

LAKE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

March 24, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:38p.m., by Lisa Illg –President, Lower Lake High School Library.

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
Christina Birge – Upper Lake
Erin Evans – Anderson Marsh
Morgan Hayes – Kelseyville
Karen Jones – Middletown

Non-Voting Members:

Nicole Gentry – UC Staff
Julie Frazell – UC Staff
Lora Reynolds – Big Valley

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

Welcome Guest(s)

None.

Guest Speaker

none.

Adopt Agenda

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

Adopt Minutes

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

Correspondences

None.

Treasurer’s Report –Val Schweifler

Total Restricted \$25,492.99 Total Funds Available to Council \$12,692.53

Val reported that the printed Treasurer’s report includes the Wine Alliance Funds.

Chris made motion and Christina 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 – Not present.

Emma Farrell – Not present.

Erin Evans – Reported that she has the judge's gifts, currently has two judges and needs one more. Members can still sign up the day of the event and will need to bring a resume and cover letter with them. Val volunteered to be the third judge.

Morgan Hayes – Presented a display board that she made to take with her when she presents her project. Her display board, titled "Horse Blanket Roundup" includes a brief biography and information on her Emerald Star project. She reported that she had contacted an individual for donations and is working on putting an article in the newspaper. Julie reminded her that any article needs to first go through the 4H office.

FOR DISCUSSION:

Parent Member Fair Requirements

Council was asked if anyone had talked to their clubs regarding this. There was general discussion of members enrolling in a lot of animal science projects because they often don't know what projects they will be doing and want to be enrolled before the deadline. There was discussion of projects and hours. Julie reported that per policy all projects have to have a minimum of six hours. There was discussion that there is the minimum of six hours and the project leader also determining when the project is complete and how this impacts animal science projects and market animals. Julie reported that at the state level there will be an absolute minimum with guidelines. The language has not been approved yet and may include that the project is completed at the project leader's discretion. Julie asked that everyone talk to the key leaders in their clubs regarding this. This item will be kept in discussion until the state finalizes their language.

Local Fair Board

Julie reported that she was contacted and was asked for a recommendation for the Fair Board. There was discussion of having a 4H representative for the Fair Board. It was discussed that ideally it should be a parent who does not have a child taking a project to the fair because it creates a conflict. Any suggestions can be sent to Julie.

Summer Camp Minutes

Julie reported that the 4H Camp Steering Committee minutes can be emailed or printed and available at council. There was general discussion and Julie will start emailing them out.

North Section Bill

Val reported that council received a bill from North Section for \$149.50. It was reported that council has not paid dues the last few years. Val made an inquiry to North Section to find out why they are showing that we have paid and that other than paying for Sectional Presentation Day pins there has been no other communication or notices of scholarships or other. Val reported that she is still waiting for a response. There was discussion that North Section's budget only shows funds received from the counties and no other detail.

NEW BUSINESS:

Purchase of Two New Easels

Tabled.

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REPORTS:

Committee Reports:

Fundraiser Committee – Val reported that they are starting small. One idea would be a pizza night throughout the county on the same night. It was discussed that there would tentatively be a dry run in February. Another idea, celebrity bagging, would take place during National 4H Week. Members would bag groceries for tips throughout the county on the same day. Julie reported that another state does a color run using the green and white colors. This idea is being discussed at the state level.

4H Fling/Expo – Peggy reported that preparations are underway. The pre-entered items were due today by 5pm at the 4H office. Peggy reported that set up will take place at 8/8:30am and the event will start shortly after 9am. Peggy reported that she could use more adults/volunteers. The event should be completed by 12/12:30pm. It was reported that those doing the smoothie competition can count that as a presentation.

Finance Committee – Val reported that the committee has been looking at items. There were funds for the Pennsylvania exchange. This has been changed from PA exchange to exchange. Julie reported that there are some funds that need to be cleared up with the office.

General Reports:

Mike Thompson Dinner – Peggy reported that she has more names for Val.

Office Reports

Management Board Directors & Program Board Key Leaders – It was reported that position descriptions have been tentatively approved and names can start being collected. If anyone has any recommendations they can forward them to Julie.

Move More 2014 – It was reported that there is an event scheduled for Saturday, April 26th from 10am to 2pm at the Kelseyville High School and they would like 4H to participate. It was discussed that 4H can have an information booth set up. Val encouraged people to sign up on the website. Julie reported that this is a grant based program and could lead to more grants for the county.

One on One Policy – Julie reported that anyone that works with the youth cannot have one on one with the youth members. An email was sent out regarding the policy and the different scenarios. There was general discussion of this policy and how it applies to non 4H time.

4H Age & Grade – It was reported that starting next year, per policy it will be age only not age and grade.

Family Packets – It was reported that new adults are not feeling connected with the program. It was discussed that it is important for new families to get the basics (e.g. club roster, etc.) so that they have a way to connect. Julie discussed ways of making families feel more connected.

Club Management Volunteer Positions – Julie clarified the positions and reported that the position does not have to be filled by a parent of a member currently in the program. The person filling the position does need to be an appointed volunteer.

Club Rosters – It was reported that this is the time of year to go through and clean up the rosters and remove projects that members are no longer in. There was a reminder that on any 4H website to not use the Internet Explorer browser as it does not work well.

Fair Board

No report.

JLAC

Jill reported that the next meeting is Thursday night. It was reported that Ag Unlimited is starting their promissory notes (charge accounts) beginning on April 1st. On May 3rd Ag Unlimited will be having a customer appreciation

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day. 4H and the FFA groups are welcome to set up booths to fundraise. There will be a drawing for a BBQ on June 21st. Community members can help sell the drawing tickets and funds will be split between 4H and FFA. It was discussed that the 4H funds received will probably go into the general fund. It was discussed that the event on May 3rd is also a good opportunity for clubs to do outreach.

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

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Next Council Meeting: April 28, 2014 at the Lakeport Agricultural Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Blyleven

Council Secretary