

4-H COUNCIL MINUTES

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March 25, 2019 @ 6:30 P.M. 4-H Office

Voting Members: (underlined if present)

Katherine Vanderwall –President
Keith Wentworth - Vice President
Shirley Morse – Council Treasurer
Sarah Nave – Secretary
Karen Hayes – C&L

Non-Voting Members:

Julie Frazell – UC Staff
Nicole Gentry - UC Staff
Car Mun Kok – UC Staff

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES (Adult unless otherwise stated):

Anderson Marsh: Katy Evans; Erin Evans (Youth)
Big Valley: Michelle Brown; Sheri Madrzyk; Sarah Nave
Blue Heron: Peggy Alexander; Jaden Bussard (Youth)
Cobb Mt.: Stacey Judson
Cole Creek –
Middletown – Natalie Ketchum, Jenn Jenson
Scotts Valley – Laurie Hutchinson
Upper Lake – Mindy Witter

Meeting called to order @ 6:30 p.m. by Katherine Vanderwall

Flag Salute led by – Katherine Vanderwall 4-H Pledge led by - Keith Wentworth

Welcome Guest(s): Rachel Elkins – County Director

Guest Speaker: Rachel Elkins – County Director

Adopt Agenda: M/S Motion was made to adopt the agenda by Katy Evans and Seconded by Natalie Ketchum. Motion approved.

Adopt Minutes: M/S Motion was made by Peggy Alexander to adopt the January Council minutes and Seconded by Jaden Bussard. Motion approved.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: (by Shirley Morse) As of: 2/28/19 Total Restricted: \$ 15,535.29
Total Unrestricted: \$ 13,824.90

Club Reports: Big Valley talked about the bulbs they planted at Ely Stage Stop and that they are trying to sell water at a Kelseyville event for a fundraiser. Middletown – had nothing to report, Anderson Marsh: talked about what their club has been up to; They made leprechaun traps recently. Blue Heron reported that they had a teen training and that at their last club meeting was an Asian theme night and they had a chopstick challenge which everyone really enjoyed.

All Star Candidates:

Jaden Bussard: Jaden Bussard reported that they got the flyer done and distributed to advertise the event. He has gotten lots of donation totaling close to \$24,000 (including car). Suzie Q's, Safeway have donated. In each phase of obtaining donations he is getting more. They have gotten golf balls and other prizes, as well as secured the car giveaway for the hole-in-one. The weather looks good for the event at this point. Jaden said he just needs 1 more team to register to have a full capacity for the event.

Charlie Adams: Charlie presented his final book for his All Star Project. He discussed the experience and

how he learned a lot about organizing and putting on the Art Day. He was very pleased with the success of the day and with the turnout of kids. He said partnering with the Arts Council was a great learning experience and really helped make the event successful. He thanked his mentor, Peggy Alexander for all of her continued guidance and helping him to stay on track throughout the process. Keith Wentworth asked what was Charlie's takeaway for the future? Charlie said he learned about how to organize along with the process of doing that, about team work and partnering, and about the importance of outreach. A motion was made by Natalie Ketchum to approve Charlie's All Star book and was seconded by Katy Evans. Motion was approved. Charlie will receive his All Star at the 4-H Fling & Expo.

EC Decision Summary & Report:

- See meeting minutes posted on 4-H website.

New/unfinished Business

- **Credit Card Payment – Enrollment**

Nicole asked if the clubs had the chance to take the idea of accepting credit cards for enrollment payment next year back to their clubs. Peggy Alexander – Blue Heron and Katy Evan (Anderson Marsh) both stated they forgot to mention it but will at the next meeting. Natalie Ketchum (Middletown) said that her club was ok with the idea and did not see a problem with the possible fees associated with doing that. Sarah Nave – (Big Valley) was also ok with the possible fees. Council will make a final decision at the June Council meeting.

- **Tractor Supply Donation**

Nicole talked about how now that we will be receiving donations from Tractor Supply's Paper Clover Fundraisers Julie would like to see the money go to 4-H Council for Teen Leadership one year and then 4-H Camp Teen Leadership the next. A motion was made by Peggy Alexander to split the Tractor Supply money for Teen Leadership in half every time instead of doing every other year and the monies will be put into created restricted accounts. A second was made by Natalie Ketchum, motion passed.

