

LAKE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

October 22, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:35p.m., by Lisa Illg - President, 883 Lakeport Blvd., Lakeport, CA.

Voting Members:

Lisa Illg – Council President
Peggy Alexander – Blue Heron
Erica Illg – Cole Creek
Katherine Blyleven – Council Secretary
Carey Hayes – Kelseyville
Erin Evans – Anderson Marsh
Ethan Jones – Blue Heron
Karen Hayes – Council Vice President/ C&L
Hadyn Evans – Anderson Marsh
Katy Evans – Anderson Marsh
Cyndi Hill – Big Valley
Val Schweifler – Cole Creek
Jill Crane – Scotts Valley

Non-Voting Members:

Asia Jones – Blue Heron
Elliot Serena – Cobb Mountain
Edison Serena – Cobb Mountain
Nate Falkenberg – Scotts Valley
Julie Frazell – UC Staff
Tamsen Nash – Cobb Mountain
Cord Falkenberg – Scotts Valley

Cord Falkenberg led the flag Salute and Elliot Serena led the 4-H Pledge

Welcome Guest(s)

The following guests were welcomed and introduced themselves; Nate & Cord Falkenberg (Scotts Valley), Edison & Elliot Serena (Cobb), Tamsen Nash (Cobb), and Ethan Jones (Blue Heron).

Adopt Agenda

The agenda was amended to include engravable pens under new business.

Jill made motion and Cyndi seconded to accept the agenda as amended; motion carried.

Adopt Minutes

Cyndi made motion and Karen seconded to accept the minutes as presented; motion carried.

Correspondences

None.

Treasures Report – read by Karen Hayes

Total Checking \$5,673.03	Total Savings \$25,597.38
Total Restricted \$ 24,553.96	Total Funds Available to Council \$6,716.45

Peggy made motion and Val seconded to accept the Treasurer’s report as read; motion carried.

Guest Speaker:

None.

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Group Agreement:

Lisa reported that the executive board met and would like to put together a group agreement (rules) to help the meetings go more smoothly. Julie reported that a group agreement is what we are going to do (i.e. one mic theory). Julie discussed the current challenges presented at council meetings. The group agreement developed, agreed upon by those in attendance, and to be implemented beginning 10/22/12 is as follows:

- One mic
- Cell phones on silent or vibrate
 - If use is necessary – be respectful
- General respect
 - Constructive comments – keep it positive
- No side bar conversations
- Reports will have time limits (time keeper to be chosen at each meeting)
- Sign in on the sign in sheet
- Keep it a safe environment

Club Reports: See handout

ALL STAR & EMERALD STAR REPORTS:

All Star:

Shea Odum – Lisa reported that Shea needs to be contacted to receive her All Star award. Jill will contact her.

Jocelyn Bennett – Not present/ out of town.

Emerald Star:

Gabe – Not present.

Nate & Cord – Introduced themselves and thanked council for approving their project. Nate and Cord reported that they have made a plan of action (this handout was passed out) and have written an article for the 411. They are planning to host an initial training workshop before the end of the year, scheduled for December 15, 2012 and will have two other workshops after January. These dates are still to be determined. The workshops are open to members and leaders. Those who attend will need to bring a computer with wireless capability. Several questions regarding the project were asked and answered. Council suggested that they present their workshops to other clubs.

Ethan, Elliot & Edison – Introduced themselves and reported that over the past month they have given presentations to several clubs throughout the county and will be presenting to the Middletown club on November 5th. It was reported that as of last week they have 10 members signed up for the project. Ethan inventoried the supplies. They passed out a handout showing the four different modules and the jobs of each member.

PA Exchange:

Victoria and Hadyn introduced themselves and reported that a 4H group from Lancaster, Pennsylvania (PA) sent an email wanting to do an exchange with California. Their club (Anderson Marsh) responded to the email request. There were a total of 10 members and 2 adult chaperones from Lake County that went to PA on June 26, 2012. The PA members made shirts for the Lake County members. They had fun going to Hershey Park, touring, watching fireworks, going to the beach and going to a 5 acre corn maze. Victoria and Hadyn presented council with a framed photograph from their trip. The group will also be giving these photos to those organizations that helped make the trip possible. Julie would like the group to put together a story board to have on display at the 4H office and make a presentation to the Board of Supervisors informing them about the exchange.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Committee for Presentation Day Categories:

Karen reported that this is still in process. Julie said that the current categories are Home Ec, Agriculture and Other.

Presentation Day (2/24/12):

Karen reported that she has the facility agreement for Lower Lake Elementary. It was discussed that at least five classrooms need to be reserved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer Resignation/Replacement:

Lisa reported that due to other obligations Hadyn resigned as Treasurer and a replacement is needed to fill that position. There was much discussion regarding having a youth vs. adult in that position. The position requires a lot of tracking, transfers, check requests and working with Shirley. This has proven challenging for youth members due to banking laws and transportation issues to and from the 4H office. It was also discussed that at times the executive board deals with sensitive issues that may not be appropriate for youth members. There was a question regarding the bylaws and having to have a youth on the executive board. Julie reported that currently the bylaws only state that members have to be 14 to be a voting council member. It was discussed that when the bylaws need to be updated council may want to consider having a teen member on the executive board. Both Val and Jill volunteered for the position.

Cyndi made motion and Karen seconded to appoint Val as Treasurer; motion carried.

Regional Presentation Day:

Once Julie has the dates for Del Norte she will notify Jill. Jill will do this with the help of all community leaders. The date is TBA.

