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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 Michael Shurtz of Dententer 4-H and Holden Hicks of Wheatland 4-H led the 4-H Pledge.
- III. Roll Call was taken of all 4-H Clubs in attendance.

PRESENT:

Those present were: Able Riders, Barry, Browns Valley, Dententer, District 10, Franklin, Hallwood, Hi 4-H, Olivehurst, Plumas, Rocky Hills, Smartsville, Sutter Buttes, and Wheatland

ABSENT:

Those absent were: Beale, Guide Dogs, Live Oak, and Pleasant Grove

- IV. **Approval of Agenda:** The President asked if there were any additions to the agenda – there were none from the group but she had three items. The addition to New Business concerning Sectional Council dues, contribution to State Fashion Revue, and Michael Shurtz had something to talk to Council about. **A motion was made to approve the amended agenda by Paula Lamb and seconded by Valerie Wilson. It passed with a voice vote.**
- V. **Approval of Minutes:** There were no corrections so Tamera Wilson moved to approve the minutes and Annette Oswald seconded the motion. **The motion was approved with a voice vote.**
- VI. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Alicia Phillips went over the account. We have a balance of \$30,412.27 as of March 13, 2014.
- VII. **Introduction of Guests:** Sunil Tumber and Brittany Marler from Rabo Bank located on Stabler Lane, Yuba City spoke about the bank's Loans for FFA and 4-H projects. They are now offering member animal project loans with 4% interest and no fees for eligible members. The amount limits are between \$250-\$5000. The loan actually reports the members' credit to credit companies. The members will get 90 days after the fair for sheep, goats, and pigs and 12 months for beef loans. The President commented that this is a good option for those members who are having financial difficulties raising an animal for the fair.
- VIII. **Announcements:** Sectional Presentation Day is Saturday March 29th 9am at Brittan School in Sutter. We will need many youth and adult helpers for this event – contact the office if you are interested.
- IX. **Committee Reports:**

Junior Livestock Committee: Erin Cucchi announced that they had a meeting recently with the new Fair CEO, Judy Creel. She will be stopping by later in the meeting to introduce herself and talk a little about the fair changes. The president said that the Turkey project is still in the works with one more hurdle being the meeting/approval from the Fair Board on March 25th at either 5pm or 5:30pm. Also, the top swine weight has been changed to 300 lbs with the pay weight being 280 lbs.

Presentation Day: Rita Boyes reported that we had a good turnout with about 30 members doing presentations. Mary Hall asked if in the future we could check for conflicting dates of other events. Rita will look into it.

Fashion Revue: Nicole Prather, Committee Chair reported that the event will be Saturday April 26th from

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3-8:30 pm at Franklin School in Yuba City. There will be a \$5 tri tip dinner from 5-7pm. There will be additional categories this year for Duct Tape and Feed Bag which will be judged only at the local event and will not go on to State Fashion Review. The other categories like Traditional and Purchased will remain the same and winners move on to State. There will also be a Silent Auction to help offset cost of the event and all clubs are asked to bring an item to auction off. The committee has decided to have the participants fill out a survey about the day so they can review it for next year.

Spring Fair: The event has moved to June 28th at the Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds. Sam Diaz and several other people have volunteered to chair the event. There have been 4 meetings so far. There will once again be animal showmanship at the event as well as still exhibits --all receiving ribbons as prizes. Judging will be done by adults and stressing 'Youth Leadership' by having older youth be judges as well. The meetings are at 6:30pm on the 1st Thursday of the month at the office. There was some discussion concerning a Health Inspection due to spread of disease. It was suggested that perhaps the Yuba College Vet Tech program could supply health check. Rita is going to follow up on that.

Senior Scholarship: Michael Shurtz from Dententer 4-H Club thanked the Council for selecting him as the Yuba County Scholarship recipient. He was able to purchase books for school and is majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

4-H Camp: Erin Cucchi told the Council that the County of Yuba has an operating agreement with Lake Francis to take over the camp. It is still up in the air about what will happen with our yearly camp. Chris Greer, County Director, said he will contact the county to find out the logistics for our camp.

