

**LAKE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING**

**Minutes**

**November 26, 2012**

**Meeting called to order at 6:36p.m., by Lisa Illg - President, Lower Lake High School Library.**

**Voting Members:**

Lisa Illg – Council President  
Peggy Alexander – Blue Heron  
Katherine Blyleven – Council Secretary  
Carey Hayes – Kelseyville  
Erin Evans – Anderson Marsh  
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  
Juliana Parlet – Kelseyville

**Non-Voting Members:**

Nicole Gentry – UC Staff  
Dorina Espinoza – UCCE Staff  
Julie Frazell – UC Staff

Gabe Villines led the flag Salute and Maddie Paarsch led the 4-H Pledge

**Welcome Guest(s)**

The following guests were welcomed and introduced themselves; Dorina Espinoza (4H Region Advisor), Maddie Paarsch (Scotts Valley 4H), Julie Orr (Maddie’s driver) and Ethan Nolan (Shea’s driver).

**Adopt Agenda**

Hadyn made motion and Val seconded to accept the agenda as presented; motion carried.

**Adopt Minutes**

Under Unfinished Business correct the date for Presentation Day to show as 2/24/13 not 2/24/12.

Erin made motion and Peggy seconded to accept the minutes as amended; motion carried.

**Correspondences**

Thank You cards from Flora Ibarra, Michael Anne Howard and Juliana Parlet were read.

**Treasures Report – read by Karen Hayes**

Total Checking \$8,414.95	Total Savings \$25,597.80
Total Restricted \$ 28,149.96	Total Funds Available to Council \$5,862.79

**Guest Speaker:**

Dorina is the guest speaker. We all went around the room and introduced ourselves.

**Club Reports:** See handout

**ALL STAR & EMERALD STAR REPORTS:**

**All Star:**

*Shea Odom* – Lisa apologized for forgetting to remind Nicole to bring Shea’s award. Photos were taken.

*Jocelyn Bennett* – Not present.

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### **Emerald Star:**

*Nate & Cord* – Not present.

*Ethan, Elliot & Edison* – Ethan, Elliot and Edison were not present. Peggy had a write up from Ethan and read it aloud. In Ethan's report he said that the first meeting was held on November 17, 2012. He prepared for the activities, led an ice breaker at the beginning of the meeting and helped with group activities. After the meeting he helped clean up and put the room back in order. Ethan said he had a lot of fun and is looking forward to serving as a project leader for this.

*Gabe Villines* – Presented his final report. Gabe said it took a little longer and did not have photos with him but will have them available when he can get them printed. Gabe reported that for his project he put out donation boxes to collect toys for the dogs at the animal shelter. It took a while to collect items but he felt it was successful and would encourage other members to do this in the future.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **Committee for Presentation Day Categories:**

Karen reported that she looked back through her notes and could not find some of them. She and Peggy went through ideas and came up with the following categories: (1) SET (Science Engineering & Technology) (2) Healthy Living/ Culture (3) C&L / Other and (4) Life Skills. It was discussed that members could check what category their presentation fits into. Karen reported that she is still looking for committee members.

#### **Presentation Day (2/24/13):**

Karen reported that she is still waiting to hear back from the school. Nicole reported that all the paperwork is ready and waiting for signatures. There is uncertainty about any janitorial fees. Karen has a message into the principal. Julie suggested adding a gift for the janitor.

#### **Sectional Presentation Day:**

Jill reported that the date is set for April 13, 2013 and will possibly be held at the Upper Lake Middle School.

#### **Late Enrollment Request for Animal Science Projects:**

The late enrollment requests for animal science projects were read out by returning or new, club and project. They are as follows:

Anderson Marsh – 3 new (goats, horse, swine, rabbit and poultry)

Big Valley – 2 new (horse, rabbit, poultry and goats)

Blue Heron – 1 new (goats and rabbit)

Cobb – 1 new and 2 returning (poultry, goats, turkey, cattle, dog, horse, rabbit and sheep)

Kelseyville – 2 returning (goats, rabbit, dog, horse and poultry)

Middletown – 3 new and 3 returning (swine and sheep)

Scotts Valley – 2 new and 1 returning (rabbit, horse, swine and beef)

Upper Lake – 5 new and 2 returning (goats, swine, rabbit and poultry)

Cyndi requested the names and clubs for the poultry members, Lisa read these to her.

Maddie Paarsch (Scotts Valley) presented that she would like to raise a cow for fair and would like to request council's permission to add beef. She has a steer in line to look at and possibly purchase. Jill reported that the leader, Duane Furman, has agreed to let her make up the one meeting that has been held.

There was discussion regarding if the returning members had a reason as to why they were late. Julie reported that most late enrollments thought they had until November 30<sup>th</sup>. There was more discussion regarding deadlines and projects being completed and taking each case by case.

Cyndi made motion and Val seconded to accept the list of people and Maddie and to approve the projects for the year; motion carried.

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### NEW BUSINESS:

### REPORTS:

#### **Office Reports**

*Big Picture of Thrive* – Julie reported that she and Juliana have been trained for this year. Val, Karen, D, Joanna, Flora and Victoria will be attending a training this weekend. Lake County is involved with two Thrive programs – an in depth evaluation and the regular Thrive program. This year “Step it up to Leadership” will be added and is for 9 -12 year olds. Julie discussed that there is a county wide training scheduled for January 5<sup>th</sup>. The Spark points members can earn is data collection for Thrive. On December 15, 2012 there will be an online record book (ORB) training.

