

SUTTER-YUBA COUNTIES 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

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- I. The meeting of the Sutter-Yuba 4-H Council was called to order by President, Nancy Perkins at 6:33pm.
- II. The Flag Salute and the 4-H Pledge were both led by Nancy Perkins.
- III. Roll Call was taken of all 4-H Clubs in attendance.
PRESENT: Able Riders, Arboga, Barry, Browns Valley, Dententer, Guide Dogs, Franklin, Hallwood, Hi 4-H, Pleasant Grove, Plumas, Rocky Hills, Smartsville, Sutter Buttes, and Wheatland.
ABSENT: Beale, District 10 and Live Oak
- IV. **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 Debbie Dyer. It passed with a voice vote.**
- V. **Approval of Minutes:** There were no additions or corrections to the minutes so **Ronda Smith moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and Vickie DeV Vaughn seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a voice vote.**
- VI. **Treasurer's Report:** We have a balance of \$18,317.50.
- VII. **Announcements:** Sectional Presentation Day is Saturday March 21 at 9am in Corning.
- VIII. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Livestock Auction Committee** – Erin talked about the Livestock Committee meeting that was held just before the Council Meeting. They made a new suggestion for ear tagging (leaders tag) and there is an issue with the electrical in the beef barns. Both of these items are going to the Fair Board for discussion. We need two new 4-H Committee Representatives. Erin nominated **Jennifer Matteoli from Sutter County and Johanna Lassaga from Yuba County.** There was a short discussion and then a vote was called. **They were both voted in by a voice vote.**
 - b. **Presentation Days** – Rita thanked Sutter Buttes for hosting and said there were close to 24 presenters – in two classrooms. Everyone agreed it was a successful event.
 - c. **Fashion Revue** – The event will be held April 18th at Franklin School. We had commentator try outs and we will be having a judging contest this year for participants. We will also be offering a quilt division next year.
 - d. **Horse Show** – The Horse Show budget is attached to the agenda. The Horse Show will be held in May in Browns Valley at the Sheriff Posse Arena. They will have an Able Riders Division this year. Currently members from Franklin and Browns Valley are on the committee but anyone is welcome to attend and help.
 - e. **Spring Fair** – The first meeting of the Spring Fair committee will be Monday March 16th at 6pm. The event is scheduled for June 27th at the Fairgrounds.
 - f. **4-H Camp** – Camp Counselor applications have been submitted and we will be working on setting up Counselor Training/Camp Planning with them. We have the same cooks and lifeguard as last year but we will have a new nurse.

Tara Repka-Flores asked about camp and what happened last year. Emily addressed the issue saying she was hired after the incident occurred and just recently received reports back from the University. The incident involved a volunteer using their position to potentially take photographs of youth inappropriately but they were unable to find any photographs – after Chris asked him to delete them. The volunteer was dismissed and is no longer a leader. Emily stated that she is reachable and happy

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to discuss the issue with parents that are concerned. She is unsure if she will be able to send something to parents/clubs regarding this and will look into it. Tara was concerned that we didn't have a good crisis response plan in place and that we need to be proactive and create a plan. Emily stated she would like to take a year off of camp – the consensus of the group is that they wanted camp to proceed and did not want to take a year off. Suggestions included the office staff creating a crisis plan, creating a better emergency response including possibly providing security and working to see if we could set up an automated call service to contact parents in the event that we have an issue. Pat Dickens asked that we look at sending out a letter addressing the issue and that we address new guidelines that should be put into place. Emily wasn't sure if a letter could be sent out. Much discussion was had concerning the fact that many didn't know what had happened. Tommie Metz made a motion to move on with the meeting but there was no second. Erin Cucchi gave an overview of what she experienced as Camp Director and stated that she did not want camp cancelled and this was the first she had heard that this was even a consideration. She felt there was time to train counselors and she didn't want to lose the momentum of camp. Susanne Herboldshimer discussed mandated reporting and that she felt it was feasible for the Office to put procedures in place for this year. Vickie DeVaughn suggested that the Office could easily put a basic outline together to respond to the issues that occurred and to plan for the future better. The group wanted to see camp still happen and felt the Office should be doing more training and crisis planning.

- IX. 4-H Program Rep Report** - Rita Boyes reported that when donation letters are sent out they must be sent from the Office – only the University can ask for a donation.

She also reported that Janine is very in tune with bank statements and the checks must have two signors that are not related on them. The bank statements must have check images on them and the memo line of the check should have a message stating what the check is written for.

They are coming out with a new State Presentation Manual soon - hopefully in April and they will have staff and youth/adults review it before it is finalized.

X. Unfinished Business

- a. We will carryover the All Star discussion into next meeting.

XI. New Business

- a. **Equine Advisory Committee Budget** – The committee submitted a budget for the Council to review. The location is incorrect on the budget – it should be Browns Valley. They will have 3 buckles and a High Point for the day depending on the age of the member. They are reusing ribbons from previous shows. **A motion was made by Vickie DeVaughn and seconded by Pat Dickens. It passed with a voice vote.**
- b. **Council Officer Nominations** – The office of Treasurer is out of sync with the rest of the council offices and it is the only office that needs to be elected this year. **A motion was made by Riley High and seconded by Pat Dickens to nominate Alicia Phillips for the office of Treasurer for one year so it can sync with the rest of the offices. Motion passed with a voice vote and Alicia Phillips was elected Treasurer.**
- c. **Club in Good Standing** – Rita gave a short talk about what it means to be a Club in Good Standing and the importance of that title for the Council, the Club and the members. She handed out a Club Planning Guide and read the yellow highlighted areas including – all clubs must have a club charter, all clubs must have a current constitution and bylaws. Clubs in Good Standing must have all items (Secretary Book, Treasurer Book and Planning Guide) turned in to the Office by September 10th and pay fees by December 15th. She will be rolling out this for the '15-'16 program year – and will be enforcing due dates to begin with. It was discussed if Clubs earn a gold seal we might implement a gold seal banner program. This program will help Rita make sure clubs are doing what they are

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supposed to be doing and allows for them to be held accountable for requirements that are already in the Planning Guide for Clubs. More information will be discussed at the next council meeting.

- d. **Council Fundraisers** – Erin Cucchi discussed the need for 4-H Council fundraising and some ideas that have been floated around concerning fundraising. We discussed See’s Yum-raising, a dinner, a Janyo Yogurt fundraising card, Jamba Juice, and possibly a Jog A Thon in coordination with Spring Fair. Raffles were discussed and we cannot hold a raffle or have another group hold a raffle where we are the beneficiaries. Nancy asked that everyone think of some fundraising ideas that can be brought back to the 4-H Council.

- XII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm. Riley high moved to adjourn the meeting and Tommie Metz seconded the motion. It passed with a voice vote.**

Erin Cucchi – Vice President