



## MENDOCINO COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, October 5, 2013

9:00 a.m. – Noon

Ukiah 4-H Office

Agenda/Minutes

All Votes in Green

- I. Call to Order – Kathy Schuler, President at 9:19 a.m. Thank you to Willits and Laytonville 4H for providing snacks.

Present are: Kristen Looney (Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H), Kathy Schuler (Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H), Laura Schuler (Youth, Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H), Jennifer Bush (Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H), Sheryn Hildebrand (Potter Valley 4-H), Rhonda Brown (Potter Valley 4-H), Barbara Nordin-Elmer (Potter Valley 4-H), Shanna Braught (Long Valley 4-H), Sharilyn Word (Spartan 4-H), Wendy Lee Beak (Spartan 4-H), Lyn Anton (Spartan 4-H), Nadine Boer (Ukiah 4-H), Gina Cline (Ukiah 4-H), Duncan Cline (Youth, Ukiah 4-H), Aileen Duke (Round Valley 4-H), Kara Garman ( Willits 4-H), Linda Edgington (Program Representative).

- II. Flag Salute and 4-H Pledge both led by Laura Schuler

- III. Introductions: No guests present

- IV. Approval of July 20, 2013 Minutes: **Motion by Shanna Braught to accept minutes as written; Second by Rhonda Brown. Motion carries unanimously of those in attendance.**

- V. Treasurer's Report- Rhonda Brown: Treasurer's Report- Rhonda Brown (**EXHIBIT A**)

♥ Checking Account:	\$ 14,919.72
♥ CD#1:	\$ 10,384.37
♥ CD#2:	<u>\$ 10,310.08</u>
♥ TOTAL	\$ 35,614.17

- ♥ Discussion as to monies being expended for archery postal shoot. Linda Edgington states that Mendocino County is a statewide postal shoot clearinghouse and the funds brought in and funds expended will stay in the shooting sports fund. The program should be an income generator and the hopes are to build participation from Mendocino County. We do not have archery equipment by Fish & Game has loaned us equipment. Ft. Bragg 4-H has an archery project funded through a grant. **Motion by Sheryn Hildebrand, with the information provided, to propose a line item expense of \$600 with a matching income of \$600 on the County Council Budget for shooting sports. Second by Nadine Boer. Motion carries with 14 ayes; 0 nays; 0 abstain.**
- ♥ **Further discussion regarding curriculum paid for without specific budget line item in budget to pull funding. Nadine Boer makes a motion to budget \$200 for project curriculum; Second by Wendy Beak. Motion carries with 16 ayes; 0 nays; 0 abstain.**

Motion by Sharilyn Word to approve treasurer's report with suggested budget line items added; Second by Nadine Boer. Motion carries unanimously of those in attendance.

- ♥ Request to budget \$5000 from Livestock Expo to support purchase of additional shade cloth for barns at REF and \$3000 for electrical updates to Jr. Barn at Boonville Fair. Discussion by group as to how much left of EXPO funds. Expo income in 2012 was \$11,955 with expenses paid to date of \$8814.51. This leaves \$3140.49. Motion by Sheryn Hildebrand to distribute \$2000 towards additional shade cloth for barns at the REF and \$1000 to Boonville Fair in support of premiums given back to Jr. Exhibitors. Sharilyn Word seconds motion. Further discussion and recommendation by Rhonda Brown, treasurer to pull additional funding the council has from other budget line items that are under budget. Sheryn amends original motion to now read, "Distribute \$4000 towards additional shade cloth for barns at the REF and \$1000 to Boonville Fair in support of premiums given back to Jr. Exhibitors. Second by Sharilyn Word. Motion carries with 12 ayes; 0 nays; 0 abstain.
- ♥ Request to budget \$500 annually to support veterinary services at the Redwood Empire Fair in support of countywide ethics and biosecurity programs supported by 4-H. This would reflect in 2014-2015 budget being we are now on a State fiscal year for finances. Motion by Shanna Braught to approve \$500 annually to support veterinary services at the Redwood Empire Fair; Second by Kristen Looney. Motion carries with 15 ayes; 0 nays; 0 abstain. Comment after motion that FFA needs to also support vet services at the fair.
- ♥ Peer Audit report and discussion (**EXHIBIT B**) General discussion about peer audit and inaccuracies in report as well as original request regarding camp accounts never answered. A written request to regional representative Dorina Espinosa by council to amend report as to errors unanswered is also attached. Concern that lack of response can be held against council at a later time.

## VI. Committee Reports (*prepare a written report limiting presentation to 3 minutes*)

- ♥ I&R (Incentives and Recognition) – Kristen Looney – Ropes Course Recap: Read Thank You notes from a number of youth who attended ropes course event. Laura Schuler gave a report on the event and that the goal of increasing trust among participants as well as encouraging teamwork was exciting. County Council paid for 34 participants.

Barbara Nordin-Elmer reports that the I & R Committee needs more committee members. We had moved the meetings to Willits to try and encourage attendance but did not see additional participation. Open to any ideas. Committee has been working on:

- ☺ Russell Preston Scholarship
  - ☺ Presentation Proficiency
  - ☺ Record Book Rubric **EXHIBIT C**
  - ☺ BLAST Program – Leadership development program
  - ☺ All Star revisions
  - ☺ Large animal proficiencies to 4 levels
- ♥ Camp Steering – Kristin Looney: Possible dates for 2014 camp will be June 25-30. This is tentative and will be firm by January. Deans and directors will be applying during the month of December.
  - ♥ MCJLAC - Sheryn Hildebrand: Next meeting will be on October 14 at Willit's High School. Starting to work on next year's fair book changes and updating By Laws. Rate of Gain program will be changing to be a class you enter at fair with cash awards based on scoring rubric.

