

Monterey County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 15, 2015

Location: Monterey County Ag Office in Salinas

Time: Called to order at 7:02pm by Tim Lewis. Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H pledge led by Tim Lewis.

Roll Call:

President: Tim Lewis (Greenfield)

1st Vice President: Trina Hearne (King City Rural)

2nd Vice President: Kelly Violini (Spring)

Treasurer: Dana Guidotti (Mission)

Secretary: Hana Ferguson (Buena Vista)

Staff: Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty, Lorin Lurz

Club Representatives and guests

Aromas: Jacque Palmer, Jim Palmer

Buena Vista: Grant Cremers, Christina McPherson

Chualar: Angie Horwath

Greenfield: Daisy Hernandez

Gonzales: Andre Maturino (youth)

King City Blue Ribbon: Mary Hughes

King City Rural: Kristin Iverson, Blake Iverson (youth)

Lockwood: Staci Wilkins

Mission: Rhonda Hurtado, Alyssa Hurtado (youth)

Natividad: Janet Wohlgemoth

Royal Oaks: none

San Benancio: Jennifer Wasson

Spring: Heidi Gray, Kelly Violini

All Star/CTA: Alex Burgess, Cole Burke, Emma Horton, Alyssa Hurtado, Violet Lurz, Julaine Mullaney

Introductions and Roll Call: none

Additions/Corrections to Agenda: Small Animal Field Day is missing from Committee Reports.

Secretary's Minutes: Hana Ferguson

There was a motion to approve the minutes from the August 2015 meeting. Vote and motion passed.

1st: Dana Guidotti

2nd: Kelly Violini

Treasurer's Report: Dana Guidotti

Beginning Balance: \$16,406.77

Total Income: \$38,062.32

Total Expenses: \$14,242.31
Ending Available Balance: \$40,226.78
 Morgan Stanley: \$55,749.11
 Pacific Valley Bank CD: \$54,063.53
 CD Total: \$109,812.64
 Combined Total: \$150,039.42

Notes: Food booth numbers are still being process and will be presented next month.

All Star/CTA Report: Catherine Miller (All Star advisor, absent), Kelly Violini (CTA Advisor). CTAs present shared they carried the flag at the junior livestock auction at MCF. They are making plans to be on local radio for National 4-H Week. At Achievement Night the CTAs will lead icebreakers for the members.

Youth Reports/Club Sharing:

National 4-H Week is coming up, giving Monterey County 4-H clubs an opportunity to make outreach efforts for new members, adult volunteers, vendors, and sponsors. Clubs were asked what outreach efforts they use. Some clubs allow members to wear the top half of their uniforms at school, other clubs put up displays in schools, banks, use social media, and have members talk on local radio stations.

Guest Speaker: Gayle Comer, owner of Hidden Hills Ranch.

The mission of Hidden Hills Ranch (located in Prunedale) is to connect youth and families through nature with programs ranging from horse riding to pottery. Gayle generously offered her ranch to 4-H clubs that need a venue and/or supplies for their projects.

Committee Reports:

Incentives and Recognition: (KCR): Rosemary Guidotti will be recognized for her forty years of volunteer service at Achievement Night. Mary Hughes discussed the scholarship applicants, all of whom did extremely well. Scholarship awards will be announced at Achievement Night.

Achievement Night/Achievement Night Dance (Greenfield and San Benancio): Greenfield said they would provide refreshments and be at the Spreckels Memorial Hall early. However, they plan to book a Greenfield location for next year in advance. San Benancio reminded everyone that dinner is \$5 at dance afterwards. RSVPs are needed to determine the dinner costs.

Expansion and Review (Spring and San Benancio): A letter written by the proposed CCL was available to view. A meeting is planned for September 28th and October 5th to begin the charter process. The meeting will be held at the Ag Conference room.

County Record Book Judging (Lockwood): Staci shared the process used and possible improvements to the Project based contest. Award results were discussed, and many books went home with awards and metals which was an improvement from years past in which books were disqualified for matters that were not relevant. The committee would like to reach out to the clubs that had books with unqualified scores to help them improve.

Small Animal Field Day (Buena Vista): A save the date flyer was available. Held on November 14th, there will be an animal photo contest with medals awarded along with a poster contest. Both a rabbit breed and poultry breed ID activity. Lights snacks will be provided. An RSVP is requested. Event to be held at mission school. Free. Flyer forthcoming.

Calendar: The calendar still listed the September council meeting as being on the 22nd, not the 15th.

Staff Reports:

Lorin Lurz:

LCORT is January 27-29, 2016.

The new County Record Book Team meeting will be held on September 22nd at Del Rey School at 6:00, room 2 in King City. All Clubs with any type of record book requirement must attend all 4 meetings. The group will go over the record book youth manual together to look for the updates and revisions. All notes will be turned into the state offices for a requested webinar to answer the questions. The second meeting will be the webinar. The 3rd and 4th meeting date will be determined.

It is reminded that members may add or drop projects, and may go outside of their club for projects even if their home club offers that project. There was confused discussion.

Beginning of the Year Packets are due October 2nd to the county offices in Salinas. Officers need to have reviewed club rules, project rules, constitution and bylaws over the summer. These are to be reviewed as a group and voted in at a club meeting. It is to be documented in the meeting minutes.

Clubs must keep all 5 years of required documents and records in “secure storage”. A handout on the policy was provided last month.

Club books were reviewed by the Council I & R committee for the annual contest in which a trophy is awarded. The Program Representative then goes through to review the requirements were met. Areas that needed improvement from last year are reviewed. New problem areas are reviewed. All clubs receive comments and an action checklist for the officers.

End of year financials being placed into a statewide portal went well for most clubs. However, it was pointed out that all clubs baking is to be the 1st – 31st in the statements and nothing else.

Lynn interjected this allows the state to file club’s taxes for them. Greenfield, KCBR and Lockwood have all had problems with Wells Fargo moving their statements.

Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty:

Julie Katowitz is the new part-time program representative for Santa Cruz County. She is also the Biosecurity Advisor.

She will be attending the Statewide legislative and policy during 4-H week. The purpose of ag programs will be discussed.

New Business:

None.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

1st: Jennifer Wasson

2nd: Staci Wilkins

Next Meeting:

October 20, 2015 at 7:00

Submitted by Hana Ferguson of Buena Vista 4-H