

California State 4-H Leaders' Council

Minutes

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Council President Mary Engebretson called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the State Council meeting. Alexander Culp, Orange County led the pledge to the United States flag and Jeanine Smith, Imperial County, led the 4-H pledge. Introductions were conducted.

Mary brought attendees up to date about health issue which concerned several members. Birgit Hempel gave us a report on Frank Woods; Virginia Steele gave us an update on Joanne Ward's condition; Deborah Lang informed us about the passing of Lonnie Tolfelt, April 1; Mary informed us about Mae Brown who lost her sister and is now living in Texas. She also lost her oldest daughter; Murlin told everyone that Deborah Lang's daughter Margo is doing well but there are still many concerns; Candy Brown told of a leader's son who was killed in Iraq; Sharon Smales mother is very ill; Luella Zamzow died in an automobile accident the end of January, if anyone wants to donate to her memorial they can do so through the 4-H Foundation.

- Minutes were presented with the correction stating election results instead of nomination results. Tom Fraser made the motion to accept the minutes with correction and it was seconded by Ruben Cavanillas. Motion carried.
- Richard Meade presented the treasurers' report with complete accounting details. The report included an income of \$7,415.96 with expenditures of \$620.25 which left a balance of \$30,868.85. Paulette Sauln made the motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Ginny Houtz. Treasurers' report accepted.
- **Announcements and Correspondence:** Birgit Hempel reported on correspondence from Molly Meade thanking the council for honoring her at WRLF 2006 as our Salute to Excellence nominee. A note from Frank and Rosemarie Woods saying how much they appreciate the cards, prayers, gifts and phone calls. She reported that she had talked with Mae Brown and she also appreciated cards and prayers.
- Mary thanked Bernardine, on behalf of the Monte Vista 4-H club of Chino, for the goody bags that the 4-H'ers made for all council attendees.

State Director's Dr. Carole Mac Neil reported:

1. 4-H Staffing Task Force. The State Leaders' Council gave recommendations, at the last meeting, for getting input on the draft proposal for 4-H staffing from volunteers at Asilomar. Carole and the planning team for State Leaders Forum worked together to implement the suggestion, and scheduled a discussion time at Asilomar. Carole received helpful feedback during that discussion. The feedback was sent to the Staffing Task Force and incorporated into the final recommendations which were presented to Oakland administration in January. Currently, ANR administration is looking at ways to phase in many of the recommendations in the years ahead.

2. The Marketing Task Force has been working on finalizing “message points” for 4-H marketing materials that counties can use to promote 4-H, and the task force is currently working on designing a general brochure that will be disseminated to county offices and available on the web for local adaptation.

3. Please help promote the youth and volunteer positions on the statewide committees (such as Program, Policy, Curriculum, Incentives & Recognition, etc.—the CA 4-H website has all the information). These committees are making important decisions on behalf of the statewide program, and having good representation on these committees is essential. Also, there will be two youth positions open on the California 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, so please help identify youth who would be interested in working with business leaders and other community leaders to identify new resources for the 4-H YDP.

4. As of January 1, 2006, Chris Fahey is serving as the Acting Executive Director of the California 4-H Foundation, taking over that role from Carole, who has been serving as the Executive Director for the last three years. Chris is a 4-H “alum” and a big supporter of the program, as well as being an accomplished fundraiser, and is doing great work on behalf of 4-H.

5. Some of you may have heard recently about USDA's "National Animal Identification System" (NAIS) and their plans to move toward required reporting of animal movements. NAIS is being developed to effectively and quickly control animal diseases, and consists of three main components: premises identification, animal identification, and animal tracking. The State 4-H Office, the Vet Med School, CDFA and UCCE livestock and 4-H advisors are currently working together to formulate recommendations on how to best implement the program for 4-H participants, before the requirements take effect. We do not anticipate that these requirements will have a detrimental effect on our 4-H animal science projects.

6. A workgroup in California has been looking at youth-adult partnerships and youth in governance in the California 4-H youth development program. During the 2006 State Leadership Conference, there will be a track on Youth in Governance where the results of a statewide survey will be shared. Participants will explore ways of strengthening YAPs and YIG in any of their local programs and activities, not just citizenship programs.

7. California-specific clothing and other items (including hats, scarves, and ties) will soon be available on the California website of 4-H Supply Service catalog. As a reminder, when you purchase any 4-H items from 4-H Supply Service using the California website, 10% of all proceeds will be returned to the CA 4-H YDP! To order from this site, use the link on the California 4-H home page.

- **Sectional Council Reports:**

North Section – President Molly reported their website address:

~<http://clubs.carh.org/nsection> is under construction.

~Their May 6th meeting will include a Leader Training Presentation by Tom Frasier, State 4-H leaders' Council Leader Development Committee chairman.

~They are attempting to create a Fashion Revue Committee.