*Program Structure for the Future* – Julie presented a power point presentation “4H program strong for the next 100 years”. It was presented that middle managers are volunteers in the middle of the structure and is how we are currently operating. These volunteers work with other volunteers and keep Julie in the know. There was discussion of systems approach and the counties that have restructured which include: San Luis Obispo, Merced, and more recently Santa Barbara. Under this new structure there would be a management board and a program development board. The management board is comprised of the leader of each committee. This board deals with budgets, awards, visibility and fundraising. The management board is the business side of the program. By restructuring the program it allows 4H to tap into existing resources within their community that may not be directly tied to 4H. Restructuring allows for expansion and the opportunity for other community members to become involved. The program development board is comprised of key leaders who choose the committee members they work with. These committee members do not have to be a 4H parent or volunteer. The different responsibilities were discussed. Julie gave the example: Peggy is the key leader and chair for the Fling. Julie discussed the different structures in the different counties and why the structure works. Julie said that Santa Barbara had 70 new volunteers this year after restructuring last year. It was reported that restructuring enables us to work with the foundation and other benefits were discussed. Restructuring is different from council in that directors are appointed not elected and teens can also serve as directors. Julie reported that nine counties including Lake and the State 4H office are moving forward with this. The first step in the process is brainstorming as to who we want on the futures task force. A group of 12 – 15 diverse people representing the entire community are needed. Julie reported that it will be different but should be an easy transition since we have the format but not the structure. Julie has an information binder that can be passed around for people to review. Names for the futures board should be submitted by the end of the December. Dorina reported that the program development board does not have to go through the fundraising process. They develop a budget and then take that to the management board for funding. There were questions and discussion. Julie said that every state structure is different and that this was developed for California. Julie can do a full presentation, if needed. There was discussion of past foundation board members when the board existed. The names included David Weiss, Chuck March, Steve Estrada, Naomi Bruce, Jim Comstock, Rob Brown and Margaret Eutenier.

*End of Year Reports* – Julie reported that the end of the year is June 30<sup>th</sup> and reports should be finished by August. The state reporting system will be based on the bank statements. It was discussed that under the UCANR system 4H clubs can have accounts because it is teaching the youth financing. Checks need to have a youth signature (i.e. Adult signor and youth treasurer).

*ANR 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary* – It was reported that there is a big push to do something that recognizes the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. The cookbook and presentation day can fit into this.

*2013 State Leaders Forum* – Julie reported that Juliana went and will be giving a report. This next year it will be held in Sacramento for the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. It was discussed that it would be nice to have a delegation to go.

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*Online Enrollment Updates* – Julie reported that at the state level the system can now have a cap set on the number of enrollments. This means that families re-enrolling need to be done on time or they can be bumped. Setting this cap on the number of enrollments is something to consider if we want to implement this and the possible glitches that can happen.

### General Reports:

*Veterans Day Celebration/Free Car Wash* – Jill reported that the car wash went well and that the veterans really enjoyed this. The veterans really wanted to tip and all donations (\$66) were donated to Tango Mike.

*SLF 2012* – Juliana thanked council for giving her the opportunity to attend this event. Juliana reported that there was preparation for the centennial event next year, she had an amazing experience and would like to attend next year. Juliana reported that she learned new things at the workshops, learned about sectional council, met new leaders and learned a lot about how to share 4H with the youth.

### Committee Reports:

*Cook Book* – Val reported that they will continue on with the cookbook and might possibly have it ready for the 4H Fling and available for sale. It was recommended to keep submitting recipes and club artwork for this to Nicole. Karen, Juliana and Gretchen are on the committee.

*All Star Contract /Advance Leadership Committee* – Karen and Peggy presented the All Star Ambassador Program document. The word Ambassador was added. Added requirements include: Emerald Star, a current 4H record book and to identify an adult volunteer. There was discussion of the benefits to this document being revised and having it available online. Julie will review the document to verify that it meets policy. If no major changes are needed it is possible that this could be voted on at the next council meeting. It was reported that the coaching situation will be revisited as our structure develops. Cyndi suggested adding additional language to address the coaching section in that the coach is a non-parent. There was discussion of having this dealt with on a case by case basis now.

*Countywide Thrive* – Karen reported that there will be a training on January 5, 2013 from 9:00am to 12:30pm with lunch provided. The location is TBA. Val said she would contact Kelseyville Fire Department about using their facility. The training will include an in depth look at I Grow, I Thrive and Step it up to Leadership.

*Master Gardener Event* – It was reported that the Master Gardener's are having their annual event on May 4, 2013. It has been requested that 4H coordinate and host the youth activities section again this year. This is a possible All Star or Emerald Star project. Karen reported that it didn't appear to be well publicized last year that youth could attend and that activities were available for them. If anyone is interested in doing this contact the 4H office.

### For Discussion:

*End of the Year Effects* – None.

*Project Leader Criteria/Fair Requirements* – Julie reported that the new structure will get us away from the minimum.

### Fair Board

Jill reported that they met earlier today, the budget was passed, and there is a new President and Vice President. All auction money has been paid and there are still three outstanding food booth accounts. It was discussed that the city water rates are expected to double over the next five years.

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### **JLAC**

Jill reported that they met last month and any requests for handbook changes need to be in ASAP.

### **Announcements:**

It was announced that on December 15, 2012 the Wreaths Across America ceremony will be held. The wreaths will be placed at the gravesites the Friday before the ceremony. There have been over 900 wreaths sold with 4H selling 100 of those.

### **Emerald Star Final Report**

Erin made motion and Hadyn seconded to approve Gabe's Emerald Star Project; motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**Next Council Meeting: January 28, 2012 at the Lower Lake High School Library**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Katherine Blyleven*

Council Secretary