one from Guide Dogs of America and one from the Hamster Association.

- Thank you very much to Lora Lane for working countless hours to get the materials ready for the community service activity.
- Both Amylynn and Virginia thanked the County Ambassadors, Shelby Wright and Emily Santos, for being extremely helpful in a variety of areas.

7. Southern Area – no report

8. STEAM – no report

Old Business

Revisions to Awards Protocol -

- Motion was made by Brad Cook to adopt the new Awards Protocol as presented.
- Second was made by Jennie Willoughby.
- Motion passed.

New business

1. The question was asked: Now that the new Awards Protocol has been adopted, do the breeders get awards?
Answer: The Large Livestock PDC has the authority to decide about breeder awards.
2. Tiffany Cook stated that Santa Rosa Valley 4-H is planning on having an alpaca project next year. Other clubs may contact Tiffany for information.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Disney Lab – May 26, 2019
- Alpaca and Horticulture Farm Day – June 22, 2019
 - Claire Boone explained that she and another member are putting on this event for their Emerald Star Projects.
 - Claire's project focuses on alpacas. At this Farm Day event, members can learn all about alpacas by participating at many interactive stations.
- Sustainable You! Summer Camp – June 24, 2019 to June 28, 2019
- Small Animal PDC meeting – June 26, 2019
- Council meeting – June 26, 2019

Meeting Adjourned

- The meeting was adjourned by Sue Poland at 7:54 p.m.