

# LAKE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes  
November 28, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:35p.m., by Lisa Illg - President, Lower Lake High School, Lower Lake, CA.

## Voting Members:

Lisa Illg – Council President  
Peggy Alexander – Blue Heron  
Asia Jones – Blue Heron  
Katherine Blyleven – Council Secretary  
Cyndi Hill – Big Valley  
Jill Crane – Scotts Valley  
Shea Odom – Scotts Valley  
Karen Hayes – Council Vice President/ C&L  
Juliana Parlet – Kelseyville  
Katy Evans – Anderson Marsh  
Hadyn Evans – Anderson Marsh  
Debra Fischer – Cole Creek  
Kim Fischer – Cole Creek  
Gretchen Ferguson – Upper Lake  
Tyler Nolan – C&L  
Joanna Parker – Anderson Marsh  
Grace Nowak – C&L

## Non-Voting Members:

Nicole Gentry – UC Staff  
Kimmy Illg – Cole Creek  
Julie Frazell – UC Staff  
Erin Evans – Anderson Marsh  
Val Schweifler – Volunteer

Hadyn Evans led the flag Salute and Shea Odom led the 4-H Pledge

## Welcome Guest(s)

None were present.

## Adopt Agenda

Grace made motion and Tyler seconded to accept the agenda as presented; motion carried.

## Adopt Minutes

The minutes were amended as follows:

### Voting Members

Lisa Illg – Remove “Vice” to read Council President

Karen Hayes – add Council Vice President

Unfinished Business – Clarification that there were two separate committees. The first committee was responsible for reviewing the shifts. The second committee, consisted of Gina, Cyndi and Katy were responsible for determining how the funds should be distributed and to determine where the expo funds are to come from.

Joanna made motion and Grace seconded to accept the minutes as amended; motion carried.

## Correspondences

Katherine read Thank You cards from Val, the Blue Heron club, Morgan Hayes and mentioned that there is a packet of thank you cards for the barn tours from the students at Upper Lake Elementary.

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### **Treasures Report – Tyler Nolan for Victoria Hayes**

Total Checking \$14,720.76                      Total Savings \$25,586.75  
Total in accounts \$40,307.51                Total Restricted \$ 27,948.12  
Total Funds Available to Council \$12,359.39

Kim made motion and Asia seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read; motion carried.

**Guest Speaker:** None were present

**Club Reports:** See handout

### **ALL STAR & EMERALD STAR REPORTS:**

#### **All Star:**

*Asia Jones* – Reported that she has organized her binder, completed and organized more questions, and attended a Lakeport school board meeting. Asia answered questions about the school board meeting. Asia gave a demonstration of several questions using the Cloverbud questions and true / false paddles she made. Asia requested to amend her contract from two public speaking events to three published articles (4H Fling, Livestock Expo and Presentation day). Asia will submit these to the Record Bee and Lake Co News. The executive board approved Asia's request.

*Shea Odom* – No updates.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **County Fundraiser – Cook Book**

Lisa gave an overview of the fundraiser idea presented at the last council meeting. A committee to organize the fundraiser idea was formed. Those on the committee are Val (chair), Shea, Karen, Gretchen and Juliana.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **All Star**

Grace presented her All Star contract. Grace would like to do an awareness booth at the Lake County Fair. The purpose is to increase awareness of Leukemia and to do a fundraiser. Grace plans on doing two informational talks (Farm Bureau and Clear Lake Rotary), and putting an article in the 411. Grace intends to speak with the Cole Creek teen leaders asking for their participation, and ask the Fair to donate the booth space.

Karen made motion and Kim seconded to accept Grace's All Star Contract; motion carried.

#### **Emerald Star**

Gabe Villines – not present.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **President Reports**

Lisa reported on the following items:

- The Executive Board approved the 2011/2012 budget.
- The fair food booth committee reviewed the shifts and made a few minor adjustments and finalized the total shifts worked for each club. The Executive Board reviewed the final shifts and accepted the committee's findings for the clubs that worked shifts. The Executive Board made the decision that the three committee members' shifts would not be counted in the shifts worked. The remaining 1/3 of the funds will be split based on the total of shifts worked. The funds will be distributed sometime after January.

