

Monterey County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

Date: July 19, 2016

Location: Monterey County Ag Office in Salinas

Time: Called to order at 7:05pm by Tim Lewis. Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H pledge led by Tim Lewis.

Roll Call:

President: Tim Lewis (Greenfield)

1st Vice President: Kelly Violini (Hilltown)

2nd Vice President: Jan Mirassou (Mission)

Treasurer: Diane Vorwerck (San Benancio)

Secretary: Hana Ferguson (Buena Vista)

Staff: Lorin Lurz

Club Representatives and guests

Aromas: Jacque Palmer

Buena Vista: Catherine Miller, Christina McPherson, John McPherson

Chualar: Dina Sala-Jenkins

Greenfield: Cyndra Ramey

Gonzales: Nick Gardoni

Hilltown: Taylor Baldwin (youth), Alex Burgess (youth), Stefanie Burgess, Addy Cremers (youth), Gina Cremers, Grant Cremers, Henry Cremers (youth), Rhonda Hurtado, Cheryl Wilson

King City Blue Ribbon: Mary Hughes, David Gonzales (youth), Veronica Gonzales

King City Rural: Trina Hearne, Kristin Iverson, Carla Mullanix-Ackerman

Lockwood: Staci Wilkins

Mission: Claudia "Gidgit" Guidotti, Garrett Guidotti, Robin Mirassou (youth)

Natividad: Paulina Mejia

Royal Oaks: Debbie Bennett, Zoe Bennett (youth), JoAnn Etchison, Sheryl Jones

San Benancio: Jenel Burk, Diane Vorwerck,

Spring: Tracy Romero

All Star/CTA: Marty Ackerman (KCR), Ian Cremers (Hilltown), Alyssa Hurtado (Hilltown),

Blake Iverson (KCR), Violet Lurz (Buena Vista), Fiona McPherson (Buena Vista), Luke Vorwerck (San Benancio)

Guests: Trent Baldwin, State Ambassador.

Additions/Corrections to Agenda: None.

Introductions: Tim Lewis introduced and welcomed Diane Vorwerck from San Benancio as Treasurer, and Jan Mirassou from Mission as 2nd Vice President.

Secretary's Report:

There was a motion to approve the minutes for the June 2016 meeting. Vote and motion passed.

1st: Christina McPherson

2nd: Paulina Mejia

Treasurer's Report: Diane Vorwerck

Beginning Balance: \$23,471.31

Total Income: \$422.02

Total Expenses: \$1,121.34

Ending Available Balance: \$22,771.99

Pacific Valley Bank CD: \$54,195.62

Morgan Stanley: \$55,662.54

CD Total: \$109,858.16

Combined Total: \$132,630.15

Diane introduced the profits and loss for 2015/2016 and passed it around the room to review.

There was a motion to approve allocating up to \$300 for SLC delegate t-shirts. After discussion vote and motion passed.

1st: Rhonda Hurtado

2nd: Jan Mirassou

President's Report:

Tim Lewis shared information about the 4-H alumni Facebook page and asked for a volunteer to help administer the site.

Adults and youth present were asked if there would be interested in a youth council that would meet four times a year. It was recommended that the council invite youth council members from other counties as guest speakers to gather more information.

It was reminded that building hosts for MCF are not required but there will be a council outreach/informational booth set up if any youth want to volunteer to man it.

Youth Reports/Club Sharing:

Alyssa Hurtado of Hilltown announced that her club has doubled in size since they've held enrollment and are excited for the new families.

State Ambassador Trent Baldwin thanks everyone for their support.

Gidget Guidotti spoke on behalf of a SVF representative and pushed for more participation in feature booths next year. It was also recommended that clubs send one or two representatives from their club to pick up fair entries to avoid crowding and confusion.

California Focus delegate David Gonzales from KCBR shared his 5 day experiences while at the June event in Sacramento. He thanked the Council for encouraging him, and encouraged youth to participate in the future.

All Star/CTA Report:

Catherine Miller introduces the 2016/2017 All Stars Jewel Anthony (absent), Violet Lurz, and Luke Vorwerck. Violet and Luke talked about their experiences at a leadership conference in Tulare and why they wanted to be All Stars.

Kelly Violini thanked the outgoing CTAs, who in turn gave flowers to Kelly and Lorin Lurz for their help and support.

Trent Baldwin installed incoming CTAs Ian Cremers, Fiona McPherson, Blake Iverson, and Marty Ackerman.

State Management Report:

Kelly and Trent Baldwin discussed their roles in the newly formed 4-H State Management Board and wanted to recruit more volunteers to help make changes at a state level. For more information, e-mail Trent at tbaldwin4h@gmail.com

Fundraising Committee:

Tim Lewis discussed how the first meeting of the Council's new fundraising committee went, the purpose of the committee and its members.

Camp Update:

Stefanie Burgess shared that 131 youth and 34 adults participated in another successful year of the Camp McCandless summer camp program. Stefanie also discussed upcoming fundraising opportunities to benefit the program.

Stefanie Burgess requested that the minutes reflect removing Dana Guidotti from the 4-H Camp McCandless bank account and to add Claudia Guidotti.

Committee Reports:

Incentives and Recognition (San Benancio):

Club Book Judging: Will be held at the county ag offices Monday the 25th and Tuesday the 26th at SVF. Jenel Burk requested a headcount for dinner and door prizes from each club through an RSVP.

Record Book Judging: Will be held August 20th at the county ag offices. Staci Wilkins encouraged judges to familiarize themselves with the new scoresheet to avoid confusion the day-of. The ratio is 1:5 with books due August 10th.

Council Scholarships: Lorin Lurz announced the scholarship applications were due on July 19th and will be reviewed on the 22nd. Scholarship applicants will be notified.

Food Booth (Royal Oaks): Members who need to undergo cash register training must be at the county ag offices at 6:00 on August 16th for training. JoAnn Etchison spoke.

Achievement Night (Greenfield): Will be at the Memorial Hall in Greenfield at 5:30 on September 17th. Cyndra Ramey spoke.

Achievement Night Dance (San Benancio): Diane Vorwerck announced that flyers for the dance will be sent out soon, with dinner and fees still being determined.

Grant Cremers passed out flyers for an alumni event at MCF that will be held September 1st at 7:00pm.

Calendar: The 2016/2017 calendar was passed around to solidify dates for upcoming events.

Staff Reports: Lorin Lurz

Incoming treasurers and secretaries are encouraged to attend the July 25th & 26th Club Book judging to see how books should be formatted.

Reminder that Officer Training should be conducted in the July/August months. Lorin is prepared to assist clubs in matching their rules and bylaws to Steps to Success standards. Emerald Star applications are now open; you do not need any current star rank to earn an Emerald Star.

Volunteer orientation will be held August 22nd and September 19th at the county offices. RSVPS are required or it will be cancelled.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

For the Council Bylaws, wording for term limits was updated to allow room for members who volunteer for two terms once their two year term limit is up.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm.

1st: Gidgit Guidotti

2nd: Trina Hearne

Next Meeting:

August 16, 2016 at 7:00pm in at the Salinas Ag Office.

Submitted by Hana Ferguson of Buena Vista 4-H