

**CALIFORNIA STATE 4-H LEADERS' COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
APRIL 28, 2007  
BEST WESTERN SUITE HOTEL, ONTARIO**

The meeting was called to order at 10:25 AM by Vice President, Noel Keller. Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H pledge were given. Introductions were made.

- Minutes were presented and corrected as follows: on page 4 under State Fashion Revue: Jane Durston, San Joaquin County, was the Youth Chairman. Karli Draxler, Kings County, presented a slide show of the 2006 participants. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the minutes with corrections.
- Treasurer's report was presented, moved, seconded and passed after correction as follows: Acct.# WRKF05 should read WRLF05.
- Sectional reports:

North Section: President Molly Meade reported they are still struggling for attendance at their Council meetings. The WHY conference is scheduled to be held Sept.7-9, 2007. The Council is evaluating the Council's By-Laws. They are holding training session at their Council meetings hoping to bring in new participants.

North Central Section: President Murlin Lee reported the Youth Council is chairing the Silent Auction at the State Field Day. The Sectional Presentation Day included 3 counties from North Section. The attendance was down 50%. It was discussed and recommended to have the I & R committee add back "Presentation".

South Central Section: No report

South Section: President Fern Vaca reported they are finalizing their report on the 2006 State Leaders' Forum. At every Council meeting the Youth are presenting a program. Sectional Field Day (for 7 counties) is planned for May 19. Ruben Cavanillas, San Luis Obispo County 4-H volunteer, will be their Honoree this year. The Section is planning a South Section retreat for April 2008 in Riverside County. Fern distributed a newspaper supplement called "Fields to Fridge" about agriculture in Ventura County, written by kids for kids and developed by UC Cooperative Extension, 4-H Youth Development and Junior Master Gardener in Ventura Co.

**Reports**

- State Director Report: State 4-H Program Director Carole MacNeil had just attended a National 4-H meeting of all 50 states and is excited about what is happening at the National level. There is four essential elements of 4-H: Belonging – Mastery of Skills – Independence – Generosity (Service learning). From National 4-H level comes three mission mandates: 1. Science Engineering Technology; 2. Healthy Lifestyle; 3. Citizenship. The California Science Engineering Technology (SET) is a statewide initiative. A committee headed by 4-H advisor Richard Mahacek, Merced, is trying to bring in additional resources and going after million dollar grants. Carole handed out application packages to

the UC 4-H Youth Development Programs' 2007 – 2008 Advisory Committees as follows:

- #1. Program Advisory Committee
- #2. Policy Advisory Committee
- #3. Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee
- #4. Citizenship/Service Learning Advisory Committee
- #5. International Exchange Support Advisory Committee
- #6. Equine Education Advisory Committee
- #7. Cultural Awareness, Statewide Education Task Force

Please contact the State 4-H Office for extra applications. The applications are due June 30, 2007.

The State 4-H marketing material is coming to fruition. Color brochures are free with space for general information from your local area.

Carole announced that Joe Camarillo is going to work part-time as Animal Science advisor for the State 4-H Program.

- State 4-H Assistant Director Report: Mignonne Pollard reported that the new staffing plan will begin its implementation in July. The Volunteer Development Taskforce has finalized edits of the Project Leader Digest and its layout phase. A Monsanto grant was awarded at \$2,000 this year to support our Volunteer Leaders' Forum. New orientation video has been funded; shooting will begin in mid-May, hoping to release a DVD by July. Cultural Awareness Statewide Education Taskforce will be holding trainings this summer in nine different locations statewide. The Office of the UC President gave funds for training. The State 4-H Office is looking for your input on implementing Section 800 of the 4-H Handbook. A very short survey regarding the Section 800 is located at <http://ucanr.org/childsafetysurvey/>. Please respond. Treasurers' reports and electronic submission. Each Sectional Treasurer and the State Council Treasurer will receive a copy of the Treasurer's manual and instructions on how to enter the data into an electronic system that has been operational to counties for just about two years. As a part of the audit of the State 4-H office this was required. The State and Sectional Councils are partially in compliance with a staff member's signature on the account. Monthly reports/bank statements are entered into the system, and the information is collected and reported to our controller's office annually. The monies in these accounts are "public" funds and the procedure is an effort to increase our transparency. The due date for reporting is September 31<sup>st</sup> for the previous program year. Mignonne will be available to answer questions or to guide people through the process, if necessary. The 4-H Curriculum is now online.
- California 4-H Foundation report: Acting Executive Director Chris Fahey is seeking funding for a website for the Volunteer Development Series/ a fully funded volunteer leader digest, orientation video.

