

**SUTTER/YUBA COUNTIES 4-H COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 18th, 2010 (page 1 of 3)**

- I.** The meeting was called to order by 4-H Council President, Erin Cucchi at 6:37 pm.
- II.** The Flag Salute was led by Andrew Bogdonoff of Franklin 4-H and the 4-H Pledge was led by Bailey Jenks of Guide Dogs/Browns Valley 4-H.
- III.** A Roll Call was taken of all 4-H Clubs in attendance.

**PRESENT:**

Barry, Browns Valley, Dententer, District 10, Guide Dogs, Franklin, Hi 4-H, Olivehurst, Pleasant Grove, Plumas, Smartsville, Sutter Buttes, and Wheatland, and the future Olivehurst 4-H

**ABSENT:**

Able Riders, Arboga, Beale, Hallwood, Rocky Hills, and Yuba Hills

- IV. Guests: None**
- V. Approval of Agenda:** The President asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Paula Lamb asked to amend the agenda to add a speech by some of Wheatland's 4-H officers under Unfinished Business. **A motion was made by Debbie Tarke to amend the agenda to add such and seconded by Pat Dickens. It passed with a voice vote.**
- VI. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes by Pat Dickens and seconded by Ronda Smith. They were approved by voice vote.**
- VII. Correspondence:** None.
- VIII. Announcements:** None
- IX. Treasurers' Report:**

Treasurer Kendra Schmidl was absent by 4-H Rep, Megan Osbourn reviewed the treasury with the Council. There is a balance of \$27,033.83.
- X. Committee and Program Representative Reports:**
  - A. Executive Committee:** Erin Cucchi reported that the Executive Committee the enrollment Scholarship Award increase from \$150 to \$211 – which will benefit 11 members. It was overlooked at the last meeting to approve the \$50 per county prizes for Nat'l 4-H Window Display contest which the committee approved also. They also approved the additional amount of \$2.31 for a total of \$52.31 spent on supplies for Officer Training as well as \$68.74 for 7 All Star patches.
  - B. National 4-H Week window Displays—**Nancy Perkins reported that there were 5 clubs from Yuba Co. and 3 from Sutter Co. who had window displays.
  - C. Citizenship/ Allstar Committee:** Erin Cucchi and Tim Field reported that they had their first meeting with 10 members in attendance. At the meeting they went over the structure of the bi county wide project including activities and events they may possible attend as well as fundraising projects they may include this year. The fundraisers possibly will help the members with their fees toward future attendance at conventions and Cal and Washington focus. The funds would be seed money with the members' hour participation counting towards their share of cost, which would/could be carried over.

- D. Craft Day:** Tommie Mettz reported that there were 113 members signed in as well as 10 crafters with 13 different crafts. It was very successful. Debbie Tarke stated that she recently attended Colusa 4-H Craft Day and there was some discussion that we consider co-coordinating with them at sometime.
- E. Christmas Parade:** Megan Osbourn stated that the parade is Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> in Marysville. The Committee persons are Annette Oswald and Stan Olsen. Megan went over the rules and that there will be room for 150 walkers, animals, horses with pooper scoopers, and 5 decorated vehicles.
- F. CE County Director: Chris Greer had no statement.**
- G. 4-H Program Representative:** Megan reported that all club records should be into the State office by now. Due to some IRS confusion, there will be no IRS reporting this year (which is her responsibility). All clubs need to turn their Club Officer/Budget as well as any Cross Clubbing/Cross County contracts into the office as soon as possible. The state office is implementing new Goal Setting activities with the theme of 'What's your Spark' which we will be hearing more about as the year progresses. Camp Staff applications will open up soon. Contact the office if interested in positions of Nurse, Cook, Cook Assistant, and Life Guard (must be 25 years old). If you are a Community Leader please go online and confirm your enrolled members weekly. Megan also informed the Council that soon there will be no more event packets mailed out to members – that it will all be online and in the Clover Chatter that will include the applications for the events. The Cal Focus financial aid deadline is November 30. She is also working on a 4-H Face Book page for our counties. Lastly, the YC Christmas Stroll Christmas Tree Decorating contest is December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Applications were distributed.

