

# LAKE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

## Minutes

January 28, 2013

**Meeting called to order at 6:36p.m., by Karen Hayes – Vice President, Lower Lake High School Library.**

### **Voting Members:**

Val Schweifler – Cole Creek  
Peggy Alexander – Blue Heron  
Chris Lynch – Big Valley  
Katherine Blyleven – Council Secretary  
Carey Hayes – Kelseyville  
Juliana Parlet - Kelseyville  
Jill Crane – Scotts Valley  
Karen Hayes – Council Vice President/ C&L  
Katy Evans – Anderson Marsh  
Cyndi Hill – Big Valley

### **Non-Voting Members:**

Nicole Gentry – UC Staff  
Arleen Rudden – Anderson Marsh  
Sean Rudden – Anderson Marsh  
Nate Falkenberg – Scotts Valley  
Julie Frazell – UC Staff  
Rick Walker – CW Shooting Sports  
Cord Falkenberg – Scotts Valley  
Zoe Lynch – Big Valley

Sean Rudden led the flag Salute and Nate Falkenberg led the 4-H Pledge

### **Welcome Guest(s)**

The following guests were welcomed and introduced themselves; Rick Walker (County Wide Shooting Sports) and Arleen Rudden (Sean’s mom and dog leader for Anderson Marsh).

### **Adopt Agenda**

Katy requested to add “project meeting report” under discussion.

Peggy made motion and Carey seconded to accept the agenda as amended; motion carried.

### **Adopt Minutes**

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

### **Correspondences**

Katherine read a letter from Lorita Sutton requesting California’s 4H Councils to consider making a donation to support the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide 4H Fashion Revue to be held at UC Davis on May 25, 2013.

### **Treasures Report – read by Karen Hayes**

Total Checking \$9,399.85	Total Savings \$25,599.08
Total Restricted \$ 29,424.73	Total Funds Available to Council \$5,574.20

### **Guest Speaker:**

Rick Walker introduced himself as the County Wide Shooting Sports leader. This year will be the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual family fun shoot to be held on June 1, 2013. The program received new equipment through the Konocti Rod and Gun Club last year. Rick and his wife went to Washington to receive the NRA Outstanding Youth Award that was awarded to the program. The Lake County shooting sports program is the only one in the state that is free and open to the public. One of the significant costs for this event is ammunition. Rick is expecting a 40% - 60% increase in the cost of ammunition this year. Rick would like to request \$2500 for the program this year. These funds also cover the cost of awards which is approximately \$600. There are members who haven’t yet received their awards due to funding. Rick will also be seeking donations from the community.

**Club Reports:** See handout. Karen thanked those clubs that submitted their reports.

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

#### **All Star:**

*Jocelyn Bennett* – Not present.

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### **Emerald Star:**

*Sean Rudden* – Introduced himself as a third year member of the Anderson Marsh Club. Sean presented his Emerald Star project – to hold a dog expo open to 4H and FFA members. The expo will be held at the Lake County Kennel Club. Sean’s goal is to introduce members to dog care, training and dog sports. There will be demonstrations for obedience, nose work, agility, etc. There will also be speakers discussing dog care, grooming and nutrition. Sean estimates that this will take 50 to 100 hours to complete and has a budget of \$150. Sean will be making flyers to send out and presenting to 4H clubs. Sean answered several questions asked by council. For clarification the money budgeted for food is for the spectator food booth. The dogs used for the expo will be provided by the kennel club members – 4H and FFA members will not be bringing dogs. Council suggested the following to Sean: when sending out flyers to send one out to each individual FFA leader, making this a presentation at presentation day and including directions on the flyer. Julie said as a reminder that when requesting donations, they need to be approved. Val made motion and Peggy seconded to accept Sean’s Emerald Star project as presented; motion carried.

*Nate & Cord* – Nate reported that at the last workshop they helped people get into their ORB accounts, went over the home screen, entered and deleted activities, looked at what other members put up, how to send messages and how to get spark points. Cord reported that the next workshop will be a review of what Nate covered and will be talking more in depth about the top green bar (PDR, Record Book, Review Activities, Upcoming Events and Profile). The next workshop will be held on February 2, 2013 from 9:00am to 11:30am at the 4H office. Participants will need to bring a computer with wireless capability. There was a reminder that the deadline for Spark Points is February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

*Ethan, Elliot & Edison* – Not present. Katherine read the following written report submitted by Ethan:

*On January 21<sup>st</sup>, 10 -4 our last robotics meeting was held. First we had kids do a couple of activities with gears to warm them up and get them familiar with the concepts. From there they would design a gear train using just a motor, gears, and axles that would lower the speed from the motor to the last gear. After they designed it they would build it and fix any problems encountered. After this they added wheels to make a vehicle that could go uphill. The supplies they used included gears, paper clips, rubber bands, straws, tape, and many others. We completed all the lessons within module 3. Edison and Elliot have written an article and provided pictures for the next 4H 411. In fact, we have taken pictures at all the sessions. We will share them on our final report at the February council meeting. During this project we learned a lot about being organized and prepared.*

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **All Star Contracts:**

Peggy reported that the items highlighted in yellow were changes from last time and those highlighted in green are newer changes. Page 4 of the contract was a suggestion made by Peggy under III, “Promotion & Publicity of the “4H program”, 1) Promotion. Life skills were added under the Self Evaluation section. The awards funded by council section on page 2 is still unfinished. Peggy would like to have a committee address this section to have affordable options. Peggy said she could chair this committee.