A \$9,000 financial aid was raised from the Wells Fargo for the State Leadership Conference. Proposals are still pending with Bank of America and Farm Bureau to reduce cost of the conference for youth delegates.

Golden Clover Award: Farm Bureau has funded the volunteer awards in memory of Keith Barnes.

Fashion Revue: 4-H alum and former Diamond Star Luke Reid has decided to fund the awards for the State 2007 Fashion Revue. Luke will also be doing several workshops the day of the Revue.

Applications for Youth Board membership must be postmarked by April 30.

Frank Woods' Memorial Scholarship of a \$1,000 is being offered for the first time this spring through the State 4-H Office.

- State Program Rep Steven Worker reported on the State Leadership Conference. The registration deadline is June 22. Steven handed out flyers with information on:
  1. 2007 State 4-H Record Book Judging Process
  2. 2007 Statewide Education Scholarships, due April 30
  3. 2007 4-H Golden Clover Awards, due August 31
  4. 2007 California State Field Day
  5. 2007 California State 4-H Presentation Day
- The Incentives & Recognition Committee's State Record Book judging will take place November 30–December 2, 2007. Orientation the first day, with judging Saturday and Sunday. Any requests for changes of the Record Books will take a full year before the changes will be made.
- State Ambassadors' report: was presented by Alex Culp, Orange Co., Alex Parra, San Diego Co, and Kristen Lee, Santa Clara Co. The State Leadership Conference will be held August 2-5, 2007 at UC Davis. Theme: "4-H Wants Youth Laughing, Learning, Living, Loving." Registrations are due June 22, forms are available online. A new feature is mini tracks to be presented concurrently with regular tracks, only 2 ½ hrs. as opposed to the 5 hrs long tracks. The dance will be formal again, and there will be a dress bank available; a tie bank is being discussed.

The Ambassadors' Service project to bring together military 4-H youth, "Operation Military Kids(OMK)" and county 4-H youth at a military 4-H day/event will take place on June 23, 11-3 PM, where Alex Culp and Alex Parra will be hosting "Fun in the Sun" at Fort Arthur in San Pedro. Admission is free and anyone is welcome to attend. Kristen Lee and Hillary Van Dynn plan to put on a County Conference at the Military base in Monterey County.
- National Conference Team's report was presented by Jennifer Coe, Santa Clara: While in Washington D.C. they made appointments with our two Senators, Senator Pelesí's Aide and four Representatives. At the 4-H Center they had sessions and round table discussions about State policies/practices as well as about the importance of Citizenship. They also went on excursions to museums, memorials and monuments.
- 2007 California 4-H Computer Corps invites us to visit the new online 4-H Photo Gallery at <http://ca4h.org/photogal/>. The team announced the availability of their Mobile Computer Lab for County use in teaching computer technology

workshops. Advance reservation of the lab is required. Contact Steven Worker at the State 4-H Office at [smworker@ucdavis.edu](mailto:smworker@ucdavis.edu) .

### **Old Business**

- **State Fashion Revue:** Jane Durston, San Joaquin County, reported that the date of the Revue is May 26, 2007 as part of the State 4-H Field Day and will be held at Olson Hall on the UC Davis Campus. The Fashion Revue will be organized by category this year. The deadline is May 12, 2007.
- **State Presentation Day:** will be held Saturday, May 26, 2007 at Wellmann, Olson & Hart Halls on UC Davis Campus. Events taking place during the State 4-H Field Day is: State 4-H Presentation Day, State 4-H Horticulture contest, State Fashion Revue and Judging event. Income from the Silent Auction will be split evenly between the State Field Day and the North Central Section's Youth Council.
- **2007 State 4-H Leaders' Forum:** the report was presented by Murlin Lee, North Central Sectional President: All the speakers are lined up. We are accepting registrations, and the forms are online as well as applications for workshop sessions. The Draft schedule is on the website. A \$2,000 donation was received from Monsanto. The Forum will be held at Asilomar, November 16-17-18. Counties are invited to create a County basket for the Silent Auction.
- **WRLF:** Rosemarie Woods reported on the scholarships received in the past by Robert Davis, Past State 4-H Director, who passed away this year. Boise, Idaho is hosting the 2008 4-H Forum, March 6-9, 2008, and Denver, Colorado will be hosting the 2009 Forum.

