

SUTTER/YUBA COUNTIES 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

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- I. The meeting was called to order by 4-H Council President, Erin Cucchi, at 6:35pm.
- II. The Flag Salute was led by Kaycee Lamb of Wheatland 4-H Club and the 4-H Pledge by Emma Cucchi of Franklin 4-H Club.
- III. Roll Call was taken of all 4-H Clubs in attendance.

PRESENT:

Those present were: Arboga, Barry, Browns Valley, Dententer, District 10, Franklin, Hallwood, Hi 4-H, Pleasant Grove, Plumas, Smartsville, Sutter Buttes, and Wheatland.

ABSENT:

Those absent were: Able Riders, Beale, Guide Dogs, Live Oak, Olivehurst, and Rocky Hills.

- IV. Introduction of guests: Rita introduced Nicole De Los Santos from the Friday Night Live program.
- V. **Approval of Agenda:** The President asked if there were any additions to the agenda – there were none from the group. **A motion was made to approve the agenda by Pat Dickens and seconded by Ronda Smith. It passed with a voice vote.**
- VI. **Approval of Minutes:** There were no corrections to the previous meetings minutes. **A motion was made by Pat Dickens and seconded by Paula Lamb to approve the minutes. The motion was approved with a voice vote.**
- VII. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Alicia Phillips went over the account. We had a beginning balance of \$51,396.24 with \$19,441.92 in expenses – leaving an ending balance of \$31,954.50.
- VIII. Guest Speaker: Nicole De Los Santos from Friday Night Live announced that there will be a rally from 12:24 – 1:04pm at Yuba City High School concerning Distracted/Drinking Drivers. All 4-Hers are welcome to attend.
- IX. **Announcements:**
 - A. Tractor Supply Paper clover Campaign is scheduled for May 8-19th. It will be a bi-county fundraiser. All clubs are encouraged to sign up to work two hour shifts. There will be \$1 and \$5 Paper Clovers that shoppers can purchase. Clubs should have their members wear their uniform or a club t-shirt and help at the register. Last year 4371 paper clovers were sold and this year's goal is 5000 clovers sold.
 - B. State Leadership Conference: is July 25-28 and will be held at UC Davis. Registration is open online.
 - C. New year Community Club Leader meeting: will be held August 15th at 6:30pm. Rita announced that she plans on having a dinner at 6pm. prior to the meeting.
- X. **Committee and Program Report:**
 - A. Countywide Leather Craft Project- May meeting will be at Spring Fair and the June one will be at camp

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- B. Fashion Revue: the President said that 2012-13 Fashion Revue went well. The committee plans on having an event review meeting soon.**
- C. Spring Fair:** Rita Boyes reported that the set up day will be this Friday at 10am. The presenters may arrive Saturday May 11th the day of the event at 7:30 to set up. The event will start off with a Welcome at the bleachers at 9:30am and begin at 10am- lasting until 12:00pm. The event will now be \$5 at the door (late fee) and is open to the public.
- D. 4-H Camp:** The president announced that camp registration is now open online. Last day of enrollment is May 24th. There will be a mandatory adult chaperone meeting on May 30th at 6:30pm at Gray Ave Round Table Pizza with the final new Leader Orientation meeting there at 5:30pm. Erin reminded the clubs that they each need a male and female chaperone for every 10 members. Utilizing other leaders is a possibility but the club should compensate the leader by paying part of their fees. Dates are set for June 21st (camp counselors) and the rest of the campers arrive Saturday June 22nd. The last day is June 26th.
- E. Camp Work Day:** is still to be determined. The President announced that since the council is trying hard to keep each campers' fees at a low cost, the Executive Committee decided that we would not have 'camperships' or a family discount. Instead, we would reinstate the old policy of having a contest: the club with the most workers (adult and youth) will receive \$50 which can be used for a pizza party, or half for pizza and half cash, or simply \$50 for the club to use as they see fit. Mary Hall asked if we were doing a club percentage because some clubs are really small while others are large. We agreed to wait and see what happens this year and address it in the future. Erin also said that if a camper was planning on arriving late or leaving early, that they simply need to inform the office so the Camp Directors are aware of it.
- F. Record Book Judging:** will potentially be July 13th (hopefully it corresponds with YS Fair pen set up day). The location is to be determined, however, Erin says we may be able to use the Livestock Office, especially if it is the same day as pen set up.
- G. Yuba Sutter Fair Booth:** Fair is July 31-August 4th. Rita passed around the shift sign-up sheet.
- H. County Director:** Chris Greer told us that they are on the second phase of the building remodel but does not expect it to be completed until after the summer. He spoke to the Council on the 'multicounty partnership' between Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa Counties. It is administrative only and has to do with governmental budgets.
- I. 4-H Youth Dev. Program Rep.:** Rita Boyes reported that State Fashion Revue entries are due online May 11th. The club documents and due dates forms were passed out. This requirement will be as an online feature for the CCL to fill out concerning awards, etc. She also passed out the 'Guide to Successful Enrollment for 4-H clubs'. Club fees will have a December 15th deadline. If Community Club leaders are stepping down from their position, please contact Rita way before the August 15th meeting to give her some time to find a new Community Club Leader.
- J.** Rita then gave the Council a presentation on a recommendation from the State office – "Building 4-H Volunteer Middle Management" organization. The State wants to 'keep 4-H alive for another 100 years' and is encouraging the counties to utilize a new technique. It consists of:

