

Sutter-Yuba Counties 4-H Council Meeting

November 13, 2008

- I. The meeting of the Sutter-Yuba Counties 4-H Council was called to order by President, Nancy Perkins at 6:34 p.m.
- II. The flag salute and the 4-H pledge was led by Kayla Taylor, Smartsville 4-H, and Jacob Bartlett, Plumas 4-H.
- III. A roll call of all clubs was implemented by Marlene High.

PRESENT: Able Riders, Arboga, Beale, Browns Valley, Dententer, Franklin, Guide Dogs, Hallwood, Pleasant Grove, Plumas, Smartsville, Sutter Buttes, and Y-S Hi 4-H.

ABSENT: Barry, District 10, Live Oak, Rocky Hills, Wheatland, and Yuba Hills.

District 10, Live Oak, and Rocky Hills will not have voting privileges in January.

- IV. **Approval of Tentative Agenda:** Eric Jenks moved to approve the agenda. Erin Cucchi seconded the motion, which passed with a voice vote.
- V. **Approval of Minutes:** Erin Cucchi moved to approve the minutes for the September 11, 2008 meeting. Eric Jenks seconded the motion, which passed with a voice vote.
- VI. **Announcements:** Nancy Perkins announced that the check received from Wells Fargo Bank will go into the Agnes Puckett Scholarship Fund.
- VII. **Treasurer's Reports:** The 4-H YDP budget was passed out.
- VIII. **Committee Reports and Sign Ups:**
 - a) **Sign Ups:** The committee list was passed around for areas that need filled.
 - b) **Achievement Night:** Everyone thought it was well attended.
 - c) **Camp Week:** Mary Hall asked for Camp Week date to be set. The week of June 21st was set as a tentative date. The week of June 28 as a tentative date would only be four days because of the July 4th holiday. It was suggested that Megan Osbourn and Chris Greer get together with Hi 4-H members and the advisors. Chris will see what Yuba County has to offer and report back to the Council at the January meeting for further discussion.

- d) **Crafts Day:** Tommie Metz reported that the Craft Workshop will be held on November 15th from 9 a.m to 1 p.m., 4-H Office. Lunch by Rocky Hills 4-H.
- e) **Fashion Revue:** Marlene High reported the date for Bi-County Fashion Revue is scheduled for April 18th at Wheatland Elementary School.
- f) **Hi 4-H:** Mary Hall reported that members are selling poinsettias to raise funds to host their exchange 4-H members from New York.
- g) **Presentation Day:** Under unfinished business.
- h) **Sectional Council:** We will be hosting the May 2009 meeting.
- i) **4-H Youth Development Program Administrator:** Megan Osbourn was unable to attend, but presented the Council with a written report. She reported that she attended the State Leaders Forum, November 7-9, and brought back several new resources, *Camp Leadership and Nutrition Curriculum*. Check with the 4-H office for resources. A SET Steering Committee needs to be developed to plan and set goals for the SET Initiative. Anyone interested in becoming involved, please contact the 4-H office. Megan reported that Rio Oso 4-H Club has disbanded. \$746.87 is the remaining balance in their checking account. The amount will be deposited in the Council account. Their inventory includes a swine scale and some banners. The by-laws state that all assets must be transferred to the Council and kept in escrow for three years before distributing to other clubs for development. Matt Conant has offered a donation of \$500 for the scales, which are about 30 years old. Jeanne Christenson, the military 4-H program representative, reported that she will be forming 4-H clubs on bases throughout the States.

IX. Unfinished Business:

- a) Presentation Day was tabled at the last meeting after discussion on the number of dates to be held. Marlene High stated that she was trying to encourage more participation at the Sectional level. Nancy Perkins recommended keeping the same number of opportunities for members to give presentations. Erin Cucchi moved to keep the two dates plus the date for Spring Fair, a total of three Presentation Days. The motion was seconded by Rhonda Smith, which passed by a voice vote. The information packet will need to go out to members as soon as possible.

X. New Business:

- a) Megan Osbourn reported on the response to a Code of Conduct complaint that had been filed. The response states that it is highly recommended that all horse project leaders, review the code of conduct for both volunteers and

members to ensure that they are aware of their responsibilities and rights as volunteers. Again, all personal conflicts must be set aside to ensure a safe and positive learning environment for all 4-H youth members. It is the hope of the County 4-H Council that any inappropriate behavior can be corrected so that no further action on this matter is needed. *This statement needs council approval.* Eric Jenks stated that he felt it was not appropriate to vote on a complaint that they knew nothing about. The complaint was read. Kayla Taylor questioned if it was the 4-H Council's responsibility to take action. Eric Jenks stated that he would go on record that nothing was said to be construed as a personal attack, and he did not see a breach of 4-H policy. He stated the parent was asked to give a reason for the transfer request and they would check with the 4-H office. Council members discussed the suggested response to the complaint. Eric Jenks moved that an article be written in the 4-H Clover Chatter by Megan Osbourn and Mike Murray for all leaders. The motion was seconded by Kayla Taylor, which passed with a voice vote.

- b)** Mary Hall stated that proceeds from the Leaders Dinner was originally designated for scholarships, but then ended up going into the general fund. It was decided for this year to hold an Ice Cream Social with no fund raising. Each community club leader will be asked to nominate a leader from their club to honor. Rhonda Smith moved that the Council provide \$200 for dessert and drinks. The motion was seconded by Erin Cucchi and passed with a voice vote. Pat Bagley will be honored. Steven Sanchez suggested also honoring Russ and Donna Clark from Carl's Jr. Jeanne Christenson moved to honor the Clarks. Erin Cucchi seconded the motion and passed with a voice vote. It was discussed purchasing a plaque for the Clarks. Riley High moved that a plaque be purchased at a reasonable price. Motion was seconded by Jeanne Christenson, which passed with a voice vote.
- c)** The Marysville Parade was discussed. Erin Cucchi announced that the Council could have 2 entries at \$25 each for 100 members. Mary Hall moved that the Council purchase the two entries. Erin Cucchi seconded the motion, which passed with a voice vote.
- d)** A change on council meeting dates was discussed. A motion was made by Erin Cucchi to keep the meetings dates every other month. The motion was seconded by Valerie Grolla, which passed with a voice vote.
- e)** Proficiency Awards – Belt Buckles was tabled to the next meeting
- f)** It was noted that a new club needs to be formed in Sutter County. Eric Jenks and Steven Sanchez suggested trying to pull leaders from the existing clubs to form a new club.

- g) A total of seven scholarship applications were submitted for enrollment fees, four from one family and three from another family. Megan Osbourn recommended paying fees for two in the family of four, and pay half of the fees for each of the three in the family of three. The total that would be funded from the Agnes Puckett Scholarship Fund would be \$103. Riley High moved that the Council fund the 103 from the Agnes Puckett Scholarship Fund for the seven members. Steven Sanchez seconded the motion, which passed with a voice vote. Steven suggested putting something in the Clover Chatter about club fundraising for member enrollment fees.

XI. Adjournment: Tommie Metz moved to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Rhonda Smith. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m

Marlene High, Secretary