

**SUTTER/YUBA COUNTIES 4-H COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Sept 9th, 2010 (page 1 of 4)**

- I.** The meeting was called to order by 4-H Council President, Erin Cucchi at 6:33 pm.
- II.** The Flag Salute was led by Ethan Mote of Browns Valley 4-H and the 4-H Pledge was led by Paige Garcal of Barry 4-H.
- III.** A Roll Call was taken of all 4-H Clubs in attendance.
- PRESENT:**
- Able Riders, Arboga, Barry, Browns Valley, Dententer, Franklin, Hallwood, Hi 4-H, Live Oak, Pleasant Grove, Pumas, Smartsville, Sutter Buttes, and Wheatland, and the future Olivehurst 4-H
- ABSENT:**
- Beale, District 10, Guide Dogs, Rocky Hills, and Yuba Hills
- IV. Guests: Annette Oswald – future Community Leader for Olivehurst 4-H Club.**
- V. Approval of Agenda:** The President asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Dianna Taylor had one having to do with the past Cook Book fundraiser. **A motion was made by Valerie Wilson and seconded by Chrissy Mote to approve the agenda. The agenda for the meeting was approved by voice vote.**
- VI. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes by Kendra Schmidl and seconded by Ronda Smith. They were approved by voice vote.**
- VII. Correspondence:** None.
- VIII. Announcements:** Mary Hall reported that the Hi 4-H meeting is Sept 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the 4-H office. All high school members from both counties are encouraged to attend. They will be once again having their poinsettia sale. Also – Mary Hall announced that Hallwood 4-H is having their annual Soup and Salad Dinner on November 12.
- IX. Treasurers' Report:**
- Treasurer Kendra Schmidl reported that she has moved all the books over to Quicken to facilitate her duties. There is a balance of \$25,344.29.
- X. Committee and Program Representative Reports:**
- A. Executive Committee: no report.**
- B. Sectional Council:** Megan Osborne reported that the Sectional Council will be meeting Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> in Red Bluff. Please contact her if anyone is interested in representing our Council.
- C. Citizenship/ Allstar Committee:** Erin Cucchi reported that All Star applications are due in the office by Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. There is an All Star Information sheet at the desk for anyone interested. There is going to be a county wide Citizenship project with Tim Field and Erin Cucchi as leaders which will also include the All Stars in a leadership role guiding members through the yearly 'project'. This project will be to go from club to club video documenting each animal showmanship methods. There will be a video library for leaders and members to check out to use at the project level. The goal for this group will include some fundraising which will go towards paying their way to Cal an Washington Focus attendance.

- D. National 4-H Week:** The theme this year is 'Taking the Lead'. We still need a chairperson and several judges for each county.
- E. Craft Day:** Megan reported that the date reported in the Clover Chatter is incorrect. It should be on November 13 from 9am to 1pm at the 4-H office. Clubs are encouraged to provide an inexpensive craft to share with the attendants. Valerie Grolla inquired about Spring Craft Fair being included with Spring Fair. Megan reported that the possibility in being looked into.
- F. Christmas Parade:** President Erin Cucchi stated that the parade is December 4<sup>th</sup> and the fees for both the Christmas and Bok Kai parades are being included in the 2010-2011 Budget which will go for Council approval later in the meeting.
- G. Officer Training:** Megan reported that the Officer Training Workshop will be held Oct 9<sup>th</sup> fro 9-12 in the 4-H office. All members who are/want to be officers are encouraged to attend.
- H. Achievement Night:** Megan announced that it is planned for Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> at the Yuba City Veteran's Hall. Club committee sign ups are needed and will decide if it will be a dessert potluck. Clubs are encouraged to help with set up, clean up, etc.
- I. Livestock Committee:** Erin reported that the Jr. Livestock Auction Appreciation Dinner is set for Saturday September 11 at 6pm in Franklin Hall. All clubs and FFA chapters are to bring a gift to be raffled off in appreciation to the buyers.
- J. CE County Director: none**
- K. 4-H Program Representative:** Megan reported that the from now on she would like to streamline activities. This year the Budget is more detailed. We cannot add on random sub-accounts. Each committee needs to be filled with active participants or the event may be canceled. Club treasurer's and secretary's books are now late and due in the office as soon as possible. All other documents are due in the 4-H office by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Agnes Puckett enrollment scholarship applications are due in by October 8<sup>th</sup>. There are some new camp changes. There will be an application process for teen camp counselors due to State procedures involving the training process.

