



## Santa Cruz County 4-H Community Club Council

### Aptos Grange

September 18, 2014

## MINUTES

**DRAFT**

### COUNCIL OFFICERS

PRESIDENT  
Mindy Gillen

VICE PRESIDENT  
Kristin Praly

TREASURER  
Rebekah Crill

SECRETARY  
Joni White

ALL STAR ADVISOR(S)  
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SECTIONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE  
Robin and Randy Turnquist

#### 1. **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by President Mindy Gillen at 7:08pm

#### 2. **Flag Salute/4-H Pledge**

Led by Ariel Sampson from Corralitos club

#### 3. **Introductions**

Randy & Robin Turnquist, Rebekah & Danielle Crill, Diane & Ariel Sampson, Jeff Randolph, Carolyn & Carson Newton, Julie Katawicz, Stephanie Fontana, Lynn McQuiddy, Mindy Gillen, Melinda Molloy.

#### 4. **Additions to Agenda**

Added coupon books to New Business

#### 5. **Correspondence**

Sees Candies fundraising packet received.

#### 6. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve: Kristin Praly

Second: Danielle Crill

Motion carried

#### 7. **Approval of Treasurer's Report**

Current balance \$8,534.93 (Clover Deli revenue not included, most expenses are)

Savings: \$1493.85

High Yield Savings: \$63,064.63

Leadership General Account: \$10,529.63

October Audit Dates promised, need 4 committee members, possibly: Brian Charles, Diane Sampson, Trisha Soruki, and need one more

Motion to approve: Carolyn Newton

Second: Danielle Crill

Motion carried

#### 8. **Leadership Team Report:**

Carson Newton reported – passed out the LCORT forms and discussed revenue raised at Leadership night at Clover Deli and the Crab Feed.

#### 9. **Club Reports:**

Boulder Creek – Julie Katawicz reports kids that did the front exhibits and the youngest member age 8 earned two awards. Livestock kids most made the cut for showmanship and did well overall. Livestock meeting planned for Tuesday night at Taqueria in Boulder Creek.

Corralitos – Diane Sampson reported members submitted many items for fair including photography. Many members showed sheep and one member received best in show for a garden display. Membership awards for dairy goats and swine.

Felton – Melinda Molloy reported that she is planning to transition to the Boulder Creek club.

Scotts Valley – Good fair participation with new people helping in Clover Deli. Member of age 10 received best in show in the Harvest building. Starting up new projects on quilting, sewing and archery. Chainmail was shown at the fair so will repeat project this year. Noticed that no sewing project or camp art projects entered into fair. Club had meeting for new members with a lot of attendance. Live flower arranging project went well again this year.

Soquel – Carolyn Newton reported that a few new members joined over the summer and entered items into fair as well as helped in the Clover Deli. Members did well with sheep at the fair. Planning to start legos project and bicycling to start in the next month or two.

#### 10. **County Reports:**

Kristin Praly announced that the mountain Biking county wide project about to start and the Scotts Valley site will be opening and there is a chance for 4-Hers to participate in dedication ceremony.

Kristin Praly announced that new for next year: the Fine Arts department will be sponsoring a project to create flower arrangement to reflect paintings on display. Participation will be recognized.

#### 11. **Committee Reports:**

Shooting Sports Committee – Randy Turnquist reported announcement to have a Shooting Sports committee meeting for all shooting sports. October 30<sup>th</sup> (or 23<sup>rd</sup>) at 7:00pm is the likely dates. Ideally we will have a homogenous committee with members from all types of and have a “postal” match where results are submitted via the mail.

I&R Committee – Kristin Praly reported they have been finalizing Emerald Star application update for review and shared a copy. This version is simplified a bit, but kept the “heart” of it which was to have an older youth work through the book with knowledge of how to complete each component. This version encourages the member to do this by themselves, or with the support of a leader or I&R committee member. In addition, the member will have a mentor and meeting to approve project before proceeding. Project will then be presented and submitted at fair (Spring or Fall) and on display at Awards Day. Several corrections and clarifications were offered during the meeting. Kristin captured the comments and feedback and committed that the I&R committee will have the final version with highlighted changes ready for review and approval at October County Council meeting.

Jeff Randolph will be adding two new pins and there is a plan to add the Onyx Star to the PDR in Santa Cruz County. Rebekah Crill provided documentation on the Onyx Star award.

Record book committee will be created by the I&R committee but will then operate on its own.

#### 12. **Unfinished Business**

Summer Camp – Diane Sampson has some checks to deposit from camp and needs to be added to the account so that she can resolve the expenses from camp. Haven't been able to provide cleaning deposit refunds to campers because deposits haven't been made to ensure there are funds to cover the refunds.

Per the last County Council meeting and it was reconfirmed that the council would like to make a change to the Summer Camp Account: Carolyn Newton and Robin Turnquist need to add Diane Sampson and Rebekah Crill. However, Robin Turnquist will remain on the account.

