**Mendocino County 4-H County Council Meeting Minutes**

**Saturday September 30, 2017 9:00 am**

**County 4-H Building, Ukiah**

Officers Present: Vice-President Jami Vallejo (U), Secretary Devon Jones (U), Member At Large-Leigh Hunt

Staff: Linda Edgington

1. Call to Order – *at 9:11 AM by Vice President Jami Vallejo (U)*
2. Flag Salute and 4H Pledge – lead *by youth member Lexi Davis (RV/C)*
3. Introductions
4. Approval of July 2017 Council Minutes – *see attached*
   1. *Motion to approve as written by Gina Vaughan (RV/C) and Second Lindsey Whitcomb (LV), voice vote aye carries, no none*
5. Youth Reports: (U) and (RV/C) Clubs spoke about the upcoming Wreaths Across America event on December 16th.

Tanner Wetzel (U), Maggie Nelson (U), Ella Nelson (U) and Lexi Davis (RV/C) told the council that the Mendocino, Ft. Bragg, Redwood Valley/Calpella, Ukiah and Hopland Clubs are currently participating in the Wreaths Across America program. The Laytonville and Covelo Clubs are in the process of signing up as well. The goal is to have enough wreaths donated to place on every veteran’s grave. This year, Redwood Valley/Calpella and Ukiah will be splitting the proceeds with some of the funds being donated to Operation Tango Mike. The clubs are also working on scheduling interviews with local families of veterans to run in the Ukiah Daily Journal.

1. Treasurer’s Reports – *see attached Balance Sheet and 2016-2017 Budget Narrative*
   1. Approval or amendments: *Within the budget, there is $3,000 left to budget as needed.*
   2. *Council budget for 2017-18:* The issue of how to address fingerprint charges for leaders was discussed since the Sheriff will no longer be waiving the fingerprint fees. Most clubs have been paying the $20 fingerprint fees for leaders. After some discussion, Gina Vaughan (RV/C) made a motion to have the Council discontinue paying the fingerprint fees for leaders since the county budget is currently not available. Melissa Aguilar (W) provided the second. A hand count vote was called with 9 in favor and 0 opposed. Motion carried.
   3. *Council fundraiser promotions or ideas:* The Color Me Green run/walk is the only fundraiser for the council, so it is important to promote it and expand participation. The current date that is being considered is the weekend of March 17th, St. Patrick’s Day, and possibly at the Shamrock Ranch in Laytonville.

Other possible fundraiser ideas include: Amazon Smile for general donations or possibly an alumni dinner. A fundraiser committee for the Council would be needed to undertake and future events.

* 1. *Generator purchase:* Linda Edgington will work on securing generators prior to the Wreaths Across America program in December.

1. Staff Reports – Linda Edgington
   1. Conference Call: No more Ready Talk, only Zoom is available
   2. National 4-H Week: October 1st through 7th is National 4-H week. Willits 4-H is planning an event at the library on October 5th and Ukiah 4-H is planning an event at the library on October 7th. Any club that wants to do a window display can receive $50/club.
   3. National 4-H Science Day: National 4-H Science Day is October 4th, but the event in Mendocino County is being planned for October 18th from 6-8 PM. The Ukiah 4-H club is hosting a science experiment day focused on Incredible Wearables where Duncan Cline will also discuss his experiment with the National Science program. Science kits are available for clubs to use if desired.
   4. Club Status: Pt. Arena Club, from Elk to Steward’s Point, is hoping to start up around November 4th, so the current deadline for submitting animal project forms will have to be extended. The Anderson Valley club is also looking to start up again.

Kristen Looney (RV) made a motion to have the deadline moved to sign up for animal projects for Pt. Arena and Anderson Valley clubs from October 15th to December 15th with all other clubs still being required to sign up by October 15th. Lindsey Whitcomb (LV) provided a second. The motion carried unanimously.

e. Extravaganza: Willits 4-H club to host May 12th or May 19th possibly at the Willits Grange. The event will include stills, food and fashion revue.

f. Presentation Day: Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H are willing to host sometime in March or April. Currently looking at March 3rd at Eagle Peak school. It was decided to not host a formal presentation day workshop, but decided to encourage clubs to provide information on presentation options at the club level.

g. Re-Enrollment Process: Many leaders have not completed the enrollment process, so Linda will be submitting letters to those who have not completed the enrollment. Linda reviewed the state 4-H website and enrollment process.

1. Committee and Other Reports
   1. Governance Committee

i. Revised Bylaws: The final bylaws will be placed on the County 4-H website so that each club can access them as needed.

ii. County 4-H Policy Revisions: The Governance Committee has started to review the current policies in order to make revision recommendations at a future Council meeting. It was recommended that the committee consider a policy for cross clubbing projects since there has been concern for members cross clubbing before participating with the project within their own club.

iii. Meetings: the Governance Committee is in need of a new chair and has been meeting with the I and R committee.

