

## Ventura County 4-H Council Meeting

June 26, 2019

University of CA Hansen Agricultural Research and Extension Center  
287 S. Briggs Rd., Santa Paula CA

### Names of Attendees:

Susana Bruzzone-Miller, Annabel Faris, Valerie Zeko, Sue Poland, Heidi Marshall, Shelby Wright, Emily Santos, Jackie Larson, Deion Gerhard, Virginia Reyes, Randy Reyes, Angie Reyes, Aliza Estrella, Amylynn Robinson, Tiffany Cook, Brad Cook, Katie Cook, Julia Cook, Kitty Beckmann, Kate Beckmann, Jennifer Boone, Mary Belik, Sammy Belik, Ashley Pyle, Elaine Pyle, Livia Vertucci, Adeline Vertucci, Rachel McClanahan, Amelia Tucker, Edith Sorensen, Anna Sorensen, Brooke Allen, Kerrie Allen, Pam Purves, Paula Estrella, Reyna Lane, Katherine Good, Makayla Good, Julia Santos, Melissa Lalum, Kendra Salazar, Karen Ellrott, Samantha Ellrott, Fred Ellrott, Payton Henuber, Cameryn Henuber, Theresa Henuber, Brett Bowman, Shannon Bowman, Chance Bowman, Ivone Quintero Cagnacci, Liliana Cagnacci, Adeline Cagnacci, Rachel Lipscomb, Rossi Buchanan, Adler Striegel, and Julie Salomonson.

### Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Board President, Sue Poland, at 7:08 p.m.

### Pledges

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rossi Buchanan.
- The 4-H Pledge was led by Rachel Lipscomb.

### Club Spotlight

Loma Vista members Ashley Pyle, Adeline Vertucci, Livia Vertucci, Adler Striegel, and Rachel Lipscomb shared the following information about their club:

- Loma Vista has a variety of projects and members are looking forward to some exciting new projects next year.
- The club is located in Ventura.
- There are many leadership opportunities and members do a lot of team building.
- Members participated in Presentation Day, Fashion Revue, and several other events this year.
- Their club meetings always include a fun activity such as a Halloween party, a holiday auction, and a reading night.
- Members do a lot of community service including beach clean-ups and supporting Casa Pacifica.

### Public Comments

- Melissa Lalum, Emerald Star Advisor, reported that two emerald stars have been awarded. Claire Boone received the star for creating and completing an Alpaca Event and Nadja Klem received the star for creating and completing a Horticulture Event.
- The excellent and well organized events were held simultaneously in Somis.
- Attendees learned a lot of interesting things about alpacas and horticulture.

### Board Reports

1. Secretary – report given by Heidi Marshall
  - Deion Gerhard made a motion to approve the May 22, 2019 minutes.
  - Second was made by Virginia Reyes.

- Motion passed.
2. Treasurer – report given by Sue Poland
    - New account signers, Brad Cook and Julie Salomonson, will be going to the bank soon to implement the change of signers as described in the May 22, 2019 minutes.
  3. 4-H Office Staff – report given by Annabel Faris
    - The online enrollment system will close soon and reopen on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - Do not re-enroll online until instructed to do so by Annabel.
    - Members will have until July 28<sup>th</sup> to re-enroll. You must re-enroll by that deadline in order to participate at Fair this year.
    - However, the deadline applies to ALL members, even if they are not participating at Fair.
    - Adult leaders must complete their online training ASAP after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Committee/PDC Reports

1. County Ambassadors – report given by Ambassadors Shelby Wright and Emily Santos
  - Members can volunteer to help at this year's Fair Booth.
  - A sign-up sheet will be sent out to all club leaders.
  - Anyone who attended the Public Speaking Workshop and helps at the Fair Booth can receive a community service pin.
  - The ambassadors will create a flyer with information about all the clubs. They would like club leaders to provide some information about their clubs to include in the flyer.
  - Also, the ambassadors would like to borrow club shirts and project items (such as arts and crafts) from each club to be displayed at the booth.
2. Equine – report given by Katherine Good, PDC Chair
  - Horse Fair will be July 12<sup>th</sup> to July 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - There are different events each day such as English, a gymkhana, etc...
  - Members can win all sorts of prizes including belt buckles.
  - The equine PDC encourages people to participate and would like to see participation numbers increase.
  - The deadline to enter is July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - There is a 4-H Show and an Open Show.
3. Large Livestock – report given by Virginia Reyes, PDC Chair
  - The PDC was able to get many sponsors for buckles.
  - This year breeders will get buckles for champion and reserve.
  - Next year, the PDC hopes to get more buckle sponsors and add buckles for showmanship.
4. Small Livestock – report given by Amylynn Robinson, PDC Chair
  - Belt buckles will be awarded this year but not for market showmanship.
  - The buckles will be handed out at the Fair Awards Ceremony.
5. Southern Area – report given by Edith Sorensen, Southern Area Rep
  - Ventura County members did very well at Southern Area Field Day. They also assisted in many areas at the event.
  - Southern Area, as we know it, will be dissolved on June 30, 2019. A lot of restructuring will take place then.

- There is no leadership or Chair at this time for next year's Southern Area Field Day. Once restructuring takes place, there will likely be one person in charge of all the area field days.

#### New business – Management Board – report given by members of the Futures Task Force

- The goal is to have an effective structure and put more adults and teens in middle management positions.
- Twelve counties have management boards. Our board is being modeled after the structure in San Luis Obispo County which has been very successful.
- Management Board positions will include Fundraising Director, Recognition Director, Communications and Outreach Director, Fair Liaison, Budget and Finance Director, and County Ambassadors.
- Program Development Committees will be: Adult Leadership, Youth Leadership, Animal Science, Consumer and Family Sciences, Equine Science, Shooting Sports: Archery, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living, STEM, and Adventure and Environmental Science. Each committee will have a key leader.
- The key leader job descriptions will be on the county website by June 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Applications for key leader positions and director positions are due by August 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Valerie directed those with questions to hold them until the group exited outside for refreshments and festivities, where attendees could mingle with Future Task Force members and ask questions.

#### Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Equine PDC meeting – July 7, 2019
- Large Livestock PDC meeting – July 10, 2019

#### Meeting Adjourned

- The meeting was adjourned by Sue Poland at 7:44 p.m.