

SUTTER/YUBA COUNTIES 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

September 1st, 2016

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- I. The meeting was called to order by 4-H Council President, Johanna Lassaga, at 6:35pm.
- II. The Flag Salute and 4-H Pledge were led by Caidon Hall.
- III. Roll Call was taken of all 4-H Clubs in attendance. No guests were present.

PRESENT: Able Riders, Browns Valley, Dententer, Franklin, Hallwood, Hi 4-H, Sutter Buttes, and Wheatland

ABSENT: Barry, Guide Dogs, District 10, Live Oak, Pleasant Grove, Plumas, Rocky Hills, and Smartsville.

- IV. **Approval of Agenda:** The President asked if there were any additions to the agenda – there were none from the floor. **A motion was made to approve the agenda by Debbie Dyer and seconded by Tommie Mettz. It passed with a voice vote.**
- V. **Approval of Minutes:** There were no additions or corrections to the minutes so **Debbie Dyer moved to approve the minutes and Nancy Perkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a voice vote.** Robin Burrow mentioned that her name was misspelled after the vote to approve the minutes.
- VI. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Alicia Phillips went over the accounts. We have a balance of \$22,051.54 and an ending balance of \$17,911.34 after bills.
- VII. **Announcements:**
 - A thank you note from Farm Bureau was passed around thanking us for having a booth at the Yuba Sutter Fair.
 - The first Color Me Green Run meeting is September 21 at the 4-H Office at 6:30pm.
 - The New Leader Orientations are September 22 and October 25 at 6pm and November 19 at 9am. The orientation on the 19th will have limited space because it will be during Craft Day.
 - Farm Day is September 30th. If kids are interested Tracy can help them get their own booth.
 - National 4-H Week is Oct 2-8th. The theme is 4-H Grown.
 - Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign is October 5-16th. This year the monies will go towards camp and leadership with more funds being allocation at the local level.
 - WHY conference is Oct 7-9th in Shasta County.
 - The enrollment deadline for Fair is Nov 1st with kids needing to be confirmed by Nov 30th.
 - State Leaders Forum is Nov 11-13 in Santa Rosa.
 - Craft Day is Nov 19th from 9am-1pm.
- VIII. **Committee Reports:** *Yuba Sutter Fair Booth* Pleasant Grove 4-H Club and the Office set up the Fair booth – the Farm Bureau was happy with our participation.

Craft Day: District 10 is the chairman for this event. It is November 19th from 9am-1pm. Tracy said spray painted t-shirts were popular last year when the Achievement Night kids were making them – if a club is interested in doing that contact her. All clubs need to have a craft (or two) at Craft Day.

Spring Fair: The committee scheduled the date for the event - May 20th 2017. They decided to move it back to May in hopes of more participation. More information will be available after they meet.

Equine: No report this month. Browns Valley will chair the show and Sutter Buttes is the co-chair.

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4-H Camp: Erin Cucchi reported on the camp. We were packed with kids and we have to cut the number lower next year because it was difficult to run with so many youth in attendance. The date will not be Father's Day weekend – we need to contact Boy Scouts to set that up with them.

Color Me Green: The event is March 11th. We will need a lot of volunteers for this event. Franklin 4-H is the chairman with Sutter Buttes and Browns Valley as the co-chairmen. This can be a big fundraiser for the Council. The meeting is Sept 21st.

Officer Training Retreat: Sept 30-Oct 2 at 4-H Camp. Enrollment is now online. There are a lot of fun classes scheduled. Encourage your club officers to attend.

Presentation Day – Sutter Buttes needs to look at dates and verify a date with the school. Possibly Feb 25th.

IX. 4-H Advisor: No report.

X. 4-H Program Rep.: Tracy talked about conferences and trainings. There is a Mindfulness Retreat in Cambria – Youth 13 and up and adults are welcome to attend. It is Nov 5-6th. We need to be sure we are letting our youth know about leadership opportunities. Tracy talked about the 4-H website, Facebook and other social media – making sure we are using the website and keeping up with announcements. The office takes turns posting items on social media to help get the information out to 4-H families.

Tracy has two new schools for her Junk Drawer Robotics after school program in south Sutter County. She is doing more outreach and using teens as teachers. Erin told Tracy that Franklin School is interested.

Tracy asked if anyone wanted online enrollment training – many raised their hands and she said she would work to set that up with Rene.

Beale Youth Day/4-H Day is October 14th from 3:30-5pm. Franklin was the only club that participated in the youth day in the summer – Tracy would like more clubs to participate in the October one if they are able to. Last fall Guide Dogs, Franklin, and Hallwood attended the event – you can only bring hand carry animals on base.

XI. Unfinished Business: *None.*

XIII New Business: *Monthly Council Meetings* – Johanna asked the group how they felt about having Council meetings monthly instead of every other month. Tracy thought it was a good idea because it could bring the clubs together more often and maybe allow for more training and information sharing. Erin stated that she felt that we don't have enough business to hold meetings every month and that was why we moved to having meetings every other month many years ago. Nancy stated that it was just one more meeting and expectation for leaders to attend.

It was brought up what happens if a club misses – and the response was no vote at Council after 2 meetings in a row were missed. There was much discussion and most felt that we didn't need to have monthly meetings - we have subcommittees to deal with the events and operations.

Gina Tarke felt that Council meetings were for global decisions and information sharing – most of which could wait until the next meeting. It was stated that we run by Executive Committee to have them deal with decisions that need to be made that are time sensitive. We discussed not having the Clover Chatter anymore and that if we had a way to have information sent out that would be helpful. Emily suggested

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that we could utilize an email blast system like Colusa County with links for events on the email. It was decided to stay with meetings every other month as no motion was made to do anything otherwise.

Fundraising Committee: Johanna talked about fundraising and that we needed to work on a committee to work on fundraising events. She would like us to have a big fundraiser this year. It was stated that we should be looking for people with skills and that enjoy fundraising instead of making a general request for help. Johanna had an idea to have a Kentucky Derby party. It was brought up about possibly having an agricultural youth booster club help us with fundraising – Santa Barbara County has something similar and they help with donations and events. We discussed the Olive Oil fundraiser and that we need to work to promote it.

Calendar of Events: We dispensed with this as we already went over the upcoming events during announcements.

Committee Sign-Ups: A committee sign up paper was passed around during the meeting so clubs could sign up for events.

- XIV. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm. Tommie Metz moved to adjourn and Nancy Perkins seconded the motion. It passed with a voice vote.** The next meeting will be Thursday November 3, 2016 at 6:30pm in the 4-H office.

Tracy made a special presentation to Tommie Metz for 55 years of service to our local 4-H program. Mrs. Metz was presented with a plaque.

Erin Cucchi- Secretary