

**LAKE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING**

**Minutes**

**March 25, 2013**

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

**Voting Members:**

Val Schweifler – Cole Creek  
Peggy Alexander – Blue Heron  
Kimmy Illg – Cole Creek  
Katherine Blyleven – Council Secretary  
Hadyn Evans – Anderson Marsh  
Kathy DeMartini – Cobb Mountain  
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  
Chani Spitzer-Christenson – Anderson Marsh  
Carey Hayes – Kelseyville  
Victoria Hayes – C&L

**Non-Voting Members:**

Nicole Gentry – UC Staff  
Arleen Wilson – Anderson Marsh  
Sean Rudden – Anderson Marsh  
Sofi Evans – Anderson Marsh  
Julie Frazell – UC Staff  
Flora Ibarra – Kelseyville  
Seth Spitzer-Christensen – Anderson Marsh

Hadyn Evans led the flag Salute and Chani Spitzer-Christenson led the 4-H Pledge

**Welcome Guest(s)**

Kimberly Walker introduced herself, said she works with Julie and was a past 4H member.

**Guest Speaker**

Not present.

**Adopt Agenda**

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

**Adopt Minutes**

There was discussion to amend *Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast* under **For Discussion**. Remove “offered” and have the sentence read as: “Julie presented this event as an option to the PA Exchange and Cal Focus groups to take the lead.”

Cyndi made motion and Chani seconded to accept the minutes as amended; motion carried.

**Correspondences**

None.

**Treasurer’s Report – read by Val Schweifler**

Total Checking \$ 5,283.56	Total Savings \$25,599.90
Total Restricted \$ 28,529.98	Total Assets \$30,883.46

There was discussion that there is a discrepancy with the checking account balance on the balance sheet handout when compared to the Treasurer’s Report handout.

Val reported that a committee needs to be created to refine the budget and deal with outdated restricted accounts. Jill volunteered to be on the committee.

**Club Reports:** See handout.

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

#### **All Star:**

*Jocelyn Bennett* –Not present.

#### **Emerald Star:**

*Nate & Cord* – It was reported that they will be at the April meeting with their final report.

*Flora & Chani* – Reported that they took photos last weekend at Rainbow Ag. For the photos they had a suggested donation of \$5 and made a total of \$139. On April 6, 2013 they will be attending a rabbit show and plan on purchasing a tattoo pen and two copies of the book, “Standard of Perfection”. These will be given to the 4H office for countywide use. With the funds left over after purchasing the supplies they plan on sponsoring a rabbit award for fair. It was discussed that the 4H office does have a tattoo kit and the funds will need to be deposited into council’s account. Flora and Chani were reminded that the final report will need to be completed and submitted to council.

*Sean Rudden* – Reported that Lake County Kennel Club members will be performing demos and he has arranged for a groomer to give a demo as well. Sean went to a dog show and received samples for the welcome bags. Sean updated the flyer for sign ups, sent it to the 4H office and asked that it be put in the 411. Sean said he will be mailing the flyers out to the FFA leaders this week.

### **PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

#### **Rabbit leader request from Middletown Club**

Lisa reported that there was a request from the Middletown Club to approve a new rabbit leader. There were a number of members signed up for the rabbit project but the project did not have a leader. The Executive Board approved the request.

#### **Spring Valley Funds**

Lisa reported that there was a request from Lynn Freeman that Spring Valley funds be used to pay for three campers and one counselor (this was approved at the last meeting) and that any leftover funds be divided among the clubs that these members are now part of. There was a consensus vote and council agreed with the Executive Board’s decision to approve the request.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

Katy reported that her enrollment coordinator had no input. Katy had concern with new families enrolling online and having no or little interaction with the club. There was general discussion that new enrollees don’t always know how 4H works and having a face to face interaction could make for a more successful enrollment. It was reported that the enrollment program is a nationwide program and cannot be tailored to list individual club projects. It was discussed that when the club maximum number is filled then that club is no longer shown as an option in the drop down menu. The URL for the site is private and will be given out by the 4H office. Peggy suggested that this could be tried on a one year basis. It was suggested to talk to the clubs about this. This item will be left under unfinished business.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast**

Hadyn, Victoria and Chani requested that they (PA Exchange group) take the lead for the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast. This would be used as a fundraiser to help support the activities when the PA exchange members come. Victoria (C&L) would be helping them. It was discussed that the higher level leadership members will go with members to make a presentation to the clubs. Katy reported that the PA group represents members from a number of clubs.

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Val made motion and Erin seconded to let the PA Exchange Group be the host for the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast; motion carried.

There was general discussion about council taking on the Pancake Breakfast several years ago and that the funds going into the Countywide Resource Fund for funds to be requested from that account. Victoria reported that they are going to do the footwork including handing out tickets and will then be coming to council and requesting funds. It was reported that the group wants to continue with the monetary incentive to the club that sells the most tickets.

