

Mendocino County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday, January 22, 2011

1. **Call to Order:** 9:04 a.m. by President, Stacey Anderson – Thank you to Ukiah Club for providing morning snacks.
2. **Flag Salute:** American by youth guest, Haley Sleeper; 4H by Emily Heiken, Willits 4H
3. **Present:** Stacey Anderson (Fort Bragg 4-H), Rhonda Brown (Potter Valley 4-H), Sheryn Hildebrand ((Potter Valley 4-H), Diane Johnson (Potter Valley 4-H), Chesney Johnson (Potter Valley 4-H), Barbara Nordin-Elmer (Potter Valley 4-H), Sharilyn Word (Mendocino Spartans), Teri Crowhurst (Redwood Valley 4-H), Trenton Phillips (Redwood Valley 4-H), Maureen Phillips (Redwood Valley 4-H) Emmy Heiken (Willits 4-H), Brady Heiken (Willits 4-H), Kelly Boesel (Ukiah Shamrock 4-H), Tascha Whetzel (Ukiah Shamrock 4-H), Nadine Boer (Ukiah Shamrock 4-H), Linda Edgington (County Staff), Aileen Duke (Round Valley 4-H), Haley Sleeper (guest of Emmy Heiken)
4. **Approval of October 2, 2010 Council Minutes:** Motion by Sharilyn Word to accept as written; Second by Nadine Boer – Motion carries unanimously
5. **Treasurer’s Report:** Rhonda Brown
   1. Checking Account: $6647.01
   2. CD#1: $10,253.01
   3. CD#2: $10,207.21

TOTAL $27,107.23

Discussion: Rhonda Brown reports that we will still be over budget @ $6465.00. Maureen Phillips suggests allowing members to put ads in the monthly Round-up for a small fee, e.g., ad to sell livestock, etc. Sheryn Hildebrand suggested looking into corporate sponsorship of each Round-up allowing the sponsor’s to submit an ad noting support of 4-H. If we could find a sponsor for every month the newsletter is published (11 times per year) and charge @$200 per sponsorship, that could bring in $2200. Linda Edgington will check on feasibility of selling sponsorships to corporations being that allowing an ad my imply support of said corporation or business.

Budget Action Items:

