**Orange County Council Meeting Minutes**

**SCREC, 7601 Irvine Blvd, Irvine, CA 92618**

**September 24, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by our President, Susan Read-Weil at 7:06 p.m.

The **Pledge to the American Flag** was led by Sarah Hinton. The **4-H Pledge** was also led by Sarah Hinton.

**Officers:**

**President -** Susan Read-Weil**,**

**Vice President -** Jim Mullion**,**

**Recording Secretary –** Cecilia Villanueva, and

**Corresponding Secretary** – Phil Pacia,

**Treasurer –** Helen Koshak (Absent)

**County 4-H Program Coordinator** – Jason Suppes

**Adult Sectional Representative –** Jan Tubbiola

**Officer Reports:**

**Treasurer –** In the absence of Helen Koshak, Jim Mullion provided the treasures report, the balance in the checking account is $10,283.81 and the savings account has $45,020.78.

**All Star Ambassador/Teen Council** – Rebekah Villanueva was present at the meeting and gave an update on Teen Council for the year. She reported that Teen Council provides opportunities for teens to interact with other members from different clubs in Orange County for members 13 – 19 of age. The first Teen Council get together will be October 19, 2013 a Bonfire, also in October Member Achievement and Leader Awards Night scheduled for October 20, 2013. On November 14, a turkey dinner along with the meeting will be enjoyed; teen council always has food at their meetings. In December, a holiday party is planned with games and food. January is Ice Skating; TIC is scheduled for January 17-19, 2014. February 13, 2014 will be a Valentine meeting with games and yes, food. March 13, 2014, Pot of Gold Theme, April 11-13 Youth Expo., May meeting will be at John’s Incredible Pizza for end of the year celebration. There are flyer in the back with Teen Council information, also calendars are ready for purchase $10.00 each and the money will help out with Teen Council events.

Rebekah also reported that Mrs. Martin sent out an email to club leaders to inform her of members that did not receive their pins let her know by October 9, 2013.

**Old Business**

**Orange County Fair** –Phil Pacia, nothing to report.

**Angel Game Night *–*** Jason reported that the Angel Game last night, was fun. All the tickets were sold but a few. Angeles lost the game and Jason is not sure we would do this again, ticket were hard to get out to everyone, but La Habra Hilltoppers came through and bought remaining tickets.

**New Business**

**South Coast Rec. Open House *–***Oct. 5, 2013 is the South Coast 4H Centennial, history of 4H. Jason is still looking for greeters and outreach help. History of 4h told by 50 years of annual report logging, and there is a ton of incredible pictures to share with everyone. Joey and Kayla Caston will lead the public in a water project, irrigation and what is done at SCREC. Jason sent out an email asking for pictures of kids in projects that you would like to include in the exhibit, please get these pictures to Jason in the next week, there is a separate email he would like those pictures sent to, refer to the email.

**Trick or Tractor Event** – Tanaka Farms on October 26 Saturday from 3-5 pm, they have invited a few organizations to decorate tractors. Jason is looking for an adult leader to help organize and youth to decorate.

**New Leader Orientation** – Thursday October 17, at SCREC 7-9p.m.

**Member Achievement Night**- Sunday October 20, 2013 at 6:30-8:30, registration is at 6:00, tri-tip dinner and special cupcakes by Megan. More information to follow.

**Sectional Reps**. - Jason spoke with Kay Strothman who needs 5 representatives, to represent the county at sectional council; it should be a mixture or youth and adults, preferably parents and children. If anyone is interested in filling those positions contact Kay or Jason. Sectional Reps. meet four times a year at Mt. Sac, the second Saturday in the months of, January, April, June, and September.

**Administrative** – Jason is still waiting to hear from a few clubs regarding year end financials these need to be turned in ASAP. He is not sure when he will schedule enrollment with project leaders. Registration needs to be done by Dec. 31, 2013, especially people in animal projects. Year-end financials were due August 15, 2013.

No treasures training date at this time.