**Youth on State Council Executive Board:** State Council Vice President, Noel Keller presented a proposal to include youth on the California 4-H Leaders' Council Executive Board:

#### **Recommendations**

**#1.** Four youth, one from each Sectional Council to serve on the California Leaders' Council' Executive Board. An alternate should also be elected. Shelba Durston moved to accept the recommendation. Murlin Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**#2.** Add a line to the California 4-H Leaders' Council By-Laws to reflect the new positions – Section 3, B.1.e should read: "Youth representatives to the California 4-H Leaders Council Executive Board must be 16 years to 19 years of age. Fern Vaca moved to accept the recommendation, Molly Meade seconded the motion. The motion carried

**#3.** The California 4-H Leaders' Council should appropriate \$1,000 a year to support four elected youth who would serve on the Executive Board and the State Council. State Council does not have the amount in the budget and cannot support this recommendation. Jennifer Coe moved and Paulette Sauln seconded the motion not to accept the recommendation. State 4-H Director Carole MacNeil has committed \$1,000 for the travel to be divided by the four youth.

#4. The Section selection guidelines as shown on the following page (of the report) to be approved. Not required to follow

#5. The orientation process for youth on the Executive Board as shown on the following page (of the report) should be approved. Not required to follow (would not want to dictate to Sections).

#6. The timeline for implementation of this process would be;

April – send out materials with Council meeting agenda . Done

April 28 – discuss and vote on recommendations. Done

Fall – Section Councils elect your representatives. OK

October 26 – welcome youth representatives to Executive Board meeting. OK

#7. The Youth and Adult Chairs of various state events/committees e.g. State Field Day, State Fashion Revue, State Leaders Forum, Leader Development Committee, etc., should be added members of State Council Executive Board. Shelba Durston moved and Paulette seconded the motion to accept the recommendation to invite youth and adult Chairs to attend, as appropriate. Motion carried.

### New Business

Leader Development Fund – Postponed

State Fair Volunteer Coordinator – needs to start August 17 to September 3, 2007.

Sacramento County used to coordinate the last few years but they no longer can help out. The coordinator is to have members and leaders in 2 hour shifts throughout the days, maximum 4 youths & 2 adults at each shift. They will receive free admissions and parking. Please contact the 4-H Foundation at 530-757-8740 for further information.

Digital Recorder for Secretary – It was recommended by North Section to purchase a Digital Recorder for \$100 – 150, w/ external microphone and built-in memory card. Rosemarie Woods made a motion to purchase the recorder. Fern Vaca seconded the motion. One no-vote was cast. Motion carried.

Gerry Wakeda and Debra Jorgensen presented Origami Crane kits to fold as a Community Service project to honor the victims of the shootout at the University in Virginia.

The Bloomington Boosters 4-H Club, San Bernardino County, treated the Council delegates with great “Goodie Bags”.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Birgit Hempel, Secretary

## **ROSTER OF ATTENDANCE**

### **NORTH SECTION**

Dolores Hemphill  
Molly Meade

### **SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION**

Debra Jorgensen  
Gerry Wakeda

### **NORTH CENTRAL SECTION**

Jennifer Coe  
Jane Durston  
Shelba Durston  
Jim Frapwell  
Birgit Hempel  
Kristen Lee  
Murlin Lee  
Virginia Steele  
David Steele  
Rosemarie Woods

### **SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION**

Ruben Cavanillas  
Amanda Chiatovich  
Ginny Houtz  
Noel Keller  
Bernardine Marquez  
Peter Michel  
Alexander Para  
Paulette Sauln  
Fern Vaca  
Sarah Wilson

### **STAFF**

Chris Fahey  
Carole MacNeil  
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