

MONTEREY COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Cara Brents at 7:05 pm. Flag Salute and 4-H pledge was led by Cara Brents.

Roll Call:

The following members were present at the meeting:

Cara Brent's, President (Natividad) and Trina Hearne (King City Rural)	Mary Hughes (King City Blue Ribbon) KC Mullaney, (Aromas)
Rhonda Hurtado, 2 nd Vice President (Mission)	Erik Wilkins (Lockwood)
Dana Guidotti, Treasurer (Mission)	Carla James (Chualar)
Jennifer Wasson (San Benancio)	JoAnn Etchison and Sheryl Jones (Royal Oaks)
Kelly Urquides and Deidre O'Grady (Buena Vista)	Stefanie Burgess, Kelly Violini, Andi Roche (Spring)
Natalia Bahena, Tim Lewis and Cyndra Ramey (Greenfield)	Lorin Lurz (Staff)
	Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty (Staff)

President Cara requested volunteers to be secretary for the meeting. After some discussion, Scott Violini, San Benancio 4-H Club volunteered for this meeting to take the meeting minutes.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:

Did not occur due to missing corrections.

Treasures Report:

Dana Guidotti handed out the current budget and the balance sheet reflecting the Council financial status. The new budget which was approved in June will become effective on July 1 and it is balanced for the program year 2014-2015. As of June 30 the Council is showing a deficit of \$11883.71. See treasurers report of June 30, 2014 for further details.

All Star Report:

Catherine Higgins- All Star Advisor reported on the All Star events and the Body of work that they will be doing this 2014- 2015 4-H year, she also encouraged the Council to invite them to the Club meetings. The All Stars were installed on June 20 at the Monterey County Supervisors Chambers by District 2 Supervisor Lou Calcagno. The All -Stars were present at this Council meeting and gave a brief description of themselves and what Club they were from. Present were: Jocelyn - Greenfield 4-H, Trent - Spring 4-H, Emily, Travis and Megan from San Benancio 4-H. Jocelyn reported that the All Star theme is "Lettuce lead the way"

Catherine then introduced the new County Teen Ambassador, Julaine Mullaney from Aromas 4-H.

Youth Reports/Club Reports:

Travis Smith representing Spring 4-H was looking for cookie donations for the Salinas Rodeo for the Hospitality Booth.

Royal Oaks 4-H announced that there would be a Dog flea Dipping at LA Hearne Co on July 26.

Guest Speaker:

Lauren Bellone, past Aromas 4-H member, a 3rd year student at Cal Poly SLO, introduced her Senior project that she is developing regarding Round Robin Showmanship Materials. The Materials will include how to show each species of animal, information on that specie and other general knowledge required whole participating in Round Robin Showmanship. She would like to have it available on the 4-H website when it is finalized and is looking for volunteers to review the data she has collected so far. Council discussion on Bellone's report followed and Dana Guidotti suggested a you tube type video.

Committee Reports:

Expansion and Review - Scott Violini, reported that San Benancio and Spring 4-H met at the Ag Office to discuss how to deal with clubs that are at capacity and the families that are on waiting lists. Some of the Clubs in the County have a lot of young members and it is a struggle to keep the older ones as officers. There is discussion that a meeting of Spring, Buena Vista and San Benancio needs to convene to open the program to more people.

Food Booth - JoAnn and Sheryl opened the discussion with the need for monetary donations for the Booth, and it is the Council's single largest fundraiser. There will be 3 contests to raise money for the Food Booth.

Dippin Dots is the new fundraiser for the Council and it will be introduced at the Monterey County Fair 2014. There will be no up front- out of pocket costs and the booth is all enclosed and self- sufficient. However, there will be the fair concession commission fee. The Monterey County Fair Heritage Foundation will provide the employee to man the booth, since 4-H is not allowed to have employees. Discussion followed.

Joann asked for a motion for the Council to get a Health Permit for both the Food Booth and Dippin Dots. Trina Hearne motioned to approve getting the Health Permit and TJ seconded the motion. No more discussion was voted on, motion passed.

