

LAKE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

February 24, 2014

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

Voting Members:

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

Non-Voting Members:

Nicole Gentry – UC Staff
Julie Frazell – UC Staff
Morgan Hayes – Kelseyville
Lora Reynolds – Big Valley
Cheri Ferrell - Kelseyville

Morgan Hayes led the flag Salute and the 4-H Pledge

Welcome Guest(s)

None.

Guest Speaker

none.

Adopt Agenda

Katy requested to have Uniform Contest added under For Discussion. Julie requested to add State Field Day under Office Report.

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

Adopt Minutes

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

Correspondences

None.

Treasurer’s Report –Val Schweifler

Total Restricted \$27,076.26 Total Funds Available to Council \$13,680.19

Val discussed the deposit detail and reviewed how to read and understand the Treasurer’s printed report.

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

Club Reports: See handout.

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ALL STAR & EMERALD STAR REPORTS:

Emerald Star:

Erica Illg – Kim is on the team for Backpacks for Foster Kids and reported that a presentation was made at a church and they received a donation of supplies from Totes for Teens.

Emma Farrell – reported that Kelseyville Lumber donated the wood and Mendo Mill donated the stain for the birdhouses. Emma is going to ask other clubs to help construct two of the birdhouses. She had completed one of the birdhouses and showed it to council.

Erin Evans – Erin was unable to attend and submitted a written report. Erin reported that she still needs to get judges and would like to request \$20 for judges' gifts. She has presented to several clubs and has a few more to present to.

Morgan Hayes – presented her Emerald Star project, she would like to acquire at least 10 horse blankets for horses at the local animal shelter. Morgan will be seeking donations from local vet clinics, feed stores and plans on putting an article in the paper asking for donations. Council suggested that Morgan also ask the Lake County Horse Council and advertise at the Clear Lake Junior Horsemen and Middletown gymkhanas. Val made motion and Chris seconded to accept Morgan's Emerald Star project as presented; motion carried.

FOR DISCUSSION:

Parent Member Fair Requirements

Katy reported that there is concern regarding inconsistent enforcement regarding the requirements and issues with accountability. Julie reported that this is a statewide issue regarding inconsistency and how it is enforced. Julie had requirements from three different counties and briefly went over the differences. There was general discussion of 4H projects, fair requirements and signing members off for fair. This topic will be kept open for discussion.

Ethics Training

Julie wanted to know if members need ethics training for other fairs. If there are members that are in need of this contact Julie. Katy reported that Cloverbuds need ethics training to show at fairs that require it. It was reported that Ukiah is not hosting a training this year.

Pilot State Proficiencies

Julie reported that Martin Smith has developed a new project based on proficiencies and has asked Lake County to pilot the project. The project is a blend of bio-security and vet science and needs to be piloted between March and June with members in the age range of 8 to 13 years old. Lisa volunteered the goat group with the help of Jill and Katy.

Uniform Contest

Katy reported that there is a uniform contest open to 4H members. The contest allows members to come up with an idea for a practical uniform that could be adopted by the state. The ideas will be displayed at the State Field Day and voting will begin at the State Field Day and end on June 15th. It was discussed that those not attending the field day could have an unfair advantage as they would not be able to view the designs. Julie thought that photos may be posted for everyone to view. It was discussed that only youth can submit ideas and vote. The state website has a link for the uniform contest. There was general discussion of uniforms and signing up to receive information, such as the uniform contest, via the state newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shooting Sports Fund Request

Val made motion and Jill seconded to stay within the budget and allocate \$1,000 to shooting sports; motion carried. Jill suggested writing an explanation letter with the funds as to why council is not giving the full amount requested.

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Purchase of Two New Easels

Julie requested that this item be tabled until March.

EXECUTIVE BOARD DECISIONS:

It was reported that the Executive Board approved to close the fair food booth restricted account again. Val reported that there was \$32.63 in the account. It was reported that revenue came back through and automatically went into the account and the Executive Board moved it to the General Fund.

REPORTS:

Committee Reports:

Fundraiser Committee/ Financial Committee – Val reported that the fundraiser and finance committee met and there was a good discussion with good ideas. Val would like to table until March.

Presentation Day (Upper Lake/ Scotts Valley) – Jill reported that the day went fast and well. Karen had a dollar menu and made \$27. It was reported that there were only a few silver awards out of all the presentations. Peggy offered to volunteer in the future to have a separate meeting with the area chairs so that they understand their requirements and what is expected of them. There was general discussion that there was a large number of area chairs for the number of presentations and rooms this year.

4H Fling/Expo Update – Peggy reported that the event is scheduled for March 29th. Community Club Leaders will be getting reminder emails for entry forms and requesting names for volunteers (one adult and one teen from each club). Peggy thanked the committee for their support. There was discussion of Erin's request for \$20 for judges' gifts and if that is separate from the Fling. Council agreed that it is part of the Fling and that Erin doesn't need to request the \$20 for judges' gifts.

General Reports:

State Leadership Conference (SLC) – Juliana reported that she was a chaperone last year and that the conference was a great experience for the kids that attended. Juliana had pulled information from the website regarding the benefits of attending SLC and read them to council. It was reported that the conference is open to members 13 – 19 years old and have graduated from the 8th grade. The 2014 conference will be held, August 14-17th at UC Santa Cruz. Juliana would like to put together a committee to fundraise (the cost to attend is approximately \$500/person) and inform other members/clubs about this event.

Office Reports

Articles for 411 - It was reported that anyone sending in an article for the 411 needs to send in a complete article. Nicole will not draft articles for people.

Complete Financial Forms – It was reported that forms need to be filled out completely. Do not put “address on file” or leave blank spots.

Management Board Directors & Program Board Key Leaders – It was reported that to fill the Management Board 4H needs to get the word out and connect with other organizations and professionals to get recommendations for board members. It was discussed that those who are recommended will be invited to an informational meeting. Julie is working with Annette to finalize the position descriptions.

5 Year Business Plan – It was reported that this will be moved back and probably will not be started until most of the Management Board is in place. It was discussed that the Management Board doesn't need to have knowledge of 4H program but the Program Board members do need to have that knowledge.

Move More 2014 – Julie reported that this is a grant that Lake County received due to the poor health statistics in the county making it one of the worst in the state. The program is to get people educated and to make the change to better living. The program is aimed to get people moving for at least 20 minutes a day for 14 weeks. It was

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discussed that beef kids can sign up and log their time spent walking their steers as well as any other active project. Julie has more information for anyone interested.

State Field Day – It was reported that the State Field Day will be held May 31, 2014 at UC Davis. The event this year does not conflict with the Kiwanis pancake breakfast. Julie briefly went over the different contests and activities. There was discussion if members can go to a different regional presentation day and if members want to compete at state presentation day do they need to attend a regional. It was discussed that members wanting to attend a different regional presentation day should check with the hosting county. In regards to attending state presentation day with or without attending regional – Julie will look into that.

Fair Board

No report.

JLAC

No report – the committee is meeting in March.

Val made motion and Karen seconded to adjourn the meeting; motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Next Council Meeting: March 24, 2014 at the Lower Lake High School Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Blyleven

Council Secretary