

LAKE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

September 29, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:35p.m., by Lisa Illg –President, Lower Lake High School Library

Voting Members:

Lisa Illg – Council President
Peggy Alexander – Blue Heron
Katherine Blyleven – Council Secretary
Karen Hayes – Council Vice President/ C&L
Katy Evans – Anderson Marsh
Val Schweifler – Council Treasurer/Cole Creek
Erin Evans – Anderson Marsh
Tamsen Nash – Cobb Mountain
Jill Crane – Scotts Valley

Non-Voting Members:

Julie Frazell – UC Staff
Nicole Gentry – UC Staff
Noah McCollian – Anderson Marsh
Wyatt McCollian – Anderson Marsh

Noah McCollian led the flag Salute and Wyatt McCollian led the 4-H Pledge

Welcome Guest(s)

Tamsen Nash introduced herself and is the co-leader for the Cobb Mountain club this year.

Guest Speaker

None.

Adopt Agenda

The following additions were made:

Achievement Night – New Business
Telescopes – For Discussion
Morgan Hayes – Emerald Star

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

Adopt Minutes

Amendments include:

Adding the motion under the 3rd bullet point under New Business, “Peggy made motion and Chris seconded to approve the recommendations; motion carried.”

Correct the spelling of Crain to Crane under Adopt Agenda.

Val made motion and Noah seconded to accept the minutes as amended; motion carried.

Correspondences

Katherine read thank you letters from Ethan Jones, Edison and Elliot Serena for State Leadership and a thank you letter from Colton Goetjer for 4H camp.

Treasurer’s Report –Val Schweifler

Total Restricted \$26,162.89 Total Funds Available to Council \$12,422.46
Total Cash \$38,585.35

Val reported that there will be fundraisers and said that some funds have been moved around so that some funds are liquid.

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

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Club Reports: See handout.

ALL STAR & EMERALD STAR REPORTS:

Emerald Star:

Noah & Wyatt McCollian – Introduced themselves and are part of the Anderson Marsh club and C&L. They would like to build a BBQ for the community to use. They have a tank, trailer and a welder. Their proposed budget is \$500 and they will be asking for donations from a machine shop (scrap metal) and a tire shop (trailer tires). Their estimated time is 6 months. Jill asked if they have a parts list and would be willing to present at the Scotts Valley club meeting as a possible way to get donations from parents/members.

Jill made motion and Val seconded to approve the preliminary plan for the community BBQ for Noah and Wyatt's Emerald Star project; motion carried.

Morgan Hayes –Morgan reported that she has 14 blankets and some are in need of repairs. She reported that she will be talking to Gaddy Shack Ranch for the repairs. Her goal is 24 blankets and is looking for all different sizes. Council suggested getting flyers out to the local feed stores and updating the media release requests.

FOR DISCUSSION:

Peggy's Letter

Peggy expressed her concerns regarding that the by-laws haven't been updated recently and also that council is waiting for the management board. The last elections that were done were in the fall of 2012 for the Treasurer and the Vice President. The President and Secretary should have been in 2013 but an extension was made due to the management board that was to be coming in. Julie reported that the management board structure is taking longer than anticipated. Challenges have included position descriptions created by state staff that do not necessarily fit Lake County and Julie has been in the process of rewriting the descriptions. It was recommended that a chair is needed to help pull in community members to serve on this board. Julie would like to have a chair by this fall and is still in the process of putting a website together. There was discussion that council needs to function as outlined in the by-laws until the new board is up and functioning. There was general discussion of the by-laws, terms, having a special election for the President and Secretary positions and having an election and by-law committee.

Peggy made motion and Val seconded to have a nomination committee and elections proposed for October for President and Secretary; motion carried.

Peggy and Val will chair the nomination committee.

By laws Update

Val, Peggy and Katy volunteered for this committee.

Family Coordinator

Julie reported that this will be done as a Community of Practice (CoP). It was discussed that the culture needs shifting to bring in new leaders and to strengthen the support. This is to help make it comfortable for new families coming into the 4H program. Katy suggested a new family orientation night.

Animal Science Symposium

This event is going to be held on May 27th – 29th and is limited to 50 participants. This is something that key leaders should attend and come back to share with the 4H community. The event will be paid for and is going to be held at UC Davis. One of the goals of this event is to have UC College units available to participants.

Color Me Green Event 2015

Julie reported that the state office healthy living is coordinating a Color Me Green Run. The state has created the package for waivers, press release and so on. The event would take place in March and would be a good fundraiser for council. This will be put on next month's agenda under old business. Council should talk to people and find a chair for this event.

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Celebrity Bagging

Katy reported that they will be doing the celebrity bagging from 11am to 4pm on Saturday the 11th at Rays. The kids will be going in ahead of time to learn how to bag. There was discussion of this event being a countywide fundraiser and no other clubs have organized yet for this event. It was originally planned to have the event take place on the same day countywide.

4H Proclamation

It was reported that Nicole sent in the proclamation and it should be on the read on October 7th.

Cage Found at Fair

It was reported that a smaller sized rabbit cage was found that had poultry in it. If anyone is missing a cage or know who it belongs to they should contact Carey Hayes.

Telescopes

Julie had forwarded an email from Jennifer Brown about the donation of telescopes. Tamsen currently has the telescopes and will be bringing them to the 4H office for countywide use.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Budget & Peer Review

It was reported that this needs to be done as soon as possible. The budget was supposed to be voted on via email and the Peer Review is due on September 30th. Peggy and Val will set up the Peer Review.

Achievement Night

It was reported that a chair person is needed. Katy will chair this and C&L will help.

REPORTS:

Office Reports

Animal Welfare Project - Julie reported that Arlene Rudden will be leading this and is looking for one youth from each club. This will start in the first part of October and approximately 8 – 10 youth are needed.

After peer reviews all clubs will come in for staff review – Julie thanked the clubs for getting their stuff in and discussed items learned and reminders.

What I have learned through financial review process - It was discussed that clubs should not pre-sign checks. The banks don't regulate double signatures only 4H does.

Trainings will be one on one for most and transition to CoP

When ordering new checks – please order the type with carbon duplicates

Bank Statements are not always correct – Checkbook Balancing form 8.3 new for 2014-2015

Financial reports for 2015 will be due in July – no other reports after September

Peggy's form – The monthly report is the Treasurers report and stays in the youth binder. The ledger should stay with the adult Treasurer.

Title Change for me – Julie reported that on May 1st her title went away and her new title is “Community Education Specialist”. The change took place as a result of moving towards the Management Board.

VEC Training – Every 2 to 3 years should be sufficient unless something has changed. There was discussion of the online enrollments challenges with new families and the disconnect. Discussion of project options that are not offered by the club. It was recommended to clean up cross clubbing and projects that are no longer valid.

More likes on Facebook - Encourage people to like the Facebook page for Lake County 4H. It was reported that the technology team is up and going and interested members should contact James Christensen.

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Barn Tours – Nicole reported that the barn tours went well. Jill reported that there were a group of kindergartners that were led through the area where the steers were being led into the show ring.

Fair Board

Jill reported that Richard's last day was last week. It was reported that the gates were up at the fair. Debbie is the new CEO and is open to any positive conversations and open to working with 4H including community service.

JLAC

Jill reported that the auction broke records at \$405,000. It was reported that there were 6 less lots and there were a lot of turkeys. The sewer was still an issue. The next meeting is October 23, 2014.

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

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Next Council Meeting: October 27, 2014 at the Lakeport Agricultural Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Blyleven

Council Secretary