**Record Book Workshop** – October 12, 2013 at SCREC 9-noon, open to everyone.

**USDA** – Jason reported that we were audited and he has met with them.

We won’t even know what their findings are for a couple of months.

Jason met with the head of epidemiology, Matt who is in charge of the Orange County Health Department, regarding livestock. They would like to set up a meeting with livestock leaders in January or February, this would be mandatory, if unable to make meeting a video will be available. Sue asked if there was anything that prompted the USDA visit. Jason responded that there was something that prompted it, but not in 4H.

**Committee Reports**

**Fashion Revue** –No report.

**Food Fiesta –** No report.

**Master Poultry** – Not present.

**Master Pygmy Goats –** Barbara Lutz reported that they are still working on a date for meetings.

**Presentation Day –** Samantha Valverde reported that the first meeting is the first Wednesday in November at 7:00pm at Montessori on the Lake at Lake Forest. January will meet on the 8th. March 1, 2014 is the date for Presentation Day at MOTL. Sam needs a representative from every club to show up to the first meeting, in order to kick off the event and come up with a theme. Art work is encouraged from all 4H members for the program.

**Youth Expo –** Alex reported that the first meeting date will be in November at SCREC, date not set at this time. The event will run April 11-13, 2014, at this time the theme of Youth Expo has not been decided. Meetings are scheduled for the months of November, January, February and March.

**State/South Section Reports -** Beverly Schrieber reported that the State Leadership Forum is providing a weekend retreat for The Centennial of 4-H. Registration is $40.00, prices will increase after October. The dates are Nov. 8 - 10, 2013 in Sacramento, and the Crowne Plaza Hotel is providing reduced rates of $89.00 per night. There are many workshops, please check them out on the website. They are requesting pictures of leaders; Phil suggested that these pictures be taken at Achievement Night. Alex Martin has a photographer lined up, Kim Miller. Jason can supply a tri-pod and equipment; suggestions of a possible back up photographers were mentioned.

**Sectional –** Jan Tubbiola reported that she needs help in putting together 4H reports of events that have happened in the county for Sectional. She is in the process of planning Field Day in May. All information will eventually be all done through the internet. Sue suggested that Jan get together with her in putting county and sectional information together.

**I Champion 3 Workshops** – Beverly and Dick Schreiber reported that they attended, I Champion 3 workshop on September 14, for master trainers. On Saturday November 16, 9-4p.m. Beverly and Dick will be holding a meeting at SCREC, they will be training adult leadership leaders who will return back to clubs and train youth leadership team members ( Jr. and Sr. teen, leaders and officers ages 11 and up) lunch will be provided. At least one leader from each club should attend. Books will be given, to adult leaders at the training session. The theme is, SET; Science, Engineering and Technology.

Phil asked about Sac. Focus and other citizenship programs that were good programs, but seems to be dropped off the radar, Beverly informed it is still going on and to look for it on the website under citizenship.

**Summer Camp –** Jason and Cynthiawillbe attendingtheAmericanCamp Conference on Oct. 20 and 21, 2013.

**Richard Scheiber -** announced that he judged officer and Sr. Record Books last week, Wednesday and Saturday, all books have been returned with comments for final adjustments, and books are due back to Kay Strothman by October 9, 2013.

**Open Discussion:**

Alex Martin has calendars available for $10.00, she recommended that each club leader take calendars back to their clubs to sell and bring money to the next meeting.

**J**an Tubbiola reported that there are major changes in Jordan, a school for the mentally handicapped, where Nancy Wong has worked in the past but is now retired and will become more actively involved in 4H. Jason has commented that Nancy is an awesome person.

Shiela Smith announced that she has extra tickets for, Cruisin’ for a Cure, for Prostate Cancer, at the O.C. Fairgrounds on 9-28-13 if anyone is interested in attending. She could use some help, if available contact her at 949-378-5931 for either shift; 8-10a.m. or 10-2p.m.

Sue adjourned the meeting at 7:54.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. was made by Dan Calma, Samantha Valverde seconded the motion, and passed.

Respectfully Submitted by Cecilia Villanueva, Secretary