### **Horticulture Happening Upper Lake**

This was discussed at the last council meeting but nothing was decided if anyone was interested. The event is April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. A committee of two would be needed for this event. Val volunteered to work one day to promote the centennial and the cookbook. Julie will work with Val on this.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **General Reports:**

*PAEX* – Katy reported that they had a meeting a few weeks ago. Victoria reported that they want to spend two days in San Francisco. Their activities they are planning include having a BBQ, going to the beach, visiting Napa, and old town Sacramento. Julie requested that the activity list be sent to her. Katy reported that the biggest debate is that the PA group is flying out of San Diego and they have invited them to go down the coast with them to San Diego. Victoria reported that they have been working on a list of places to have an exchange with.

*4H Fling* – Peggy thanked everyone for their help. It was reported that there were representatives from seven different clubs, at least 45 people signed in and entries were down this year. If anyone has any suggestions or feedback let Peggy know, the planning for 2014 is underway. There was discussion of evolving the Spring Fling to an all day outreach event that would be open to the public.

#### **Office Reports**

*MMV FTF* – Julie reported that the task force met again and the topic for the meeting was “Lake County and where you’re at.” Peggy and Katy were thanked for their input. The task force made significant steps and those not involved in the program were able to see what needs to be done. The topic for the next meeting will be “What it is Lake County needs.” If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, send them to Julie.

*Fair Photos* – Julie reported that the 4H office received a box of photos from Renee Timmons. The photos are market animal photos from the early 90’s when families took their own photos. Karen said that she would like to put these into an album. Val suggested having the photos put into an online album. There was general discussion that as an All Star project someone could create an online album with these and other photos that council has.

*Peer Review Day* – It was reported that the date for the peer review has been set for August 15<sup>th</sup>. Those participating need to have all their information ready to go.

*Presentation Day* – Julie reported that members who serve as a judge for Presentation Day do not get credit for a presentation for fair. There has been some confusion surrounding this. Katy asked if the members that went to Presentation Day this year and served as a judge thinking that it counted for a presentation for fair, if they can be grandfathered in for this year and start clean next year.

Hadyn made motion and Erin seconded to accept judging as a presentation for Cody Smith and Taylor Robbins for 2013; motion carried.

It was discussed that this will be put under new business for future discussion if council wants to let youth judges receive credit for a presentation.

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### Committee Reports:

*Sectional Presentation Day* – Jill reported that registration closes April 5<sup>th</sup>. Nicole reported that currently only one person from our county has signed up. Sectional Presentation Day is scheduled for April 13, 2013 and will be held at the Upper Lake Middle School. It was requested to send a list of member's who received gold to the community club leaders.

*Cook Book* – Val reported that they are making progress on it and would like to have the letter that was sent out last year sent out again. It is possible that the cookbook may be ready by the Pancake Breakfast. There will be a section in the back of the book with old 4H photos. Val needs members to go and visit clubs to talk about the cookbook, centennial and get club photos. Clubs need to let Val know what month (April or May) works best for them.

### For Discussion:

*All Star Shirts* – Peggy reported that research has been done to see what other clubs are doing. Most are doing a polo shirt with an embroidered logo (name, All Star and year). Victoria, Asia and Jocelyn are the current All Stars. Peggy passed out a handout with three options shown. Option one is a personalized sweatshirt. Option two is a personalized polo shirt. And option three is a personalized All Star badge. Victoria said that she likes the name badge but would also like the sweatshirt.

Cyndi made motion and Hadyn seconded to award each All Star the badge of their choice and the attire of their choice. No vote was made on this item.

Kimberly reported that when she was an All Star council split the funds between the All Stars and let them purchase their own option with council's approval.

This item will be moved to new business at the next council meeting.

*Master Gardener/4H Collaboration* – There will be a meeting tomorrow at 2:30pm and any teens, volunteers or parents who are interested are welcome to attend. The actual planting will probably happen in October.

*Centennial Committee* – Val reported that they are gathering information. Jill suggested getting custom coffee sleeves made to hand out to the local coffee places as a way to advertise the centennial and alumni. There was discussion of keeping the print on the sleeves the same color for cost. Peggy suggested including something on the sleeve design to direct people to the 4H Facebook page.

### Fair Board

Cyndi reported that the meeting started late and there were four members missing. There is still discussion from local businesses expressing concern regarding the Kulture Shock car show not being there this year. The Spring Fling/ Carnival is in place and buildings are getting full. They are planning events for three nights and possibly a battle of the bands for one of the nights. The Spring Carnival is scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Cyndi reported that she has two more fair board meetings and then needs to find a replacement. It was discussed that fair prices will probably not change and they are discussing the canned food drive for fair entry again this year.

### JLAC

Jill reported that the next meeting is Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, and the awards money is coming in from fair award sponsors.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

**Next Council Meeting: April 22, 2013 at the Ag Center - Lakeport.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Katherine Blyleven*

Council Secretary