* 1. I&R Committee:
     1. Friends of 4-H Plaques: the I&R Committee has compiled a list of community supporters that should be recognized by the County Council for contributions to the 4H program. Barbara Nordin-Elmer (PV) is working with her husband to provide the wooden plaque base and Devon Jones (U) is working on developing the certificates.
     2. Proficiencies: Volunteers are needed to help update proficiencies.
     3. Record Books: the county record book judging date has been set for October 12th at 6 PM. Pins are available for gold at the club level. One judge is needed for every three books submitted.
     4. The next I&R meeting is scheduled for October 17th at 6 PM at the county 4-H office.
  2. Camp Steering – Tasha Whetzel (U) provided a camp report at the local and state level. Tasha attended the state 4-H camp advisory meeting on August 26th in Davis and there are 4-5 additional phone meetings scheduled. On November 3-5th there is a state camp institute meeting at Yosemite. Tasha can’t attend this meeting, but will see if any other camp committee members are interested in attending. There will be a state camping conference April 6-8, 2018 and Tasha is planning to attend.

At the local level, the camp committee is meeting the 4th Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 at the County 4-H Office in Ukiah. The current schedule for 2018 camp is July 1st through 6th, but there may be the possibility of the last week of June if there is a cancellation at the same location at Mendocino Headlands. In terms of funding for camp, the committee is currently looking to sell a calendar and is promoting camp at local club meetings. Since there isn’t any money left in the budget, it will be important to work on alternative funding. Tasha asked about Tractor Supply funds to assist with camp attendance fees. The cost to attend camp is around $160 and there is $750 in the budget from Tractor Supply that the council said could be used for covering fees to attend camp conferences.

* 1. MCJLAC: Kristen Looney (RV/C) reported on the MCJLAC . The next meeting is on October 9th at 7 PM at the ag classroom in Willits. Linda will send out the last MCJLAC minutes.
  2. Fair Reports –
     1. Fair Awards – Chris Ceresa will not be doing awards next year, so a new person(s) will have to volunteer.
     2. Redwood Empire Fair – Linda will be discussing time frames for signups at the Jr. building since there was difficulty in getting volunteers. The thought is to shorten to 1 ½ hour shifts from the current 3 hour shifts. The dance at the fair was successful, but the schedule may be adjusted to not conflict with the dog show.
     3. Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show: The 4-H booth at the fair was one of the most successful yet and a number of families were interested in starting up the Anderson Valley club again.

1. Old Business
   1. Appointments of Mendocino County 4-H Council Officer Positions for 2017-18

i. No one volunteered for the president’s position at the July Council meeting, but Jami Vallejo (U) is willing to fill the vacancy from her current position as Vice President. Leigh Hunt (U) is also willing to fill the vacancy of the Vice President position from her current position as Member At Large.

Gina Vaughan (RV/C) made a motion to appoint Jaime Vallejo (U) to President and Leigh Hunt (U) to Vice President and to work with the clubs to find a new volunteer for the now vacant Member At Large position. Linsey Whitcomb (LV) provided a second. The motion carried.

* 1. Other Old Business: None

X. New Business

a. Mendocino County 4-H Events

* + 1. Extravaganza – The dates haven’t been set for 2018, but Willits is willing to host the event.
    2. Presentation Day – Redwood Valley will host. Will work on dates.
    3. Color Me Green Fun Run – Long Valley 4-H has volunteered to host the 2018 Color Me Green event. See more information under staff report section of minutes.

XI. Club Reports

* 1. Anderson Valley - *suspended*
  2. Coyote Valley – *does not have a club anymore*
  3. Fort Bragg – Working on open enrollment
  4. Long Valley – Meet 3rd Monday of the month at the Firehall in Laytonville
  5. Mendocino Spartans – 1st Monday of the month at 4 PM at the K-8 school.
  6. Potter Valley- Luvy Penry will be the new community leader
  7. Redwood Valley/Calpella- 2nd Tuesday of the month 6:30 PM at the Grange
  8. Round Valley – Ist Monday of the month at 5:30 PM at the Wellness Center
  9. Ukiah – Ist Thursday at 6 PM at County 4-H building
  10. Willits – 2nd or 3rd Monday at Blosser School
  11. Hopland – 1st Wednesday at 6 PM at the Firehouse

1. Meeting Dates
   1. Council Meeting Dates
      * 1. Executive Council
           1. December 12th, March 14th, June 13th and September 12th.
        2. County Council

a. January 6th, April 7th, July 14th (Ft. Bragg), October 6th.

Kathy Babcock (M) will contact Ft. Bragg Library to ask about scheduling the July Council meeting and will report back on costs.

1. Adjourn Meeting – Motion by Lindsey Whitcomb (LV) to adjourn at 12:20 PM, Melissa Aguilar (W) provided a second. Voice vote and motion carried.

Attendance: Devon Jones (U), Jami Vallejo (U), Leigh Hunt (U), Linsey Whitcomb (LV), Kathy Babcock (M), Linda Edgington, Kristen Looney (RV/C), Gina Vaughan (RV/C), Lexi Davis (RV/C), Melissa Aguilar (W), Beatrice Lincoln (RV), Tascha Whetzel (U), Ella Nelson (U), Maggie Nelson (U), Tanner Whetzel (U).