Camp Fee Changes:

Julie reported that the camp committee has raised the camp fee to \$160. This increased fee will pay for adult chaperones, and clubs will no longer have to pay for chaperones. Currently council has budgeted \$500 for chaperones. It was suggested to roll these budgeted funds into camper scholarships. Clubs that have funds budgeted for chaperones can also use those funds to offer club camp scholarships. Val made motion and Peggy seconded to move the budgeted \$500 for adult camp chaperones to youth camp scholarships; motion carried.

All Star Item Approval:

Julie reported that the executive board met and decided that the article written by Jocelyn Bennett did not meet the requirement – promoting 4H. It was discussed that in order for the article to run in the newspaper it would require the approval of the fair since it promoted the junior show at fair. Katy made motion and Val seconded to ask Jocelyn to write an article that promotes 4H and fulfills the All Star contract as specified in the contract; motion carried.

Julie reported that Jocelyn submitted a reimbursement request from the Equine Field Day (All Star project) that included gift cards that were given to presenters as gifts. It was discussed that procedure requires the approval of gift cards in advance. The reimbursement for gift cards consisted of \$125 (Safeway) and \$10 (Studebakers). Katy made motion and Erin seconded to approve the reimbursement for the gift cards for a total of \$135; (1 opposed) motion carried.

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Leadership Fund Request:

Julie reported that Juliana Parlet would like to attend the state leader's forum in Asilomar on November 9-11, 2012. The single occupancy rate is \$463.16 and the conference registration fee is \$75.00. Council has \$400 budgeted for this and there have been no other requests. Peggy made motion and Cyndi seconded (with the requirement to have a report of the event) to allow the budgeted \$400 for the conference to be attributed to Juliana for her participation; motion carried.

Engrivable Pens:

Julie discussed ordering engraved pens to hand out to supporters, barn tour helpers, etc. A sample pen was passed around. The pens are \$0.99 each and there is no minimum to buy. It was discussed that the funds would come from the county wide resource fund. Val made motion and Erica seconded to buy 200 pens (100 green and 100 grey) with the funds to come from the county wide resource fund; motion carried.

REPORTS:

Office Reports

Financial Update– Julie reported that 4H use to be under the national 4H 5013c. However, national 4H sunsetted the group number and left it up to the states. California 4H is now a non-profit under the UC system which have stricter rules. 4H is the only organization under the UC system allowed to have individual bank accounts. Julie plans on meeting with clubs individually to make sure everyone is up to date and on board with the requirements. The online contact for financial reporting is who the state 4H office will be contacting for questions – it is ideal to have that contact be the financial person. A new item is that all fundraisers not in the current budget must be submitted on an approval form. Fundraising for other groups will require the checks be made payable to that organization, lists of donations/checks received must be kept. It will be the donor's responsibility to contact that organization for the non-profit information.

Budget – Tabled due to computer/power issues.

Thrive – Julie reported that the Thrive team needs to get together and form a plan. Lake County has been involved in an in-depth evaluation of Thrive. The new Thrive program, Thrive 2, is only going to be for members 9th grade and up. If anyone has been working with Scott (he is out on family leave) and needs help then contact Julie.

Matt & Martin's Project Summary – Julie reported that Martin will be working on animal welfare proficiency and Matt will be working on vet science proficiency. These are pilot programs and anyone wanting to work on these should contact Julie.

Facebook Page – Julie reported that the Facebook page is there for groups to advertise events. Feel free to send information to the 4H office to be posted on the Facebook page.

General Reports:

Connor's Story – Victoria read "Conner's Story" – a story about a 4H member who almost did not join because he did not feel safe/welcome during a project meeting.

4H Fling – Nothing new to report.

PA Exchange – Katy reported that they will be participating in Wreaths Across America with C&L and will know more after the meeting on Thursday.

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Veterans Day Celebration/Free Car Wash – Jill reported that there will be a free car wash for the veterans after the celebration, headed up by Celeste Derr. The Rancheria is going supply the supplies. The event will be held rain or shine and all 4H members are welcome to help.

Achievement Night – Peggy reported that the event was successful and thanked Scotts Valley. Peggy reported that there was good attendance and the desert auction is a nice fundraiser but takes a lot of time. Katy reported that the activity table was great. It was reported that \$526 was raised at the dessert auction. Julie suggested in the future limiting the number of items for the desert auction to help with the timing.

Committee Reports:

Cook Book –Val reported that there was nothing new to report and wanted to know if council still wanted to pursue this. It was agreed that council still wants to do this.

Barn Tours –Val reported that tours went great and the vets with the watermelon were great.

All Star Advance Leadership Committee – Karen reported that she, D, and Peggy had their first meeting. It was reported that the All Star packets discussed having an ambassador team. This is something that the committee would like to form. These team members would give presentations, host presentation day, etc. There have been a few changes made to the contract and these will be presented at the next council meeting. There was discussion about having coaches to help mentor members through the process and guide them in successfully fulfilling their contract. Julie reported that volunteers will be needed to be coaches.

For Discussion:

End of the Year Effects – There was discussion and concern regarding late enrollments/exceptions. Julie reported that late enrollments will be the same process as before. Requests need to come to council and the next council meeting will be the cutoff for late exceptions.

Project Leader Criteria/Fair Requirements – Julie reported that the parent/member expectation document is written as a minimum. There was discussion and concern that council's rules are not being upheld. There was discussion that project leader criteria be included into the expectations and to elevate the expectations beyond the minimum. There was discussion of having project leaders go through an advanced project leader training and mentorship. There were concerns about clubs not being present at council meetings and there was discussion of creating a requirement for each club to have a representative at council meetings.

Fair Board

Cyndi reported that entry fees are being refunded to Jessica and almost all fair collections are completed.

JLAC

Jill reported that there is a meeting this Thursday and any requests for handbook changes need to be in by then.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next Council Meeting: November 26, 2012 at the Lower Lake High School Library

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Blyleven

Council Secretary