

LAKE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

January 27, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:33p.m., by Lisa Illg –President, Lower Lake High School Library.

Voting Members:

Lisa Illg – Council President
Peggy Alexander – Blue Heron
Erin Evans – Anderson Marsh
Katherine Blyleven – Council Secretary
Hadyn Evans – Anderson Marsh
Jill Crane – Scotts Valley
Karen Hayes – Council Vice President/ C&L
Katy Evans – Anderson Marsh
Val Schweifler – Cole Creek
Karen Jones – Middletown
Victoria Hayes – C&L

Non-Voting Members:

Nicole Gentry – UC Staff
Julie Frazell – UC Staff
Bobbi Loucks - Volunteer

Gracie Tucker led the flag Salute and Erin Evans led the 4-H Pledge

Welcome Guest(s)

Rick Walker – Countywide Shooting Sports introduced himself.

Guest Speaker

Rick Walker with the Countywide Shooting Sports introduced himself and gave an overview of the project. Rick reported that based on his research there is only one other organization in the nation that offers a free family fun shoot, all others have a fee. This year will be the 10th annual event and Rick is expecting a larger turnout. Rick reported that there will be new targets this year and he has coaches that are committed to this event. Rick said that he is putting in a proposal to the Knocti Rod and Gun Club this year requesting funds to purchase and upgrade equipment. Rick is requesting funds to be used for the Family Fun Shoot and the Shooting Sports project awards. Rick explained that he orders the project awards first and then uses the remaining funds for the Family Fun Shoot. Rick is requesting \$2,500 from council.

Adopt Agenda

Val requested to have the Nolan fund agenda item under new business carried out as three separate votes.

Peggy made motion and Val seconded to approve the agenda with Val's modification to have the Nolan Fund as three votes; motion carried.

Adopt Minutes

Katy requested to have Karen Jones added to the Finance Committee on page 2 under For Discussion.

Victoria made motion and Hadyn seconded to accept the minutes as amended; motion carried.

Correspondences

Juliana Parlet sent in an update and informed council that the owl box that was made at the State Leadership Conference was donated to Anderson Marsh State Park.

Katherine read a letter from the North Section 4H Council looking for volunteers willing to help to run conferences as well as requesting names of voting representatives for each county for the North Section Council.

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Treasurer's Report – read by Val Schweifler

Total Restricted \$ 26,816.07 Total Funds Available to Council \$ 14,395.41

Val reported that on December 6th Council received the Wine Alliance funds and the committee is working on how to structure the funds.

Peggy made motion and Erin seconded to approve the Treasurer's report as read; motion carried.

Club Reports: See handout.

ALL STAR & EMERALD STAR REPORTS:

Emerald Star:

Erica Illg – Gracie Tucker reported that she is part of the team of teens that are putting together backpacks for foster kids. Gracie reported that they have been asking for donations from businesses. It was reported that one individual donated 5 backpacks and another individual donated 10 diaper bags. Dr. Grey donated toothpaste, toothbrushes and floss. Jennifer Hughes obtained a donation of a box of toothpaste. The Anderson Marsh sewing project and Thimbles and Hoops will be making blankets.

Emma Farrell - Not present.

Erin Evans – Introduced herself and presented her Emerald Star project of reintroducing the interview contest at the 4H Fling. Erin said that participants will be judged on how well they interview. There will be two different job options. Erin will need to find judges and organize it for the 4H Fling.

Val made motion and Peggy seconded to accept Erin's Emerald Star project as presented; motion carried.

FOR DISCUSSION:

Food Booth – Presentation Day

Karen reported that C&L will be doing the food booth at presentation day and will be keeping the menu simple.

Fund Request for Countywide Fly Tying Project

Bobbi introduced himself and is requesting \$275 to start a Fly Tying project and obtain materials necessary for the project. Bobbi reported that he would like to lead this project and would need 5 fly tying kits (approximately \$40 each) and hackle feathers (approximately \$20). This would be a countywide project and would be limited to 5 members (due to material availability) and members would need to be at least 12 years old.

Purchase two new easels

Julie reported that over the 10 years 10 to 11 easels have gone missing and there are currently only 4 for use. If council is interested in purchasing new easels they are approximately \$115.88/easel and this can be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Lake County Tobacco – Adult Volunteer

Julie reported that the Lake County Tobacco Education Program would like to get an adult coalition together to brainstorm ideas to stop smoking. If anyone is interested in being a representative from 4H contact Julie.

Fundraising Committee

Val reported that council needs to look at the idea list and decide on a fundraiser. Val reviewed the list of ideas from the last council meeting. There was discussion of bagging groceries which is something that could be used to start or end 4H week with. There was discussion that a committee chair is needed. Val and Karen H. will co-chair the committee. It was suggested that each club brainstorm and send the name of one person to Val that could serve on the committee. It was mentioned that teen leaders could also be on the committee.