#### 13. **New Business**

- a. Vote on I&R recommendations
- Change spring Emerald Star application deadline to April 2  
Motion: Rebekah Crill  
Second: Julie Katawicz  
Motion Carried
  - Require all applications for funding, interviews, awards to be sent to the I&R committee via email, as well as to the 4-H office. Email address to be set up for this purpose
  - Motion: Kristin Praly
  - Second: Julie Katawicz
  - Discussion: Rebekah Crill expresses undue burden to require email for families that may not have access to a computer.
  - Proposed amendment: Provide alternative to allow members to submit a paper copy to County office and I&R committee chair at a County Council Meeting and to be noted on the application.
  - Amendment motion: Rebekah Crill
  - Amendment second: Danielle Crill
  - Motion with amendment carried
  - Adoption of first three levels of proficiencies, to correspond to our current bronze, silver, gold. Project leaders to utilize, annotate, create and advise on any changes/additions for next year. But we will maintain the interview process and plan to utilize project pin with number guards to show level of mastery in the project.
    - Motion: Kristin Praly
    - Second: Rebekah Crill
    - Discussion: Julie Katawicz requested that the guidelines for proficiencies and interviews be standardized so that project leaders can ensure that their members are equally prepared for each level. Mindy Gillen offered that the interview process is more about the process rather than the level of knowledge required for the level. Lynn McQuiddy suggested that the "proficient" if they can satisfy 100% of the base competencies.
    - Amendment: Kristin Praly suggests the amendment: Project leaders to adopt first three levels of proficiencies, to correspond to our current bronze, silver, gold utilize, annotate, create and advise on any changes/additions for next year and give feedback.
    - Amendment motion: Kristin Praly
    - Second: Rebekah Crill
    - Motion Carried
- b. Club Leader Training/retreat – date?  
Stephanie Fontana suggested November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday at 4-H Office
- c. Committee Formation – reps from all clubs on each committee strongly preferred
- Expansion & Review – need volunteers
  - Fashion Review – need volunteers
  - Incentives & Recognition – need coverage from all clubs
  - Record Book – need coverage from all clubs
  - Shooting Sports – need volunteers
  - Complaint review – as needed
  - Spring Fair – need volunteers
  - Clover Deli – need volunteers
  - Council Business plan (fundraising) – need volunteers
- d. Council minutes – reminder, draft minutes must be made available to all club leaders within 7 days of the meeting to assist in timely communication. President will create a summary of key decisions or dates for the office to send to ALL MEMBERS directly
- e. Coupon books

- Kristin Praly – asking for folks to support, this is a county fundraiser, have to commit to selling a certain amount. Last year, coupon books raised \$600 profit
- Motion to approve budget allocation to purchase coupon books at minimum amount pending approval by county: Rebekah Crill
- Second: Julie Katawicz
- Motion carried

14. Staff Reports: Lynn McQuiddy, Stephanie Fontana

- Lynn McQuiddy reminded about a Nature Detectives (3<sup>rd</sup> grade – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) nine county project on ornithology project and habitats – in Elk Horn Slough. An announcement was sent to all leaders. Training will be October 22-23 and 5 will be selected from Santa Cruz County to participate. Would be great for all project leaders focused on environment, birds, or local habitat. Stephanie Fontana will resend email to all leaders.
- Stephanie Fontana –
  - Turn in fundraising forms – especially for county-wide fundraisers
  - Positive feedback and interest from the public
  - October 20<sup>th</sup> Focus Ag group at Ag Office on Healthy Living – looking for youth volunteers to help demonstrate what members are doing in 4-H.
  - October 11<sup>th</sup> Sheep and weaving theme for demonstration – looking for youth volunteers
  - October 25<sup>th</sup> “make a difference day” - a community improvement project to paint benches, build new benches and plant trees in camp area
  - Parent information pages – please hand out to all parents not enrolled
  - Project leaders are forwarding announcements and Stephanie Fontana has been forwarding them to all of the members in the county.

15. Announcements –

- Nat'l 4-H week Oct 5-11 – encourage members to get out in community and send picture of member in uniform in a public setting – members will earn special communication credit for record book.
- Emerald Star Applications due Oct. 1
- County Harvest Party Friday Oct 24, hosted by Corralitos – Younger members at 5-5:30pm until 7pm. At 6:30 pizza will be served and the older members from 6:30-9:30pm at Corralitos community center. Donations of snacks and desserts requested
- County Game Day
- State Record Books due Oct. 16 – provide judging information to your club members. Rebekah Crill will volunteer to judge at State and will provide support to members that are sending record books to State competition.
- LCORT funding/apps due Nov 1
- Club Beginning of year reports due Nov 1

16. Meeting Adjournment at 9:10pm

**Next council Meeting, 7pm, October 16 , 2014, Aptos Grange**