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Stage I----The group does most of the work

Stage II----The staff does some work while volunteers do most of the work—there will be committees who carry out the work

Stage III---Middle Management Volunteers—will be in charge of ‘themed committees’

The Volunteer Middle Management System Approach will reflect the following principles:

Educational Board—utilizing a Development Board which has different realms, such as Livestock, Home Economics, Adult Leadership.

Promotional Development---will take on Expansion, Review, Advocacy, and Visibility.

Resource Development Board—will take on Fundraising, Budgets, Incentives, and Recognition.

The Program Representative (Rita) will establish a Futures Task Force drawing from the community, County government, school districts, youth at large, and the Executive Committee. There will be 18-20 members who will meet four times and report their findings at the September Council meeting. She hopes that the Task Force will look at our program differently and more in depth so we can keep 4-H alive.

Much discussion ensued. Most of the Council was dismayed with the new format and concerned that we will actually lose the program. Rita and Chris said that it will allow 4-H to ‘be in the now’. The main concern was that we have a hard enough time getting volunteers to do tasks and how would this help us when we really have a smoothly run organization. Rita said that this is the direction that she and Chris wish for us to go in the future.

XI. Unfinished Business:

- A. Fair Brick for Mary Staas: The President said that Rene reminded her that we already paid for a Y-S Fair bench to honor Mary Staas. Paula Lamb moved to forego last meeting’s motion to purchase a Fair Brick in the memory of Mary Staas. Pat Dickens seconded the motion. It passed with a voice vote.

XII. New Business:

- A. The President announced that the 2012-2013 Senior Scholarship Award applications for each county are due in the office on Friday July 12th. The applicants can either use the paper or the online application. These county awards are awarded at the Y-S Fair Livestock Awards Ceremony on Sunday at 11am.
- B. Erin said that Rita is still looking for the much needed new Community Club Leader for a new Yuba City 4-H Club. Several of the Sutter County clubs are impacted with members.
- C. **2013-2014 Enrollment: it was announced that fees are going up another \$6. Our enrollment fees will now go up to \$59 for youth and \$22 for leaders. A discussion ensued. Steven suggested that an extra \$1 go to the scholarship fund. Pat Dickens moved that we add an extra \$1 to the youth fee making it \$60 and the additional \$1 will go to the Enrollment Scholarship Fund (Agnes Puckett Fund) and to not add on to the leader fees. Alicia Phillips seconded the motion. It passed with a**

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voice vote. Rita reminded the council that enrollment fees should be due to the club level by November 1st.

D. The President asked if there would be a way that enrollment fees could be paid online as we do for 4-H Camp. It would make enrollment so much easier for the CCL to take care of. Then the parent/leader could attach the Medical Release Forms as a PDF. Rita will look into the matter.

E. California State 4-H Field Day Centennial County Banners: Steven Sanchez has volunteered to make the requested banners. He had the partially completed banners in the room for members to look over. He is making a Yuba Co, a Sutter Co., and Sutter –Yuba Counties banner. Steven asked the Council if he could be compensated for supplies with each banner costing no more than \$50. Paula Lamb moved that we compensate Steven Sanchez up to \$50 each for the three banners. Brittani Rockholt seconded the motion. It passed with a voice vote.

XIII. Adjournment: Paula Lamb moved to adjourn the meeting. Mary Hall seconded the motion which passed with a voice vote at 8:35 pm. Next meeting will be Thursday September 12th at 6:30 pm , location still TBD.

Nancy Perkins – Secretary