~At their December meeting, they adopted the State presentation Rubrics for the section

~With the completion of 2005 SLF, they have begun planning 2009 – looking for chair

- ~The **W H Y** conference is being hosted by Tehama County October 13-15, 2006. It will be at Camp Tehama.
- ~They have held 2 sectional presentation days and they have two more scheduled
- ~Next Sectional meeting October 7, 2006, Yuba-Sutter Counties, Yuba County 4-H Office.

North Central Section – Co-president Deborah Lang reported her council has made a commitment to Youth in Governance proposing:

- ~Proposing changes to By Laws to formalize youth positions on the council
- ~Have all council work express the Youth/Adult partnership
- ~Youth Recreational Field Day is May 20, 2006
- ~SLF 2007 – Asilomar is in the planning stages
- ~Their Citizenship Day – mini conference is next Saturday, May 20, 2006 in Stockton
- ~Gina Lee is working on a new youth communication linkup for the North Central Youth
- ~Their Presentation day is complete. They had the most volunteers in recent years.
- ~Sectional Record Book judging will be in the state office in July
- ~They are going to experiment with rotation of council meetings and locations.

South Central Section – Acting President Candy Brown reported;

- ~In January the **LCORT** Conference was held at Wonder Valley Ranch. There were approximately 300 people in attendance. This is the leadership conference for 7-9th graders. The County All-Star teams presented the workshops. Fresno County has taken the lead in coordinating the conference for several years, so they're looking to establish a rotation among the counties to share in the responsibilities.
- ~Sub-sectional presentation days are nearly completed.
- ~Roy Avila has resigned as Sectional President, so Vice President – Candy Brown will step up. Sharon Smales has agreed to be appointed Vice President.
- ~Regional Sheep Field Day will be in June in Riverdale.
- ~She presented a final check of \$2100.88 from South Central - 2004 State Leaders' Forum to the State Leaders' Council this closes the account. The financial report is the same as presented in October 2005. They are also sharing a folder of information from the Forum for the state library.

South Section – President Fern Vacca reported:

- ~Southern section is busy planning the 2006 California 4-H Leaders' Forum for Nov 17-19. The Forum theme is "Souring to Success: 4-H Leadership 101. Rozie Trammell is the event chair. She is working with an enthusiastic committee.
- ~Southern Council voted to use the profit share, \$1064.18 from the 2002 Silent Auction to support the conference fees for Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo Collegiate 4-H members. The collegiate 4-H members are assuming active roles on the committee.
- ~Southern Section Field Day will be May 20, 2006 at Mount San Antonio College in Walnut. Imperial County is hosting this year with Mary Ann Smith as chair. We will again have judging contests, including Horticulture Judging, Fashion Revue, Impromptu and Extemporaneous Speech contests as well as other activities and presentations.
- ~As an incentive for Judges, each county will provide a basket for a door prize. Each judge will receive (1) ticket for judging plus an additional ticket if they arrive on time.
- ~Sectional Record Book Judging will be July 19, 2006 in San Bernardino.
- ~At each Southern Section Council meeting, we are having youth from different counties give programs on County or State projects, trips or activities. This is to encourage youth

participation at our Council Meetings

~**T I C** – Teen involvement conference will be held January 27-29 at Pathfinder Ranch in Riverside county. Youth from all 9 southern counties are encouraged to attend. They have also extended an invitation to youth throughout the state to attend.

- **Strategic Planning Meeting** – held about two years ago. Two committees were established; one on communication and one on Leadership Development Opportunities. The communication committee is lagging and may need new direction but the Leader Development committee has made great strides. They have asked, that at each council meeting, if they could present a half hour training session. Tom Fraser is the chair and made a report on where the Leader training committee is. At SLF 2007 the committee will actually be programming sessions. Tom presented some information from various teacher education programs. Not one teacher education program taught any form of questioning. The only profession that teaches questioning in any organized fashion is lawyer. Questioning is very important in that it is key to developing thinking processes and helping people mature in their thinking processes. Tom presented his paper on “Effective Questioning Based on Bloom’s Taxonomy”. He presented the type of questioning that requires a higher level of thought. He encourages leaders to use this when working with their leader training program. He feels we probably should work with them on some constructive activity on how to do questioning? At the back of his booklet there are 13 Techniques for Effective Questioning. Candy Brown added that she uses a partner response; they switch the roll and passes discussion around the room. If you have suggestions for the committee on 30 minute training sessions, please tell Tom.

***See Attachment “A”

- **OLD BUSINESS**

WRLF – When we found that we needed \$10,000 operating funds up front there were two accounts that were inactive. These accounts were from the old California Salutes Program and Legislative Breakfast and represented approximately \$11,000. Once these funds have been repaid to the Council, Richard Meade, treasurer and his committee will proceed with their work on investing these funds. The funds from the WRLF account are currently just in the Council investment account. The remained of the funds, held in a University account, have not yet been transferred to the Council. Discussion followed.

