Monterey County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 18, 2016
Location: Monterey County Ag Office in Salinas
Time: Called to order at 7:06pm 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) (absent)
2nd Vice President: Jan Mirassou (Mission) (absent)
Treasurer: Diane Vorwerck (San Benancio)
Secretary: Hana Ferguson (Buena Vista)
Staff: Lorin Lurz

Club Representatives and guests
Aromas: Wendy Scrimsler
Buena Vista: Christina McPherson
Chualar: Michelle Lindley
Greenfield: none
Gonzales: Christina Kaupp
Hilltown: Alyssa Hurtado (youth), Rhonda Hurtado
King City Blue Ribbon: Mary Hughes
King City Rural: Trina Hearne, Kristin Iverson, Matt Iverson (youth), Carla Mullanix-Ackerman
Lockwood: Tiffany Anthony, Bret Wilkins (youth), Staci Wilkins
Mission: Claudia “Gidgit” Guidotti
Natividad: none
Royal Oaks: JoAnn Etchison, Sheryl Jones
San Benancio: none
Spring: Debbie Grady
All Star/CTA: Marti Ackerman (KCR), Jewel Anthony (Lockwood), Blake Iverson (KCR), Fiona McPherson (Buena Vista)
Guests: Ralph Rianda, Salinas Valley Fair Heritage Foundation

Additions/Corrections to Agenda:
Ralph Rianda of the Heritage Foundation a guest speaker. He shared that SVF animal scholarship applications will be due on November 18th and that the foundation is offering a “runner up” position for the first time. He also explained the stipulations and requirements for winning the scholarship. Members do not need to be seniors in high school to apply and can enter any species animal.

Secretary’s Report:
There was a motion to approve the minutes for the August 2016 meeting. Vote and motion passed.
1st: Christina McPherson
2nd: Michelle Lindley
The secretary read thank you letters from Miranda and Kendra Urquides regarding the SLC Council Scholarship.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Diane Vorwerck
Diane discussed the year to date budget and asked to increase line item budget for pins from $550 to $1,200. Lorin explained there were more awards this year and a change in the number hat pins. Vote and motion passed
1st: Mary Hughes
2nd: Christina Kaupp

**President's Report:**
Tim Lewis announced that the Council’s Fundraising Feasibility committee needs to set up more meeting dates. He also shared that San Benancio borrowed the council’s photobooth for their pancake breakfast and that all clubs and committees are free to use the photo booth for their functions.

**Food Booth Update:** JoAnne Etchison and Sheryl Jones announced the results of the food booth profits and contests. Buena Vista won the poster contest, Lockwood contributed the most monetary donations, and Natividad won the table setting contest. There was a profit of $7,112 for the Food Booth. Sheryl discussed a time card incident for the people that worked in the Dippin Dots booth in which they were compensated by the fairgrounds rather than the Heritage Foundation. The council now has an outstanding bill with the fairgrounds.

**Youth Reports/Club Sharing:**
Fiona McPherson of Buena Vista shared qualities about her club she enjoys and talked about upcoming fundraisers which included selling baked goods, coffee, and having a family game night.
Alyssa Hurtado of Hilltown talked about her club’s upcoming Halloween Party fundraiser and is excited to start planning the Color Me Green run as part of their Council obligation.
Jewel Anthony of Lockwood talked about her club’s successful taco night and plans for fun at the beach and in the snow.
Clubs were asked about their community services during the holiday season. Clubs shared their activities of giving to families within their communities using food drives, toy drives, sock drives, etc. Some clubs also enjoyed sending letters to soldiers abroad.

**All Star/CTA Report:**
Jewel Anthony talked about her body of work which will focus on being a better junior/teen leader.
CTAs Marti, Fiona, and Blake discussed their bodies of work and will be sending out program forms to clubs so they can schedule talks at club meetings.
Kelly Violini and Catherine Miller were absent.

**Committee Reports:**
Animal Field Day (Chualar): Will be held on January 28th and 29th at LA Hearne locations in King City and Prunedale. Michelle Lindley spoke.
Fantastic Field Day (KCR): Will be held on February 4th and is Cloverbud friendly. Kristen Iverson announced that lunch proceeds will be donated to the summer camp program.

Bowl-a-Rama (KCBR): Will be held on January 7th, Mary Hughes spoke.

Expansion and Review (KCBR & KCR): A first meeting was held in October with the purpose of the committee being discussed. Both Lorin and Carol attended. Trina Hearne shared that the 2 club committee will work to help communities that are interested in starting their own clubs and how to keep small clubs from closing.

Leadership Extravaganza (Spring): A “save the date” flyer is available. (Lorin spoke in the place of Spring)

Calendar: The calendar was recognized as current.

Staff Reports: Lorin Lurz
The deadline for livestock enrollment is Friday, December 9th. The Emerald Star project is gaining interest and San Benancio will meet soon to discuss. It’s important to have contact information for news notes current so everyone can receive e-mails from the county offices with the most current information. There will be a meeting for shooting sports leaders to help keep them up to date about policies and guidelines in November. A letter will go out.

Unfinished Business:
There was a motion to update the bylaws (page 3, section 2, article 2) to the language “unless a suitable candidate is not nominated then the incumbent may run again.” Vote and motion passed.

1st: Rhonda Hurtado
2nd: Claudia Guidotti

New Business: None

Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.

1st: Staci Wilkins
2nd: Claudia Guidotti

Next Meeting:
November 15, 2016 at 7:00pm in at the Salinas Ag Office.

Submitted by Hana Ferguson of Buena Vista 4-H