

LAKE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

February 25, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:36p.m., by Lisa Illg –President, Ag Center Conference Room, Lakeport.

Voting Members:

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

Non-Voting Members:

Nicole Gentry – UC Staff
Arleen Wilson – Anderson Marsh
Sean Rudden – Anderson Marsh
Nate Falkenberg – Scotts Valley
Julie Frazell – UC Staff
Flora Ibarra – Kelseyville
Cord Falkenberg – Scotts Valley
Tamsen Nash Serena – Cobb Mountain
Ethan Serena – Cobb Mountain
Elliot Serena – Cobb Mountain
Scott Bennett – Cole Creek
Jocelyn Bennett – Cole Creek
Chani Spitzer-Christenson – Anderson Marsh

Chani Spitzer-Christenson led the flag Salute and Flora Ibarra led the 4-H Pledge

Welcome Guest(s)

Marie was a guest and was welcomed

Adopt Agenda

Karen requested to add “Chani and Flora” under Emerald Stars.

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

Adopt Minutes

Val made motion and Jill seconded to accept the minutes as presented; motion carried.

Correspondences

None.

Treasurer’s Report – read by Val Schweifler

Total Checking \$ 8,355.10

Total Savings \$25,599.51

Total Restricted \$ 26,631.19

Total Funds Available to Council \$7,323.42

Val reminded clubs that the fundraising form is required even if the fundraiser is in the budget. When doing club minutes make sure that the club name and date is on each page and that the minutes contain the club secretary’s signature.

Erin made motion and Flora seconded to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented; motion carried.

Cyndi reported an error/correction to the Treasurer’s report. The reported \$26,631 should be \$28,631 and \$5323.42 is available to council. Cyndi made motion and Jill seconded to accept the amended numbers on the Treasurer’s report; motion carried.

Guest Speaker:

It was reported that the guest speaker had cancelled and will be at the next council meeting.

Club Reports: See handout.

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ALL STAR & EMERALD STAR REPORTS:

All Star:

Jocelyn Bennett – Reported that the first article she submitted (4H Horse Shows) was not approved so she resubmitted the article which has been approved. Her next article will be on 4H in the Lake County Fair. Jocelyn reported that she attended a Board of Supervisors meeting and visited the Cobb 4H club and talked to them about preparing for Presentation Day. Council suggested that the 4H office contact information be included in Jocelyn's articles. Jocelyn reported that she will amend her articles to include this information and resubmit them to the 4H office. The Cobb Mountain group thanked Jocelyn for talking to their club about Presentation Day.

Emerald Star:

Nate & Cord – Reported that they have been doing workshops for ORB (online record book) and held a workshop last month that covered, in depth, the green top bar. They gave a presentation on ORB at Presentation Day. The next workshop will be held at the 4H Fling where they will be providing computers and the participants need to have their log in information. It was reported that the final report will need to be submitted to council.

Ethan, Elliot & Edison – Presented their final report to council using a Power Point presentation that included photos and an outline of what was done for each module. Their project was Junk Drawer Robotics level 2, circuits and gears and consisted of four modules. They held a total of three meetings and did not have to have any make up or emergency meetings. For the project they used books, household materials and other materials that Ethan had. The four modules that were covered were: (1) Friction, (2) Circuits and Motors, (3) Gears and (4) Water and Buoyancy. Each member had a role in each of the modules. There was a brief description of each module, what was built and the lessons and challenges. The presentation included a breakdown of the different jobs for each member. It was reported that Edison did most of the advertising and all members visited clubs. They had a wide variety of 4H members participate. They did not have many challenges. For communication they used Facebook, email and phones. All members came an hour prior to each meeting to set up the supplies and organize the room. The learning material with books made it easy to explain the material to the members. The meeting dates were set around holidays and 3 day weekends. Leftover supplies were used from the previous Robotics project and Tamsen purchased some. Ethan, Edison and Elliot learned to keep the members engaged in the project. They summarized and simplified what was in the book to help members retain the information and to adjust for the different age ranges. Some lessons they made adjustments to keep them fun. They plan on giving a presentation at the 4H Fling and having gears there. At the end of the project they had the members complete a survey and all said that they would like to come back next year. Julie asked them to include a slide in their Power Point presentation to show the survey results and then send it to her. The final report with surveys was passed around.