- ♥ Awards – Nadine Boer: **EXHIBIT D** Spent @\$8K on fair awards this year. Looking to expand committee moving forward to teach new members ropes.
- ♥ Cloverbud Field Day – Gina Cline – Need committee members: **EXHIBIT E** Duncan Cline made a presentation to the council about the field day. Planned are 7 stations of which 6 will be science based. The event will be held at St. Mary's Auditorium on November 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. We still need teen tour guides and Linda will be running a parent boot camp simultaneously in an adjoining room. Each club has signed up to help at a station and members should plan to be at St. Mary's by 9 a.m. on the 16<sup>th</sup>.
- ♥ Pumpkin Festival – Pumpkin Smashing and Petting Zoo: Council will not be doing the pumpkin smashing this year and are in the process of finding another youth organization to take over the booth. Kathy Schuler will be organizing the petting zoo.

**VII.** Program Representative Report: Linda Edgington **EXHIBIT F** Linda shared a PP about her position and also commented that a website upgrade would be initiated immediately. Also shared community service opportunity for all clubs through the upcoming Eel River Cleanup on October 26, 2013. **EXHIBIT G** Great opportunity for families to do a community service together.

**VIII.** Old Business:

- ♥ By Law Revision – Revisit By Laws approved at July 20, 2013 meeting for amendments and revote. **Motion by Shanna Braught to approve By Laws as presented; Second by Aileen Duke. Motion carries with 14 ayes; 0 nays; 1 abstains**
- ♥ Calendar for 2013-2014: **EXHIBIT H** Discussion as to possibility of changing Extravaganza date? Will revisit in 2014.

**IX.** New Business

- ♥ Online Record Book Training – Do we want to pay the State to send someone out to do a face to face training? Cost to be determined. **Motion by Sheryn Hildebrand to decline training due to costs and considerable existing challenges with ORB; Seconded by Kristin Looney. Motion carries with 13 ayes; 0 nays; 0 abstain.** Discussion by the group as to requirement of any record books going on to State judging that a mandate to complete online ORB survey please be waived. Council asked Linda Edgington to make request of Scott at the State.
- ♥ Preston Trust – Request by County Director Greg Giusti for council to have discussion as to how to distribute \$3000 that normally would go to Spartan 4H Club and recommendations for Preston funding used to support Mendocino County Program Rep. **Historical & current information, as well as letter from Mendocino Spartans, attached as EXHIBIT I** Questions from Council member Wendy Lee Beak as to what prompted change in distribution? Why should a distribution that routinely came directly to County Council be now designated for travel for regional rep Dorina Espinosa when the Trust is very clear about where money is to be distributed? Question from Council member Lyn Anton as to whether Ft. Bragg Club requested a portion of annual distribution or was this randomly decided by UCCE? Lyn Anton from the Mendocino Spartans reminds the group that their club constitution contains language regarding a mandatory advisory council for the Endowment is in place. Discussion by Council members as to lack of transparency with Trust dollars by UCCE. Comment by Mr. Giusti that returns were in the negative this year therefore disbursements will be minimal are questionable being the stock market has performed admirably all year and the majority of Foundations are reporting considerable gains.

☺ **Nadine Boer makes a motion that County Director Greg Giusti be directed to disburse from the Preston Endowment \$3000 annually to the Mendocino**

Spartans in its entirety by September 1 of any given year with the 2013-2014 distribution made by February 1, 2014. Barbara Nordin-Elmer seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously with 15 ayes; 0 nays; 0 abstain.

- ☺ Council would request of Mr. Giusti that Council be provided annual returns of trust in the form of quarterly statements for the last two years by February 1, 2014;
- ☺ Council would request of Mr. Giusti that Council be provided with an intended budget for Trust distributions annually by the October Council Meeting;
- ☺ Council requests of County Director Greg Giusti that advisory committee for endowment be reinstated immediately minimally meeting twice annually to include at least 1 Mendocino Spartan Community Leader.

♥ Open discussion of County program challenge with possible solutions. In general, we need more people to participate on working committees. It is also discussed that there continues to be a lack of transparency with the State 4-H Office as to goals and policies which is further felt at the local office.

♥ Future training for leaders discussion: Tabled to 2014

X. Club Reports – Please define when your club meetings are scheduled: No reports were given due to time constraints.

♥ Anderson Valley

♥ Coyote Valley

♥ Fort Bragg – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Fort Bragg Presbyterian Church

♥ Long Valley – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Lions Club House, Willis Ave

♥ Potter Valley – 7 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month unless a holiday then 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month at the Methodist Church in PV – Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June, Dec & July are potlucks held on a Sunday.

♥ Redwood Valley/Calpella – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month, 6:30 at Redwood Valley Grange

♥ Round Valley – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Eel River Charter School

♥ Spartans

♥ Ukiah – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of Each Month is the Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H Community Meetings at 6:30 still at the Ukiah 4-H Office

♥ Willits – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, unless a school event, and then it will fall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7 p.m. at the Blosser Lane School

XI. Announcements: No announcements

XII. Adjournment: Motion by Sheryn Hildebrand to adjourn the meeting at 1:32 p.m.; Second by Rhonda Brown. Motion carries unanimously of those in attendance. Our next County Council Meeting Date is will be Saturday, January 11, 2014 with Executive Council meeting December 11, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the County 4-H Office.