## **XI. Unfinished Business**

- A. Mary Staas Memorial Fund--** Megan reported that the State office does not want memorial funds to be run through the councils anymore. Steven Sanchez, chairperson, has run into some roadblocks in the pursuit of putting together a memorial. There is \$99.98 in the account. We need to complete the memorial soon. The bench at the fairgrounds will cost approximately \$185. It was suggested that each club representative at the meeting go back to their clubs and have a spare change drive to supplement the additional amount needed. Steven will collect the spare change at Achievement Night.
- B. Alfred Garcia Outstanding 2<sup>nd</sup> year member award fund—**Sam Diaz inquired about the amount in the fund and how we are planning on handling it in the future. Megan reported that when the fund is depleted, if the family still wishes to sponsor this award, they will be invoiced the amount of the pins.

## **XII. New Business**

- A. 2010-2011 Budget:** Kendra Schmidl and Megan Osbourn went over the budget for the year and discussed how they came up with a budget. Megan Osbourn reported that the Executive Committee proposed that from now on - all committees such as Spring Fair, Fashion Revue, Equine Advisory Committee, and Camp, etc. will now submit a budget to the Council by November 1<sup>st</sup>. **A motion was made by Stan Olsen to approve the budget. It was seconded by Valerie Wilson. It passed by voice**

**vote.** Steven Sanchez inquired about the Rio Oso club account and Megan explained that after 3 years of dissolution it is absorbed into our General Fund (summer 2011).

- B. Proposed County Event Plan:** Erin Cucchi went over the Proposed County Event Plan with the Council. Some of the changes were-- Spring Fair will no longer offer a Presentation Day. There will be two Presentation Days – February 3<sup>rd</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup>. Along with the other opportunities provided to complete this requirement such as MC at Achievement Night, Commentating at Fashion Revue, working at/ or participating in our Presentation Days and at Sectional Presentation Day, as well as presenting a Mini Presentation at Spring Fair. Those who have not fulfilled that requirement will need to contact Megan or the Spring Fair Committee and be assigned a job that will fulfill the presentation requirement. Some discussion took place about presentations and their significant value that they provide to 4-H members. **Sam Diaz made a motion to approve the County Event Plan. Pam Turcotte seconded the motion. It passed with a voice vote.**
- C. Leader Appreciation:** Megan reported that the Executive Committee is considering changing the venue for our clubs' appreciation for their Leader of the Year award. Due to time restrictions, it may not be possible to get it together this year. Achievement Night is a consideration for awarding those leaders from each club. This way, all of the members can also see the awards being presented.
- D. By Laws and Constitution:** President Erin Cucchi made certain that all in attendance had read through the By Laws. Stan Olsen brought up the changed section with senior members and said now two sections contradicted themselves. A discussion ensued regarding senior members and their voting rights as well as their rights to hold office. Both sides discussed their views and then Sam Diaz made a motion to amend the by laws but it was discussed that we should first have approved By Laws before they could be amended so he tabled his motion. **Sam then moved to approve the By Laws and Ronda Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote. Stan Olsen then moved to amend the wording to change the section in the beginning of the By Laws to say that senior members had full membership with the exclusion of voting rights and holding council office. Chrissy Mote seconded the motion and it passed with a voice vote.** The amendment will change the wording in Section 2 A1 for better clarification. It shall now say “Senior 4-H members who are eligible to serve as active members of the 4-H Council shall not be eligible to vote on council matters or hold a council office. Senior 4-H members can actively participate in 4-H council discussions.” The Council Constitution was discussed and the only change is Article VIII – which is required language. **Kendra Schmidl moved to pass Constitution and Pam Turcotte seconded the motion. The Constitution was passed with a voice vote.**
- E. Council Committee Sign ups:** Megan reiterated that we need more people to sign up for committees. The sign up sheet is being passed around and each club should take it back to their own club to see if they have any interested leaders to help as committee members.
- F. Why Conference:** to be held at Whiskeytown from September 17-19<sup>th</sup>.
- G. Yuba Sutter Farm Day:** Sponsored by Y-S Farm Bureau will be held Friday October 1<sup>st</sup>. They still need adults and youth to staff the event. Contact Danielle Coleman.
- H. Add on agenda item:** Dianna Taylor inquired about the previous attempt to have a Cook Book Fundraiser. Erin Cucchi reminded everyone that she had all the recipes inputted in the company's website that was selected and that they went out of business. At that time, County Director, Mike Murray, thought that we had enough money in our recently combined treasury, and requested that we should halt all fundraisers for awhile. Megan said that we our general fund account is down now and a fundraiser would be fine. We are now looking for someone to spear head the Cook Book fundraiser if they are interested. Erin Cucchi stated that she still had all the recipes and gave them to Steven

Sanchez at a council meeting last year so we wouldn't have to start all the way over. Valerie Wilson said that perhaps the MHS print shop could print it for us at a better rate.

- I. **J. C. Penney Roundup:** Our next one is in December and we should promote it as it's Holiday shopping time.

**XIII. Adjournment:** Chrissy Mote **made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Stan Olsen seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.** The next meeting date is still in the planning due to a conflict with Veteran's Day at 6:30pm at the 4-H Office.

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Nancy Perkins – Secretary