- X. County Director:** Chris Greer announced that the Yuba, Sutter, Colusa Youth Development Advisor position will be advertised within the next couple of weeks.
- XI. 4-H Youth Dev. Program Rep.:** Rita Boyes thanked all those who completed the Food Safety online training. She gave prizes for those who were at the meeting. She also thanked the clubs who are doing a good job at performing community service throughout the counties. She received a letter from the Sectional Council President telling us that in the future - WHY Conference will be staffed by committee members consisting of youth and adults. The voting representatives from each county will consist of either 2 adults and 1 youth or 2 youth and 1 adult volunteer. Also--there is a Ca 4-H Uniform Contest asking for suggestions for a new/modified/same uniform. It ends on April 18th. Go to the state 4-H website and give your opinion. Rita also reminded the group of the 4-H policy of not having 1:1 youth and adult interactions. She gave the group examples on how to handle the situation and what we should not do.
- XII. Unfinished Business: there was no unfinished business.**
However, the Yuba Sutter Fair CEO, Judy Creel, arrived to tell us about herself and changes to the fair. She was in 4-H and FFA in Tehama Co. She was also an agriculture teacher and worked at both the Butte Co. Fair and State Fair. Judy announced that this year we are having a 4 day fair starting day on Thursday 7/31- until Sunday 8/3. The livestock schedule will be almost the same, with only a few changes in both Still Exhibits and Livestock. The new Exhibitor's Guide Book will be out soon.
- XIII New Business:** Tractor Supply Paper Clover campaign runs 4/23-5/2. Rita would like some promo ideas. Some of the ideas were: a Kick off BBQ with animals and representation from all the clubs; Radio Spots on the local radio stations; and newspaper articles. It was decided that the Hi 4-H'ers could run/profit from the BBQ on Sunday April 27th as well as doing the Radio Spots. We will also have clubs bring some petting zoo type of animals for people to see along with our club displays. Rita will work with the Hi 4-Hers on the logistics and email the clubs schedules to work as well.

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Spring Fair Revised Budget: The President reviewed the budget with the Council. Entry fees are \$2 per member (not per entry) with pins and ribbons given as awards/incentives. **Steven Sanchez moved to accept the budget and Allison Boban seconded the motion. It passed with a voice vote.**

Council officer nominations: Erin told the Council that the Treasurer, Alicia Phillips, has one more year on the council and her seat will not be voted on. The following people have been nominated so far:

President-----Sam Diaz

Vice President---Erin Cucchi

Secretary-----Tamara Wilson

Anyone interested in being nominated for an office can contact the 4-H Office and Rene and Rita will accept the nomination.

Sectional Council Dues: Erin Cucchi read a letter from the Sectional Council concerning unpaid fees. Somehow, the Sectional Council overlooked billing the counties. Our Council owes for both 2011-2012 year and 2012-2013 year. We owe them \$159.50 and \$128.25 equaling \$287.75. Currently they are charging a flat fee of \$25/County plus a \$.25 fee per member and leader. This \$.25 is broken down with \$.15 going into the general fund and \$.10 going into the scholarship fund. Next year they are considering charging \$1/member and adult--if not paid--the youth cannot participate in Sectional events. **Valerie Wilson moved to pay the amount owed for the past two years and Mary Hall seconded. It passed with a voice vote.** There was some discussion as to whether our members can pay the \$1 fee themselves when they participate in an event. Rita said it will be looked into.

State Fashion Revue: The President read a letter from the State Fashion Revue Committee thanking us for donating \$50 to the event. **Paula Lamb moved that we again donate \$50 towards the event. Steven Sanchez seconded it. It passed with a voice vote.** Erin suggested that we just add it into our yearly budget so we don't have to vote on it.

Adoption of Volunteer Middle Management Model: The President brought up the 3 Stages involved that Rita Boyes had presented to the Council. She then asked for a motion from the Council.

Paula Lamb made the motion: That we do not change to a Middle Management Structure and that no structural changes be made to the bylaws -- instead that we incorporate the suggested new committees of: Adult Leadership, Community Outreach and Visibility, Initiatives, Expansion and Review, Fund Development, and Youth Leadership into the current 4-H Council. They are ultimately responsible to the 4-H Council. Each committee chairperson will meet with the Executive Committee on a quarterly basis and through email as needed, and can make reports at the Council, but will not over-ride Council decisions. Vickie DeVaughn seconded the motion. There was much discussion when Steven Sanchez called for the Question. **It passed unanimously with a voice vote.**

XIV. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm. Vickie DeVaughn moved to adjourn and Cheyenne Upton seconded the motion. It passed with a voice vote. The next meeting will be Thursday May 8, 2014 at 6:30pm in the 4-H office.

Nancy Perkins- Secretary