Countywide Cloverbud Project

Karen H. gave an overview of Carey's proposed countywide Cloverbud project. Carey wanted to know if any clubs have any families that are interested, if so contact Nicole. The meetings will be held at the 4H office.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Request for funds for Fling/Expo from Western Dancers Fund

Peggy reported that at the Fling she would like to have a cup song activity station and also have it at the grand finale. Peggy is requesting funds to purchase cups and snacks to train the teen leaders and additional funds would be used towards the facility rental.

Val made motion and Erin seconded to move \$100 from the Western Dancers restricted fund to the 4H Fling budget; motion carried.

Fly Tying Project Request for Funds

Karen H. made motion and Victoria seconded to set aside \$275 for the countywide Fly Tying Project from the Countywide Resource fund.

Karen H. amended her motion and Victoria seconded to allocate \$275 out of the enrollment curriculum to the countywide Fly Tying Project; motion carried.

Nolan Fund – move from restricted accounts to purchase rabbit cage for Avenue of Champions and name plate

Lisa reported that there is \$100 in a restricted account (Nolan fund) for the purchase of a rabbit cage for the Avenue of Champions and a name plate. Hadyn made motion and Victoria seconded to move the \$100 from the Nolan Fund into the general fund; motion carried. Peggy made motion and Hadyn seconded to buy a rabbit cage for the Avenue of Champions for \$75; motion carried. Val made motion and Erin seconded to buy a name plate “in memory of Jenae Nolan” for \$25; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE BOARD DECISIONS:

It was reported that the Executive Board approved a Scotts Valley cloverbud member request to move from the goat project to the rabbit project.

REPORTS:

Committee Reports:

Presentation Day (Upper Lake/ Scotts Valley) – Jill reported that Christina Birge will not be there that day and Erica Boomer will be there to help. The event will be held on February 22nd. Nicole reported that the facility has been secured.

4H Fling/Expo Update – Peggy passed out the new version of the Fling entry form. There are traditional stations and new stations. The photo categories were updated. It was reported that Taylor, Laynie, and Erin will be going around to clubs to help promote the event. Nicole reported that Sectional Presentation Day is the same day as the Fling. Peggy reported that needs judges for various events and would like for each club to provide one adult and a teen (+16yr). Erin Evans will be presenting the 4H Fling PowerPoint during Presentation Day.

Financial Committee (Wine Alliance Funds) – Val reported that the finance committee met. In regards to the Wine Alliance funds the committee made the following recommendations:

- Distribute the funds over a 5 year period (\$3000/year)
- Set the unused funds aside into an interest bearing certificate of deposit(CD)
- Revisit annually
- An example – this year \$3000 would be immediately put in the general fund to be utilized at the discretion of Council. The remaining \$12000 would be put in a CD until 7/1/14
- In July when the CD renews, re-evaluate and take out another \$3000 for the general fund and reinvest \$9000 for 12 months, repeat in July 2015

Val reported that the committee doesn't want to see the funds all used up in 2 years. There was discussion that council has to have a reason why they are carrying over excess funds and a CD would have to be approved by the director. There was general discussion of the funds and spreading them out over several years and the legality of council investing money in a CD. Julie reported that this time we were one of the \$15,000 benefactors with no

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specifics on how the funds have to be spent. Anytime anything is done a news release should be made indicating that that particular thing was made possible due to the Wine Alliance Funds.

General Reports:

C&L Update – Karen H. reported that there are a number of members going to Washington DC and the cost is approximately \$4000 per delegate without the support from council. Due to time, cost and fundraising the group will not be going this year but will be planning on going the following year. Val suggested C&L use the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast as a fundraiser. It was reported that there are 5 members that want to attend Cal Focus. Katy reported that 856 wreaths were sold through the Wreaths Across America.

Office Reports

Update on Management Board Progress – Julie reported that the timeline is off a few months due to the time required to write the position descriptions. When the recruitment process starts there will be a webpage with links to the position descriptions. It was mentioned that everyone needs to start reaching out into the community, talk about the restructuring and bring back names for possible contacts for the Management Board.

Update on Summer Camp – It was reported that the closing date for early registration is in March. Counselor applications can still be accepted and camp is at the end of June.

Material in office storage area – It was reported that there is material for a sewing project in storage. Val volunteered to drag out the bins. Anyone interested is welcome to come in and get material.

End of year Reports / Treasurer's Box – Julie reported that she hasn't received Cole Creeks. 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 will bring their boxes into the office for the peer review to be completed. Clubs should send Julie an email to bring their stuff in to her to have it organized in the box.

Enrollment Scholarships – Julie is requesting a committee to set up a process for this to work. There was discussion of families not paying and clubs covering the cost.

Fair Board

Jill reported that the new fair theme is "Hot August Family Fun" and was changed from "Celebrate Old Lake County Fair". It was reported that the Mike Thompson dinner is scheduled for March 29th. The fairgrounds has a new rental coordinator.

JLAC

Jill reported that the committee doesn't meet until March.

Erin made motion and Peggy seconded to adjourn the meeting; motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next Council Meeting: February 24, 2014 at the Lakeport Ag Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Blyleven

Council Secretary