Val made motion and Karen seconded to accept Ethan, Elliot and Edison's project; motion carried.

Sean Rudden – Reported that the Anderson Marsh rabbit group volunteered to help with the bake sale. Dr. Waddington donated a gift certificate for a door prize. Sean went to Presentation Day, set up an information board and handed out flyers. It was reported that Sean went to Wisconsin in June and won best junior showman at Nationals with his Flat Coated Retriever. Julie suggested having fellow club members help present at different 4H clubs.

Flora & Chani – Presented their Emerald Star project which is to fundraise to buy supplies for county wide rabbit projects. They are going to take Easter pictures with rabbits at Rainbow Ag. They plan on putting ads in the paper, on Facebook and in the 411. Council suggested that they take flyers around to the local preschools. There was a reminder to them that a fundraising form needs to be filled out and that all ads need to be approved by the 4H office. Flora and Chani discussed possible obstacles which could include a lack of attendance, the rabbits not cooperating and/or running out of supplies. They plan on scheduling the activity, obtaining supplies, having extra help, organizing people and animals, advertising and purchasing the supplies for the county wide rabbit projects. Council asked several

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questions. Flora will be taking the photos, Chani will be handling the rabbits and they will have others help with money, set up, etc. They plan on doing the event on March 16th and 17th. Prices will be \$5 for the first rabbit and \$2 for each additional rabbit in the photo. They plan on putting the photo in a card or mat that has an Easter theme. Asia volunteered the use of her rabbits.

Cyndi made motion and Erin seconded to accept their Emerald Star project proposal; motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Project Meeting Report Form

Jill reported that this has been used and it works well, it gives the reports structure. Julie reported that the idea is to give the reports structure. The concern is using it to pad record books. The form helps the youth put their report into a structure and is available on the website. There was a general consensus to leave the form floating to be used as needed.

New Family Online Enrollment

This item was discussed as a possibility. The re-enrollment period for returning members including their siblings is July 1st through July 30th. After July 30th enrollment opens up to new members and each club will have a maximum enrollment number. There were concerns expressed such as members enrolling into projects not offered in the club. Julie reported that this is the responsibility of the enrollment coordinator. Other concerns include new members enrolling before attending a club meeting. Cross clubbing enrollment issues with the leaders not aware of the members in their project. It was reported that there is a form for cross clubbing that would require written documentation to cross club. There was discussion that the maximum enrollment number is set by the community club leaders and some clubs may have this number in their bylaws. This topic will be kept under unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spring Valley Funds for Camp

It was reported that Spring Valley has left over funds from their dissolution and would like to use these funds to send active members (3 counselors and 1 camper) to summer camp. Val made motion and Juliana seconded to allow the Spring Valley funds in the account to pay for the four former Spring Valley members to go to camp; motion carried.

Communication Requirement for Fair – MC Events

There was discussion that the communication requirement can be met by giving a presentation or interview and members that MC at Presentation Day, do not receive credit as a presentation. Members who serve as area chair at Presentation Day do get credit because they are evaluated. It was discussed that the MC is scripted and counts as a communication but not a presentation. There was general discussion among council that serving as an MC for an event is not the equivalent as a presentation. Cyndi made motion and Erin seconded to not elect to make the MC presentation of an event count as a presentation towards fair; majority voted yes and 1 abstained.

REPORTS:

General Reports:

PAEX – Katy reported that the Pennsylvania exchange group will be arriving in San Francisco on June 28th and they will be probably be picking them up on the 29th. The Pennsylvania group will be departing out of San Diego so the two groups will have to decide where to part ways. The group has had fundraisers and will be holding more. Julie would like to do a group orientation but needs to know what the state is going to require.

4H Fling – Peggy reported that the events have been finalized, the handbook is online and it is important to read the entry form because of changes this year. Peggy handed out copies of the 4H Fling Passports. The event is scheduled for March 23, 2013. Peggy discussed the different activities and stations and asked to promote this at the clubs.

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Office Reports

Club Minutes – Julie reported that there is a club minutes sample handout in the officer's manual and secretary book. The minutes are legal documents and any voting of funds, then that set of minutes needs to go with the treasurer's information. If there is an item in the budget then it does not need to be in the minutes. Any new or budget changes need to be in the minutes. If anyone has any questions regarding this ask Julie.