Cyndi made motion and Val seconded to approve the document as presented with the exception that a committee will review the section regarding the awards; motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Presentation Day Categories:**

Karen reported that she did not receive any additional emails for category suggestions. The categories that Karen currently has are:

- SET (Science, Engineering & Technology)
- Healthy Living/Culture

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- Citizenship & Leadership / Other
- Life Skills

Karen reported that she reviewed past presentations and was able to divide them up into one of these categories. The different categories were discussed and what types of presentations would fit into these.

Val made motion and Katy seconded to accept the new presentation day categories as presented; motion carried.

Katy made motion and Val seconded to use funds from the Countywide Resource Fund to purchase four perpetual plaques not to exceed \$500 total for the 2013 County Presentation Day; motion carried unanimously.

### **Incentives for Adults to Encourage ORB:**

Juliana reported that the challenge with the ORB is that the parents are not setting up the account for the youth. Juliana asked if council wants to have an incentive. Juliana reported that she has asked the adults in her club what types of incentives would be good and has not yet received any responses. Katy suggested having something in the 411 to remind parents to set up the ORB so that the youth can log on.

### **New Family Online Enrollment:**

Julie reported that the enrollment period for a returning member is July 1- 30<sup>th</sup> and new families would be able to enroll online after July 30<sup>th</sup>. Currently new members have to submit paper forms. Through the online system a maximum number can be set for each club. If families re-enrolling don't submit their enrollment on time then there is the possibility that they could be bumped.

### **Shooting Sports Fund Request:**

It was discussed that council has \$1500 budgeted for shooting sports. Cyndi made motion and Carey seconded to increase the \$1500 budgeted for a total of \$2500 to use for shooting sports with the additional money to come from the Countywide Resource Fund; motion carried unanimously.

## **REPORTS:**

### **General Reports:**

*4H Fling* – Peggy handed out a draft of the activity stations and participant categories. Peggy is in the process of finalizing the activities and events. The different stations, entries, categories and changes were reviewed with council. Peggy is looking for a volunteer to do the interview contest if people still want this. Peggy reported that she cannot oversee this and if no one volunteers to oversee the interview portion then it will be removed from the list. Peggy would like to have two people from each club to help at the Fling.

### **Office Reports**

*New FAQ's for Fundraising* –The fundraising for others has changed – please read carefully.

*New Format for FAQ's* - Julie reported that there are new FAQ's being sent out by the state. The new forms have a blue wave on them. Please make sure all the financial FAQ information is up to date.

*Centennial Celebration Committee* – The state office is requesting each county to do some type of recognition for the 100<sup>th</sup> celebration during October. We have our cookbook which can be used for this. There is a request to do a group call to alumni to get them back in for a day of service during National 4H week. A committee will be formed at the next Council meeting to address this.

*Service Learning vs. Community Service* – It was reported that Katy brought to Julie's attention "Transforming Community" – available in a handout. Discussed community service vs. service learning projects and always wanting to move up to a higher learning process. The packet explains the components and includes a worksheet. This can be given as a presentation at a Council meeting if requested.

*Fundraising Approval Form* – Just a reminder that there is a Fundraising Approval template. Any clubs that do a fundraiser need to complete this form and turn it into the 4H office. The form is also available on the web.

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*Healthy Living Officer* – This is a new position in the clubs to be added this year. Julie reported that only one club has requested a hard copy. Hard copies will be made for anyone that is interested.

*Community of Practice* – Community meetings of like minded people can be held. There are different formats that can be used. If anyone is interested, contact Julie.

*Thrive & Step it up to Leadership* – Kimberly Walker will be contacting Thrive project leaders to find out where they are. Thrive II for junior and teen leaders is now open. Step it up to Leadership youth cannot have had any Thrive.

*Revolution of Responsibility* – The Master Gardeners would like to team up with 4H for a low water landscaping project for the Lucerne Community. 4H would provide labor and funding through the Revolution for one or two yards to serve as demonstration yards. There are a number of organizations that are supporting this project and this would qualify as a service learning project.

### Committee Reports:

*County Presentation Day* – Karen reported that Presentation Day is going to be held on February 24, 2013 at the Lower Lake Elementary school. Entry forms are due February 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Sectional Presentation Day* – Jill reported that the date has been set for April 13, 2013 at the Upper Lake Middle school.

*Cook Book* – Val passed out samples of the recipe layout. Val reported that they are looking at different companies who can do a custom cover and include photos. It was discussed that more recipes, photos and artwork are needed by May. The goal is to have the cookbook ready by fair.

### For Discussion:

*Project Report Meeting Form* – It was reported that a Project Meeting Report meets the criteria to count as a communication skill. This may be something to limit members to one per year so that record books are not being padded. This can be a useful tool to help a project leader choose someone to give the report. This will be discussed more at the next Council meeting as New Business.

### Fair Board

Cyndi reported that there are two new board members and there will be a Spring Fair June 14 – 16<sup>th</sup>. At the District Fair (Labor Day) the market animal classes are going to be changed so that all market classes (4H & FFA) will be together. Showmanship will remain the same. There was extra income from the fires and salary savings from the CEO working at Dixon. Jill reported that there is discussion of putting the two gymkhanas (4H/FFA and Open) back to back so that they are on the same day at the District Fair. Also, the Spring Fair replaces Kulture Shock which is not coming back due to money.

### JLAC

Jill reported that there was no quorum.

Julie reported that the Family Resources requested to give a 20 minute presentation at the next council meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**Next Council Meeting: February 25, 2013 at the 4H office – Lakeport.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Katherine Blyleven*

Council Secretary