Break out Committees- Trina Hearne. This committee will facilitate the committees that each club is reasonable for in the 201-2015 program year.

County Record Book Judging - Lockwood 4-H. All records books are due at the County office by 5:00 p.m. on August 5th 2014. The Judging will take place on August 16, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Lockwood

reminded everyone that for every 5 Books submitted each club must send a Judge. Discussion ensued on supplemental forms. It was decided by council that only animal projects need supplemental forms not Cooking or Nutrition.

4-H Camp - Camp directors were not present so All-Stars Emily Violini and Megan Wasson reported. Camp was held June 22-27 2014 at Camp MayMac in Felton Ca. Cabins with bathrooms were provided and housed 10 campers each. Camp activities were all handled by the Counselors. Food was something to be desired and was served by less fortunate members of society, exposing 4-H members to the other side of the tracks. Yet, According to the Camp survey all the little ones loved camping in cabins and will never get the full effect of the outdoors.

Achievement Night & Dance - It was announced that Achievement night will be held September 20 2014 at the Amaral Barn in Salinas. Following Achievement night, Buena Vista is hosting the dance with an estimated \$5.00 Cover charge to cover dinner. RSVP is required to attend the date and will be provided at a later date.

Calendar of Events –

July 15 Food Booth meeting

July 18 Club books due

July 23 Club secretary and treasurer Books judged

July 24 County wide Training at the Ag Office for Club secretary and treasurer

July 26 Community Leader School

July 30 Scholarship Applications Due

August 5 Record Books due for County Judging

August 16 County Books Judged

Aug 19 Leaders Council meeting (7:00pm) and Food Booth meeting (6:00pm)

August 27-September 1- Monterey County Fair

Staff Report- Lorin Hoffman –Lurz

Reported Expansion and review committee is working on ways to possibly open new clubs in the County There will be an Officer Advisor mixer at the 4-H office- This is a new position created for an Adult volunteer to help out the Community leaders with the Club officers. A new Volunteer Orientation will be held at the Ag Office August 6th at 5.30 pm and August 21 at 6.00pm. There will not be fingerprinting at these meetings unless 10 or more New Volunteers attend.

Enrollment Training and New Community leader list will soon be available.

July 26th is Community Leader training and social.

Club books will be judged at Pozzi's in King City on July 23 at 4.00 pm

Club by laws and rules must be in place and clubs should be working on them so they can be voted in by the membership

Lorin is requesting that she will be available review new Club Budgets.

Project Capping cannot be based on the number of people in a project by the leader of that project.

Discussion ensued and several examples of overcrowding in certain projects can be deemed a safety issue.

Staff Reports - Lynn Schmidt McQuitty- Mary Jacobi is the Military 4-H representative. They have a Military Club at Naval Post Graduate School and Ft. Ord.

Alisal School is mentoring 5 teens in the field of robotics.

There are three new projects available to the Tri County 4-H Area-

1. An Animal Biosecurity project- Mitigating the spread of disease from farm to fair. It is being funded by U.C. Extension and should launch in September/October.
2. Oct 8th is National Youth Science Day- There will be a rocketry project partnered with NASA. Call Lorin for further information.
3. Ornithology Project to assist Researchers from Cornell University. It is a citizen based science project where behavior and counting of birds will be analyzed. Lynn will be attending the seminar and bring back more information on the subject.

Unfinished Business

The job of secretary for County Council still needs to be filled, it may need to utilize club leaders rotating for the year. Scott Violini volunteered for San Benancio at this meeting.

New Business

Scott Violini and Travis donated \$96.00 dollars to the All Star program. They made the money picking up pallets from the Fair. This money will be put into the All Star program fund to help them with activities.

Motion to adjourn the council meeting was moved by Rhonda Hurtado and seconded by Casey Mullaney.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Violini
Acting Secretary Monterey County 4-H Council