Mid-Year Financial Review – Julie reported that Scotts Valley, Middletown, Anderson Marsh and Cobb Mountain clubs still need to make appointments before March 30th. Katy is waiting to hear back and will contact Julie. Jill said she will look at the schedule and call Julie.

MMV FTF – Julie reported that the Middle Management Volunteer and Futures Task Force next meeting will be March 4th from 3 to 5 p.m. The first meeting had a good turn out and was videotaped. At the first meeting the state people explained the structure. The topic for the March meeting will be Lake County 4H as we are now. Julie will be sending out emails looking for input. The following meeting will focus on what Lake County 4H will look like. The last meeting will be to finalize and afterwards the proposed structure will come back to council for approval. Lisa and Juliana reported that the first meeting went well. Karen reported that for as small as we are we function well and commented on the direction we are heading and what we have accomplished. Peggy volunteered to write a letter to promote Lake County 4H. Julie will supply the information to Peggy. Julie reported that Lake County has piloted many programs and has set the curriculum for statewide 4H.

Committee Reports:

County Presentation Day – Karen reported that the day went well, had a good turnout and some minor glitches. Juliana reported that having the activities on the tables was a great idea and kept the kids occupied.

Sectional Presentation Day – Jill reported that they are looking for volunteers to serve as judges. The event is scheduled for April 13th at the Upper Lake School. Julie reported that each county has to supply judges.

Cook Book – Val reported that more recipes and photos are needed. Val is still working on finding a company that can print the book with a personalized cover. The idea of the centennial cookbook is to sell it to the general public. Val reported that she did get price quotes from Office Depot and Staples and the cost was high because of the size of the cookbook.

All Star Awards – Peggy reported that she would like a list of current All Stars. She would like to get together with them and ask them for their input and bring it back to council.

For Discussion:

Peer Review Day – Julie reported that last year clubs swapped information and did each other's peer review. The swap worked well and helps to serve as a training tool. It was discussed that in early August all clubs can bring their stuff in for a peer review day. Stations will be set up and rotations will occur so that all are done at once. Val suggested having lunch included. Julie will send out an email with tentative dates.

Master Gardener/4H Collaboration – Julie reported that the information was sent out in November. Juliana, Val and Cole Creek members are interested. Julie has communicated with the state coordinator who will work with us to have the application approved. This will probably be a one day event and two demonstration yards. Julie discussed the collaborative partners. It was discussed that this is a service learning project and will take a lot of planning. The actual planting/ground work probably won't happen until October. If anyone is interested contact Val, Juliana or Julie.

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast – Julie offered this event to the PA Exchange and Cal Focus groups to take the lead. Katy said she will take this back to the group and get back to council.

Spring Plant Event – This is a Master Gardener event that C&L helped with last year by hosting an activity table for kids. There was discussion that this is also the same day as the dog expo. There was discussion that more

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promotion can be done to attract more youth to this event or let the Master Gardeners know that this is something 4H is not going to do this year.

Horticultural Happening Upper Lake – This is another event that is in need of volunteers for youth activity tables. There was discussion that the timing of the event is good for outreach and the event is promoted countywide and there will be other youth activities at this event. This event is scheduled for April 27th and 28th.

Centennial Committee – It was discussed that a committee needs to be put together to get the cookbook wrapped up, the Board of Supervisors Proclamation and work on the centennial celebration event for the county. Val volunteered to chair the committee. There was general discussion of what other counties are doing for the centennial.

Fair Board

Cyndi reported that all Directors were present. There continues to be members of the community that attend and express concern that there is favoritism and that because fees have been increased then community participation will decrease. The appreciation dinner will be held on September 22, 2013 at 4:30pm. The theme for the fair is “Find Great Treasure at the Lake County Fair”. There was discussion of fair time changes, admission prices and an independent audit that needs to be completed. There is discussion of having a Spring Fair and trying to arrange to have vocational end of the year projects. The tentative theme for the Spring Fair is “Spring Fling”. This could be a possible coordination with the 4H Spring Fling in 2014. It was discussed that there will be more draft horse classes on August 25th.

JLAC

Jill reported that 7% was voted on. This is the percentage taken out of checks for auction animals. The percentage is the same as last year. The sponsor award letters will be sent out soon.

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

Next Council Meeting: March 25, 2013 at the Lower Lake High School Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Blyleven

Council Secretary