## **XI. Unfinished Business:**

**A. Council by President, Erin Cucchi** addressed the issue concerning recent Council members' conflicting views and the manner in which they have been handled. She stated that as is in every governing body, there are frequently differing views on controversial matters. However, when the issue is voted upon with a majority vote, these issues should be resolved and the Council should move on. With that said, she proceeded to explain the By-Laws that were recently voted upon and sent to the State office. In September, the Council had voted on the new By-Laws which excluded senior youth members from voting on Council issues. They were sent to the State Office, who in turn advised Megan to include some senior members in our voting process. The Executive Committee unanimously voted on including our All Stars as senior representation, in which the State sent back it's approval. So then the President, Erin Cucchi, brought us back to the business at hand. Debbie Tarke moved to accept the Executive Committee's and the State Office's recommendation to include the All Stars as the only senior members with voting privileges. Ronda Smith seconded the motion. The president stated that with Robert's Rules of Order, that the person who made the first motion had first rights for discussion. Debbie Tarke stating that many other counties use the All Stars as their senior member voting representatives. Next, Paula Lamb stated that some clubs such as Wheatland 4-H have many young members and new officers. They are concerned that their youth are not being represented at the Council level She then introduced the Wheatland Club's members who had prepared a speech. Members Lakota Olsen, Alyssa Lamb, Jordan Ridgeway, Jessica York, and Cheyenne Olsen presented their speeches asking for equal representation for youth by giving voting rights to each club's president and vice president. Several of the Council members asked the youth questions as to their involvement in the Council. President, Erin Cucchi, asked for the Point of Order stating that the State 4-H office only recognizes voting privileges for senior members as being 14 years old by December 31<sup>st</sup> or high school students. **Debbie Tarke called for the Question. Erin Cucchi explained that we would be voting on the question called – which was all in favor of stopping the discussion and only those 14 years old by December 31<sup>st</sup> or in high school and above could vote. The vote was 11 in favor of stopping the discussion and 13 against it.** Next, Tim Field brought up the question of if an All Star parent is on the All Star approval committee, does that parent excuse themselves? Steven Sanchez added that there

is a checklist that the State sets in order to become an All Star candidate. Bailey Jenks added that All Stars take extra steps to gain this recognition. Liz Romness asked why couldn't the younger members address their concerns to their representatives – the All Stars? All Star, Bailey Jenks was said she welcomed youth contact. Dianna Taylor stated that in the last couple of years, we have only had one All Star and the youth are not represented fairly. Erin Cucchi stated that it should not be a problem now because we have 7 All Stars and the program is gaining momentum. **Stan Olsen stated that all members can still come to the meeting and express their concerns and with that he 'called for the question'. The vote to stop discussion passed unanimously. The president again called for the vote on the original motion of having our All Stars as the Council's senior member voting representation. The vote passed with 17 yes and 9 no. It passed with a voice vote.**

## **XII. New Business:**

- A. JC Penney Roundup Committee--** Stan Olsen wanted to head up the committee for having all club's represented at future J.C. Penney Roundup. It is Dec 1<sup>st</sup> through December 14<sup>th</sup>. Wheatland 4-H and Dentener 4-H have been in the store as 4-H ambassadors. Stan would like all clubs to sign up and help with this project. Megan has a sign up sheet that she is working on. She would like each club to select a date to be present in the store wearing their uniforms or their club tee shirts. Members can only bring caged small animals, excluding dogs with the exception of Guide dogs.
- B. 4-H Camp:** Megan stated that she would like to move camp dates to June 12-16 due to several conflicts. **Pat Dickens moved to change the dates and Tim Field seconded the motion. It passed with a voice vote.**
- C. All Star shirts:** There was a short discussion concerning the shirts and the cost. **Tommie Mettz moved to purchase the shirts for no more than \$30 each including embroidery and Tim Field seconded the motion. It passed with a voice vote.**
- D. Sub Committee Budgets:** Erin Cucchi explained that each subcommittee now needs to be self sustaining which is the reasoning behind the due date of November 1<sup>st</sup>. Megan went through the Camp Budget, explaining that it was dependent on the number of campers. **Dianna Taylor moved to approve the budget and Pat Dickens seconded the motion. It passed with a voice vote.** Next, Erin Cucchi went over the Spring Fair Budget explaining that the proposed purchases at the bottom were just that and that some of the excess funds in the Spring Fair account could possibly be use to purchase those items which would benefit other events. **Dianna Taylor moved to approve the Spring Fair Budget and Rita Beisley seconded the motion. It passed with a voice vote.** Next, Megan went over the Equine Advisory Committee's Budget. No one from the committee was at the meeting but Megan went to their meeting the day before and went over every line item. **Cheryl Bogdonoff moved to approve the Equine Advisory Committee's Budget and Edona Miller seconded the motion. It passed with a voice vote.** Lastly the Fashion Revue Budget was discussed. Nicole Prather the committee chair of Fashion Revue went over the budget. They are cutting back due to the potential lack of funds. It was discussed that the Executive Committee recommended that the members that participate are charged an entry fee. The Executive Committee has suggested \$3. **After some discussion a motion was made by Rita Beisley to amend the Fashion Revue Committee Budget to include a \$5 fee per participant. The motion was seconded by Dianna Coggins. It passed with a voice vote.**

**XIII. Adjournment:** Rita Beisley made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Edona Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm. The next meeting date is January 13th at 6:30pm at the 4-H Office.