

LAKE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

November 25, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:30p.m., by Lisa Illg –President, Agricultural Center - Lakeport.

Voting Members:

Lisa Illg – Council President
Peggy Alexander – Blue Heron
Carey Hayes – Kelseyville
Katherine Blyleven – Council Secretary
Christina Birge – Upper Lake
Jill Crane – Scotts Valley
Karen Hayes – Council Vice President/ C&L
Katy Evans – Anderson Marsh
Val Schweifler – Cole Creek
Karen Jones – Middletown
Chris Lynch – Big Valley
Zoe Lynch – Big Valley

Non-Voting Members:

Nicole Gentry – UC Staff
Julie Frazell – UC Staff

Erica Illg led the flag Salute and the 4-H Pledge

Welcome Guest(s)

Erica Illg introduced her grandmother.

Guest Speaker

None.

Adopt Agenda

The following amendments were made to the agenda:

- Add Scotts Valley and Upper Lake to the exception requests
- Under For Discussion add Finance Committee and remove Written Request from Budget Committee
- Add Flora's leadership presentation before correspondence.

Karen H. made motion and Val seconded to accept the agenda as amended; motion carried.

Adopt Minutes

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

Leadership Project – *Flora Ibarra*

Flora presented a leadership science, engineering and technology (S.E.T.) project that will be taking place. Members of the project will be making confetti guns and robots. There is an information meeting scheduled for adults, junior and teen leaders on January 4, 2014 at 1pm. Interested members and adult volunteers should contact the 4H office.

Correspondences

None.

Treasurer's Report – read by Val Schweifler

Total Checking \$	7,181.12	Total Savings	\$20,602.56
Total Restricted \$	28,193.48	Total Funds Available to Council \$	- 409.80

Val reported that funds for the PA Exchange and Centennial came from the County Wide Resource Fund and that deposits go back into that fund. Val would like to establish a finance committee to go over the budget. The group would probably meet in January or February.

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Club Reports: See handout.

ALL STAR & EMERALD STAR REPORTS:

Emerald Star:

Erica Illg – reported that she is putting together 50 backpacks for foster care kids in Lake County. This is a transitional item for the kids as they go through foster care. Erica will be going to businesses and organizations asking for donations. Erica sent in a Revolution of Responsibility application and received two letters of recommendation.

Emma Farrell - Not present.

FOR DISCUSSION:

4H Representative to attend Wine Alliance reception

Karen reported that the reception will be December 4th at 5:30 pm. Karen would like to have the All Stars attend this event with her and Victoria. There was discussion of also inviting younger members.

4H Fling – March 29

Peggy reported that the date has been set for Saturday, March 29, 2014. The location is tentatively set for the Kelseyville Presbyterian Church. If anyone clubs are interested in having a booth they should contact Peggy. There was discussion of developing a planning committee. Those that volunteered for the committee include: Val, Chris, Carey, Lisa, Jill and Katy. Peggy will be in contact with a date.

THRIVE Projects – SET Focus this year

Julie reported that there is a new focus this year, leadership. Members will get to build robots and confetti cannons. The leadership team is looking for new people to be project leaders.

Finance Committee

Val reported that she would like to form a finance committee to look at the paper trail of funds and how funds are tracked. Val, Jill, Katy and Peggy volunteered to be on the committee.

EXECUTIVE BOARD DECISIONS:

Enrollment Scholarships

It was reported that the Executive Board approved enrollment scholarships for two families. There was discussion of the need to reevaluate partial scholarships and the challenge it presented this year. A plan needs to be created to determine if the funds go to the club or council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Member Parent Expectations – Exception Requests (*Anderson Marsh, Big Valley, Scotts Valley and Upper Lake*)

Chris reported that she has a member who graduated last year, is 18 years old and works nights full time and goes to college. This member is unable to make the 4H meetings. There was general discussion that this member should be able to go to the fair as independent. It was recommended that they check with the fair regarding this.

There was discussion of state policy changing that would cover one year outside of school.

Katy reported that she has one member (Quenna) to add. The project doesn't start until December and the member has submitted a written request. Karen J. made motion and Chris seconded to accept Quenna's late enrollment and project request; motion carried.

Jill reviewed the list of Scotts Valley members and their projects. Val made motion and Chris seconded to accept all Scotts Valley member requests; motion carried.

Christina reported that she has two members who have not missed any meetings. Val made motion and Jill seconded to accept all Upper Lake member requests; motion carried.

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REPORTS:

Committee Reports:

Cook Book – Val reported that she did not receive very many recipes/ drawings from the last request. Val would like to have recipes and photos representing all of the clubs. There was discussion of organizing the cookbook. Chris volunteered to help Val. More recipes are still needed.

Fundraiser Committee – Karen reported that the committee came up with a list of suggestions. Jill suggested having a mud run.

Presentation Day (Upper Lake/ Scotts Valley) – It was reported that a date needs to be scheduled as well as the facility needs to be secured. There was discussion that historically youth judges do not get presentation credit and area chairs do get credit. There was discussion of forming a presentation day committee if council wants to change this. There was discussion of a presentation vs. public speaking and if All Stars who MC Presentation Day, if they can they get credit for a presentation if they script their own speech. Karen reported that the Emerald and All Stars do public speaking. The Parent/Member expectations needs to be looked at for the specific wording.

General Reports:

Veterans Day Celebration/cards/Car Wash – Jill reported that approximately 15 cars were washed and approximately \$29 in donations went to Tango Mike. Julie reported that there were plenty of cards and had one box of cards that went to Yountville. There was a request to avoid glitter in the future. It was reported that a large number of 4H members showed up and Supervisor Comstock read the card he was handed at the podium.

Youth Leadership / Key Leader – Karen H. reported that she is working on getting more Emerald and All Stars. Karen would like to revisit the Emerald Star contract. Karen reported that she is considering a polo shirt with logo and star for the All Star attire. There was discussion of putting an article in the paper about All Stars.

Office Reports

Treasurer's Box – Julie reported that while doing the mid year review she noticed that everyone has a different method for organizing. Julie got boxes for clubs and has included all the forms that clubs are supposed to be using. In the box there is a section for the current year and past year's forms. At the end of the year clubs can bring their boxes into the office for the peer review to be completed. It was discussed that the adult treasurer assistant would be responsible for the box.

Climb to the Peak of Health – activity and event – Julie reported that a local grant was received because the health statistics for Lake County are one of the worst in the state. The theme is "Move More in 2014". Julie will be sending out more information. Any active events or projects can be included in this.

Summer Camp – Julie reported that summer camp forms have been mailed to all households with a member who is 14 and older.

2014 Summer Camp Dates – June 25 – 30th for Teen Staff and June 26-30th for campers/CITs/Adult Volunteers

- Dean, Director and Ambassador Application and Essay Due: December 6, 2013
- Dean, Director and Ambassador interviews - Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at Ukiah 6:00 pm
- Counselor and Lead Counselor Applications and Essay Due: February 28, 2014
- First Counselor meeting will be Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at Ukiah 4H Office 6:30-8:30 pm

Fair Board

Jill reported that the Spring Fair will be held on June 20th – 22nd. Butler Amusement is on the contract. There is a possible theme change for the August fair from "Old Lake County Fair" to "Hot August Family Fun".

JLAC

Jill reported that any changes requested for the premium book need to be in this Friday. Any suggestions for improvements should be sent to Karen Jones or Kevin Smith.

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There was a reminder that the Futures Task Force is supposed to be appointing members. The Management Board is to be filled first.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next Council Meeting: January 27, 2014 at the Lower Lake High School Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Blyleven

Council Secretary