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- Resource Fund – the \$1,000 from the fair food booth will be placed into the County Resource Fund. These funds must be used toward events that are intended to benefit members countywide or items for countywide use. Requests to use the funds must be submitted to the Executive Board in writing.
  - The Executive Board approved the committee's recommendation that \$500 for the Livestock Expo come from the Resource Fund.
- Discussion of forming a committee for the 2012 Fair Food Booth. Julie reported that this is an exploratory committee and needs to be completed by the first part of February. Those on the committee are Karen (Chair), Katy, Gretchen, Hadyn, Grace and Shea. Anyone with input and/or questions regarding the 2012 food booth should email them to Julie who will then forward these to the committee.

### Office Report:

*Project Outline*– Project leaders are encouraged to complete and hand out at their first project meeting so parents and members know what is expected.

*Project Leader Workshop Training* – The training will last approximately three hours and at the end all attending leaders will have their outlines complete. Upper Lake, Kelseyville and Cole Creek expressed interest. The training might possibly be held within the first two weeks of January. Julie will send out a doodle with dates. There will be a safe food handling training either in January or February; an online training is being piloted.

*Enrollment Coordinator Workshop* – Although there have been some minor glitches things have been fairly smooth. There will be training sometime in the spring for next year's enrollment. Each club will have a coordinator who will send Julie issues and concerns experienced while doing enrollment.

*Countywide Projects* - There was general discussion of countywide projects which include:

C&L Thrive Project

Shooting Sports

Bee Keeping (Lisa & Katy) – an article is needed for the 411

Sewing

Poultry (Karen – Kelseyville), Shea offered to help with the project

Robotics – a leader is needed for this

Tech team – Anderson Marsh has a leader interested in doing this

*Program Fee Scholarship (waiver) Form* – The waiver was approved at the last council meeting. However, there was a statewide conference call two days afterwards in which Julie found out that the waiver cannot be used because personal information cannot be asked for a fee waiver, but it can be asked for a scholarship. The “waiver” has been changed to a “Program Fee Scholarship”. There was general discussion and the form was passed out to those in attendance. Additional forms can be obtained from the 4H office.

### General Reports:

*Leaders Forum Report* – Gretchen reported that she and her husband attended the leader's forum. Gretchen said that there was focus on looking for parent and member involvement to do a Revolution of Responsibility – community project. They learned about the North Section Council, motivating club officers, drawing up officer contracts, Cloverbuds and activities that they can do. The forum next year will be held at the same location (Sylmar), there was a lot of discussion for future forum locations. Julie reported that the Revolution of Responsibility is tied to Thrive and that Mendocino County has a Thrive training coming up.

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### Committee Reports:

*Year End Date Change* – Val reported that the new 4H year will begin July 1<sup>st</sup>. For any challenges in record books for shortness of the year, we can put a note in there explaining the year change. Val suggested adding wording to the Parent/Member Expectation for those new members enrolling July 1, explaining that they cannot take an animal to fair that year. The executive board will give the suggested wording to the I&R committee. There was general discussion regarding the language in the Parent/Member expectation for animal projects and fair.

*I and R* – Katy reported that she and Lisa are attending state record book judging this weekend in Davis. The state handbook is online for All Stars; this can be something that we can adopt. There is also a junior teen leader form for All Star and Emerald Star available online.

*Presentation Day* – This will be held February 25<sup>th</sup> at Eastlake Elementary school, Clearlake Oaks. Registration will begin at 9am and presentations will start at 10am.

*4H Fling & Expo* –Peggy reported that she did not hear any issues with the tentative date she set, so the March 24<sup>th</sup> date has been confirmed. The judging forms are being finalized and Nicole will put these together in a handbook form. Peggy is looking for clubs or individual teen leaders to help with the event. Joanna may be doing the interview activity again. If anyone has any activity ideas for the Fling, contact Peggy.

*Thrive Training Surveys* – Julie reported that everyone who attended the Thrive training needs to fill out and return the survey to her by this Friday.

### Fair Board

Cyndi reported that there has been a new President and Vice President elected for next year and there is a new racing contract with NCRA. The CEO report discussed the fair board vacancies. The JLAC account is paid and closed. There was discussion about streamlining fair exhibits, creating an open show and combining shows – 4H, FFA and independent would still be age based.

### JLAC

Jill reported that the auction is balanced and closed out. The next meeting will be held January 26<sup>th</sup>. Any proposed changes to the premium book need to be in by January 1<sup>st</sup>. The open show will be discussed again at the next meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

**Youth Fair Board Rep:** Shea Odom

**Next Council Meeting: January 23, 2012 at the Lower Lake High School Library**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Katherine Blyleven*

Council Secretary