1. Linda Edgington requests budget for February 5, 2011 record book training noting that copy costs will be covered by the County office. Motion by Diane Johnson to designate up to a maximum of $75; Second by Tascha Wetzel – Motion carries unanimously
2. Linda Edgington reports that we will be receiving $3 less in membership from the State per member. Motion by Sheryn Hildebrand to raise membership fees for both members and leaders to: $25/youth & $10/Adult for the 2011/2012 4H year with all money to come to the council; Second by Maureen Phillips – Motion carries unanimously.
3. **Committee Reports**
   1. **4-H Summer Camp:** Report by Trenton Phillips. Camp dates are June 19 – 24 at Camp Masonite Navarro. This year’s camp theme: SPACE; camp cost per camper of $135 for early bird registration; $150 after. The camp steering committee has been meeting at the County office. There are currently 30 counselors.
   2. **Mendocino County Fair Awards:** Report by Nadine Boer. Please see attached annual financial statement **(EXHIBIT A)**. There are no invoices outstanding. Award sponsorship forms will be distributed within the next month. Continued emphasis this year on thanking sponsors with suggestions that all thank you notes must be written before leaving fair grounds. Awards committee will attach thank you notes to awards this year.
   3. **MCJLAC:** Report by Stacey Anderson. Please see attached report **(EXHIBIT B).** Redwood Empire Fair dates are August 4-7, 2011 and the theme this year is “Celebrating 75 Years of Blue Jeans & Country Dreams.”
      1. ACTION ITEM: Request to MCJLAC to allow all rate of gain documents be sent directly to Danny McAsey at the fair office as opposed to his home so as entry forms can be logged in by fair staff. Sheryn Hildebrand will request this be agendized at next MCJLAC meeting February 14, 2011.
   4. **I&R:** Report by Barbara Nordin-Elmer. Next committee meeting will be on February 28 at the County office. I&R committee also working on parameters for All Star Program as well as Emerald Star eligibility.
4. **Staff Reports**: Linda Edgington
   1. Navigating the New State website: [www.CA4H.org](http://www.CA4H.org) Linda Edgington demonstrated the site noting a reoccurring theme of THRIVE. County will be looking for an adult or energetic teen to head up Mendocino County’s THRIVE team. You can read more about THRIVE in the February issue of the Roundup.
   2. Presentation Day Scoring: We will continue to use the scoring our county has revised but there is a potential to work together with other regional counties to consolidate scoring for next year’s regional presentation event. The question will be, “do we use the State score card or stay with ours?”
   3. Updated Member Agreement: Please see attached handout **(EXHIBIT C)**. Motion by Aileen Duke to approve updated member agreement for 4H year 2011/2012; Second by Maureen Phillips. Motion carries.
   4. County’s Standing Policies : Still in progress. Linda Edgington will summarize existing policies pulling from past council minutes. Barbara Nordin-Elmer proposed that we elect a policy secretary; Seconded by Kelly Boesel. Discussion that this is a committee issue and should not be an elected position. Motion declined.
   5. Council By-laws : TABLED – Executive Council will continue to work on the By-laws.
5. **Program**: Diane Johnson shared 4-H time capsule exercise utilizing the Targeting Life Skills Wheel. Encouraged clubs to utilize this tool at the club and project meetings.
6. **Event Reports**
   1. **Presentation Day:** Report by Sheryn Hildebrand. Sign-up sheet sent around for club help with room hosts, judges, etc. Event scheduled for March 19 at Potter Valley High School.
   2. **Record Book Training:** Report by Barbara Nordin-Elmer. County record book training workshop Saturday, February 5 from 8:30 – Noon. Please see attached report **(EXHIBIT D)**.
   3. **Extravaganza:** Report by Sharilyn Word. Event scheduled for April 16 in Boonville. Discussion followed as to whether this is an event that should be discontinued or is there opportunity to combine with another even like Presentation Day. Sign-up sheet was sent around for help.
   4. **2011 WHY Conference:** Report by Linda Edgington. First meeting will be held on January 25 at the County office at 7 p.m. Youth will be core in developing this conference. We will be hosting this event in coordination with Lake County in September tentatively at Camp Masonite in the 4-sided cabins. The conference would start on a Friday and end at noon on Sunday.
7. **Old Business**
   1. 2011 Deadlines and important dates: Update by Stacey Anderson. Please see attached 2011 Calendar of Events **(EXHIBIT E).**
   2. Presentation Day Workshop: Report by Chesney Johnson about the November event that she co-chaired with Colton Pinson. Approximately 25 youth participated. Clubs can contact Chesney to give a presentation at the local level.
8. **New Business**
   1. 2011 County Council Meetings: Report by Stacey Anderson. Meetings will be held quarterly with executive planning meetings scheduled in between.
9. **Announcements**
   1. Sharilyn Word announced a new drama project with the goal of assisting a group to ready a “Share the Fun” for Presentation Day
   2. Linda Edgington reminded clubs of Tractor Supply supporting local 4-H efforts and that events will be forthcoming in their parking lot highlighting 4-H.
   3. Community service opportunity for all clubs to help with clean up at this year’s Relay 4 Life to be held June 12 at the High School. Contact Linda Edgington for more information.
   4. Need to be thinking about the Livestock Expo which will take place again in 2012. We will need to form a committee soon.
   5. Cloverbud Field Day – tentative date in November 2011
   6. Horse Show – May 1 in Redwood Valley
   7. Redwood Empire Fair horse show will again take place before the August Fair. Possibly going to be held in Potter Valley at the Rode o Grounds this year. Concern about safety of participants due to lack of safety rules being followed.
   8. Mendocino County Farm Bureau Ag Scholarship deadline March 15. Need to look into posting all scholarship opportunities on line so as to better communicate availability.
10. **Club Reports**
    1. Fort Bragg: members very involved in community service this year. Working on officer leadership strategies.
    2. High 4-H: Pumpkin Smashing at this year’s Pumpkin Fest was very successful. Planning a trip to possibly Yosemite.
    3. Long Valley: Absent
    4. Potter Valley: Held awards event in December. Officers this year are very involved in leadership and improving quality of meetings.
    5. Redwood Valley/Calpella: Club also involved in community service highlighting canned food drive in December.
    6. Round Valley: Club supported Christmas gift baskets in December which was quite the project.
    7. Spartans: Over the holidays, as a community service, club members made cookies to take to the senior care center. The club also sang Christmas carols with the seniors. The club is also starting a drama project to support kids who’d like to participate in the Share the Fun option at Presentation Day.
    8. Ukiah: Water sale at pumpkin patch this year a great fundraiser. Also sold food at field station. Working consistently on club community service.
    9. Willits: Organized a spaghetti dinner with the Willits Kiwanis and working on a St. Patrick’s Day corn beef & cabbage feed. Pictures with Santa and a Christmas Bake Sale were very successful fundraisers over the holidays.
11. **Adjournment:** Motion by Maureen Phillips to adjourn the meeting; Second by Diane Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

**Next County Council Meeting will be March 26, 2011 from 9-Noon at the County office.**

**High 4-H will be in charge of a healthy snack**

**Kelly Boesel and Trenton Phillips will be in charge of the program.**

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