

**LAKE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING**

**Minutes  
April 28, 2014**

**Meeting called to order at 6:35p.m., by Lisa Illg –President, Agricultural Center, Lakeport**

**Voting Members:**

Lisa Illg – Council President  
Carey Hayes – Kelseyville  
Katherine Blyleven – Council Secretary  
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  
Kathy DeMartini – Cobb Mountain  
Jessica Lytle – Cobb Mountain

**Non-Voting Members:**

Julie Frazell – UC Staff

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

**Welcome Guest(s)**

None.

**Guest Speaker**

none.

**Adopt Agenda**

Julie requested to add State Leadership under Reports.

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

**Adopt Minutes**

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

**Correspondences**

Katherine read a thank you letter from Peggy.

**Treasurer's Report –Val Schweifler**

Total Restricted \$25,621.21          Total Funds Available to Council \$12,522.42

Total Cash \$38,143.63

Val reviewed the check detail and the profit & loss statement.

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

**Club Reports:** See handout. Karen reported for C&L – Cal Focus registration is online and is \$645/delegate (13 years old and up). Karen is unsure of the chaperone fee and may need two chaperones.

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

#### **Emerald Star:**

*Erica Illg* – Lisa reported that Erica sent in an update with photos (a packet was passed around). Erin reported that they packed the backpacks with pajamas, handmade blankets, stuffed animals, toothbrush and toothpaste.

*Emma Farrell* – Not present.

*Erin Evans* – passed around her final report. She was unable to get photos. Erin reported that one person received a blue and everyone else received gold at the interview contest held during the 4H Fling. Erin said the event went well and that there were a few minor glitches with timing and having plenty of copies of resumes, but everything worked out. There was discussion if Erin would do this again next year. She said if any member was interested in taking it on she would help them out.

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

*Morgan Hayes* – gave an overview of her project – horse blankets for horses at the animal shelter.

Morgan passed around an article she wrote up. It was reported that the animal shelter gets approximately 25 horses each year at the shelter. Morgan reported that she has not received any blanket donations yet.

### **FOR DISCUSSION:**

#### **Parent Member Fair Requirements**

Katy reported that she had talked to one of her leaders who was in favor of letting it go and leaving the decision to the leaders, since they know who is ready to go to fair. Julie reported that the state kicked the document back to the subcommittee so council has to wait for a decision. There was general discussion of members fully participating and engaging in projects and members of different skill levels. There was discussion of having older advanced teens taking on specific projects such as showmanship, nutrition, etc. Julie requested to continue the conversations for more input and ideas. State policy requires six hours in the 4H program and members have to be enrolled in at least one project. The changes might not happen until next year. There was discussion that we can change the parent/member requirements and when state policy changes council can amend and change it to fit state policy.

#### **North Section Bill**

Val reported that the 13/14 North Section Dues are \$149.50. It was reported that Lake County has not paid dues for a few years and the statement shows that we have. There was also mention of scholarship opportunities. Val reported that these were two items she had questioned. Val recommended sending a letter that council is not going to pay dues until we can get an answer as to what North Section is using the dues for. There was discussion of having a representative attend the meetings to know what is going on. Council was in agreement to not pay the North Section dues.

#### **Clear Lake High Sober Grad Donation**

It was reported that goodwill in the community cannot be more than \$75. There was discussion that there is more than one Sober Grad night in the county. Council was in agreement to not donate due to the fact that there are too many technical issues.

#### **Mendo Farm Bureau Livestock Expo**

Julie reported that there is a Livestock Expo and Ethics training scheduled for February 2015. The Mendocino County Farm Bureau is organizing the event. There was discussion of ethics training and how long it is good for (5 years depending on the level).

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### **Camp Applications**

It was reported that camp applications need to be turned in as workshop selection will be happening soon. There is plenty of space available for campers.

### **Barn Tours**

Val reported that she can help co-chair with the barn tours. However, she will be out of town during the fair. Approximately 500 kids participate in the barn tours. The kids get goody bags and watermelon is provided by the Veterans. A coordinator needs to be on site and volunteer docents are needed. Julie mentioned that older teens can be docents. It was discussed that the tour happens on Friday morning of the fair. A chair person is needed for the barn tours.

### **Ice Cream Social**

Val reported that she called Chris Lynch to help with the ice cream social. Lisa reported that she will chair this event if Chris cannot.

### **Animal Welfare Pilot**

Julie reported that this pilot program is going to be done again in the fall and will be looking for leaders who will do this as a project. It was reported that this is a standalone project and initially there was some confusion regarding the number and ages of members in the program. The program is for middle school age to older teen members and could be a countywide project. Julie can show interested potential leaders a sample of the curriculum. This program is being piloted to be set as a state standard. Send Julie names of any interested leaders/volunteers.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Purchase of Two New Easels**

Tabled.

#### **Quickbooks – New Version**

It was reported that the 2007 version is currently being used and cannot be updated anymore without a \$250 update purchase. It was discussed that the cost of the new version would be split three ways (council, camp and county). Val made motion to contribute funds to update the program. Council was in agreement to contribute to the cost of the update. This was tabled and Julie will look into finding out if splitting the cost is feasible.

#### **Fling Over Budget Transfer**

Julie reported that she received a letter from Peggy thanking everyone for their help and any ideas/suggestions for improvement to let her know. It was reported that there was a decrease in attendance, but that may have been from people not signing in. The Fling went over budget \$51.52. The awards were \$68.75, this was an unanticipated cost and there are now enough to last several years.

Karen made motion and Val seconded to move \$51.52 out of the Event/Awards into the 4H Fling; motion carried.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **Committee Reports:**

*Fundraiser Committee & Finance Committee* – Val reported that she needs a 14/15 budget committee and if anyone knows of a CPA that would serve on the committee to let her know. The countywide fundraisers planned include celebrity bagging at local grocery stores and a pizza night. Stores still need to be contacted to find out if this would be ok. It was discussed that fundraisers are necessary to keep funds coming into council so that council is not solely reliant on the Wine Alliance funds. Katy gave an overview of pizza night from her experience of doing it at DJ's pizza in Lower Lake.

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### General Reports:

*Move More 2014* – Val reported that she attended the event at Kelseyville High School. She said there were a lot of different classes offered as well as breakfast and lunch. 4H had an information booth set up and Peggy had a bird survey set up that the public enjoyed.

*State Leadership* – Table this item

### Office Reports

*Management Board Directors & Program Board Key Leaders* – Julie reported that the position descriptions are being reviewed now.

*Camp and Cloverbuds* – Julie reported that there was discussion of cloverbuds attending a camp that is not set up for cloverbud age members. Camp applications do not have cloverbud registration on them. The camp steering committee made the decision that young members have to be 8 years old by December 31st of the program year to attend camp and must have an adult chaperone with them. The adult chaperone does not have to be the same gender.

### Fair Board & JLAC

Katy reported that there may be an open position. The food booth may or may not stay within JLAC. The theme is “Hot August Family Fun”.

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

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

**Next Council Meeting: June 23, 2014 at the Lakeport Agricultural Center.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Katherine Blyleven*

Council Secretary