Reports/Discussion/Updates:

- **4-H Program Rep Funding – Rachel Elkins**

County Director Rachel Elkins spoke on the information that was sent out to the club reps prior to the Council meeting about the upcoming funding concerns and issues with Julie Frazell's 4-H Community Educator position. Rachel explained that UCANR has said that they will not have the funding to support the salary for the 4-H Community Educators. Therefore, it will be up to the Counties to find the additional funding to support the positions. Rachel discussed the roles within UC and how funding is distributed. She discussed how our budget operates out of the Office of the President and we are lumped under them. So when there is a cut to the Office of the President it then trickles down to UC Extension. She discussed how new administration is trying to get ANR moved out of the Office of the President's budget, and be a stand alone entity that gets more individual attention with the hope of more funding. Rachel stated that ANR is predicting that the budget will stay flat this year, which basically translates into a shortfall for UCANR with salary and benefit increases. So, with this shortfall, County Directors have been told to find the additional funding. Rachel stated that the County of Lake has been very supportive in past years and will continue to fund 50% of Julie's salary. So it is up to UCCE Lake County to come up with the remainder. Various ideas were thrown around on Rachel's last County Director call some good and some just not viable for our county. Rachel's first focus is to resurrect the Lake County Farm, Home & 4-H Foundation and reestablish fundraising through them. Long term Rachel would also like to see possibly pushing for the passing of a property tax initiative that would help fund youth programs in Lake County. Rachel talked about how Oregon has been very successful passing

such taxes that just benefit the Extension. The tax we would propose in Lake County would benefit youth programs specifically. Car Mun Kok the 4-H YDP Advisor also discussed how in 2020/2021 the 4-H Enrollment fees will be decentralized and that each county will now keep a chunk of the enrollment fees paid. Unfortunately, this does not help our county with such a small enrollment base, so that will only be a partial help in funding. This will be an ongoing and reoccurring topic at future Council meetings.

- **New Treasurer**

Nicole Gentry informed Council that our current Treasurer Shirley Morse will be moving at the end of June and her position will need to be filled. She requested that the clubs try and think of possible candidates that would be interested in the position and to submit any names to her. We will need to vote someone new in at the June Council meeting.

- **Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast**

Nicole handed out to all of the clubs present their Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast ticket packets. Nicole discussed the new changes to the ticket which has no pizza coupon. The ticket has a new fresh look and was printed locally at Pak-n-Mail. Nicole reminded everyone to encourage the selling of the tickets as it is our only fundraiser. Julie reminded everyone that they make great gifts for fair buyers. Nicole also reminded everyone that it is very important that they sign up for shifts to work.

- **4-H Fling & Expo**

Nicole Gentry gave a brief update on the Fling and said everything was set and ready to go for the event. It will take place on the 30th of March. Nicole stated that we have received a good amount of entries and that there will also be the Presentation Day component added to the event this year.

- **Summer Camp**

Julie Frazell reminded everyone that the registration is open for camp and that online registration is available and that you can pay by credit card. Counselor have visited the camp and the activities for camp are being planned and are in place. Julie also reminded everyone that we need male chaperones.

Office Report:

- **Fair Pens**

Julie Frazell discussed the ways that clubs can be able to donate towards the purchase of fair pens at the Lake County Fair. She stated that she is working on encompassing a community service aspect into it so that it meets all the UC guidelines. She discussed a few different ways that clubs can still donate at this point without getting in trouble. She stated that if a club has a fundraiser to raise money to go towards a pen purchase that they must make it clear at the fundraiser that the money is going to the Lake County Fair not to the 4-H Program. She stated that if a club wants to donate to check with her to make sure they are meeting all the requirements prior to the fundraiser or to donating.

Reports:

JLAC Report

Katy Evans gave an update from the last Junior Livestock Meeting. The obvious hot topic is the current Newcastle Outbreak. July 1st will be the determination as far as upcoming poultry events. At this point it is not looking promising considering there was a reported bird in Northern California. Katy also discussed that they will be increasing commissions for the kids at fair this year. Also, the fair book is almost finalized and

had many many changes and improvements this year. Katy stated if someone wants to see a copy they can request one from the fairgrounds, but to do it soon as it will be sent out to publication.

Dates to remember/Upcoming Events:

- Executive Committee meets 1st Monday of the month at 5pm. Next EC meeting: April 1, 2019
- Next Council meeting: June 24, 2019 @ 6:30pm

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Katy Evans at 8:30 p.m. and seconded by Natalie Ketchum motion passed.

Adjourn Meeting: _____ 8:30 p.m. _____