Paulette Sauln moved and Tom Fraser seconded it that we turn over to Richard’s committee to do what is best for the state council. Motion defeated.

Tom moved to direct Richard to invest moneys into I Bonds for a period of 1 but no more than five years. Mary Ann Smith seconded the motion. This motion passed.

- **State Qualifying Contest:** How do we find out about them and now do members qualify?
State Director Dr. Carole Mac Neil stated:
The Program Advisory Committee is currently looking at sectional and statewide events and contests to determine which national events we will participate in, and which statewide events we will implement. The committee will develop criteria and a process for sanctioning events as “official” 4-H events, and will be making recommendations for guidelines/policies for being able to label an event “state” or “sectional.”
Next meeting of the Advisory is June 22, 2006.

By-Laws: Category B-1; Membership; page 2, #7: Representatives to section and state 4-H Leaders' Council, including alternates, shall vacate their representative position upon election to state wide office. The executive council would like to propose under:

Section 3, Category B #8: The California State 4-H Leaders' Council officers, with the exception of the President, are alternate voting delegates for their sections to complete sectional voting delegations. Tom made the motion and Paulette seconded it that the council recommends the approval of this recommendation. Motion carried and will be sent out to all counties and sections.

We must wait until October for the official voting but your decision today gives us permission to send out the question.

- **New Business:**

Petting Zoos – Mignonne Pollard Assistant State Director reported:

The concern in the California 4-H program is Petting Zoos and how to handle it. Our Risk Manager of the entire program in ANR is Robert Watkins. He okays this activity with some restrictions: No Food in the Area

No Strollers in the Area

Hand washing station with a person there to insure that all people wash their hands before leaving the area

Volunteers on Councils:

The following will be a Policy Change. All policy changes are okayed by Vice President Gomes. This is in process. The policy that was recommended by the Policy Committee and accepted by the state office staff is:

“Members of County, Sectional, and/or State Councils or committees must be appointed 4-H volunteers or youth members in good standing”.

Sectional Councils will need this information by the time they vote on their representatives to state council usually September. There should be county appointment cards available.

Exchanges:

Domestic exchanges: We are coming up with a set of criteria that we expect other states to follow if we are going to do exchanges with them.

Expect some guidelines regarding this program area in the near future.

Discussion followed.

- **Parent/Adult behavior expectations.** Coming around July 1, to all counties, there is going to be a one page behavior expectation of adults/ parents. This is happening because parents do not sign a code of conduct. They are not accountable by signing anything in the 4-H program. They are accountable for their kids but not accountable for themselves. Thus, many counties have said that they need something to give to the parents that say: “This is how you behave appropriately around the children”. There is a 22 item guidelines that will be coming to your counties so that they will have something to give to parents. It was developed by volunteers and has gone through the policy committee.
- **Youth representatives on the executive board.** We would like for each section to appoint at least one adult and one youth to work to on an outline for how youth representation will happen on the board. Develop criteria and how will they be supported.
- **2005 SLF** – Molly Meade reported that they are still working on the helpful hints booklet to pass on to future forum committees. She reported that all borrowed amounts had been

paid back and that they are giving a check to the council for \$1135.70 as part of the profit sharing. A conference well done. Richard Meade added that the whole committee is available for any assistance with 2006 or future forums.

- **2006 SLF** – Rozie Trammell reported that her committee is working very hard and are using the collegiate theme. It will be a forum with a lot of how do's and how to take the materials from SLF straight into your club and county and put use right away. *I believe there is a volunteer cheer leader.*
- **2007 SLF** – Murlin Lee and Tom Fraser are co-chairmen for the event. Their multi-generational committees are being formed. They are working on their theme.
- Mignonne Pollard, Assistant state 4-H director, reported for the **policy committee**. She reported that UC Davis Animal Science Department is putting on a Jackpot show. It is totally different and not endorsed by the State 4-H department. It is not a 4-H activity. As a follow-up to the fall child protection training sessions there is an on-line course being developed at the state level. When completed, they plan to test it out in a couple of counties. They are having materials printed that can be handed out at all the counties.

Curriculum Committee: Mignonne reported the committee meets only 3 times a year. They are presently building an on line curriculum catalog. She stated that the **Camping Taskforce** has 2 year funding. They are sponsoring two conferences; one May 5,6, & 7 in the north at Grizzly Creek and Nov. 6,7, & 8 in the south at Pine Crest Conference center. She stated that one of the greatest things that has come out of this is a Camp Risk Management Assessment Binder. It is meant to help you think through scenarios that you might encounter in a camping situation. Many attendees stated that they would like to have a copy.

- **Incentives and Recognition Committee:** Fern Vacca reported that the committee is recruiting one volunteer and two youth. She reminded everyone that the Golden Clover awards and Outdoor Adventure awards are due June 30; State wide Scholarships are due April 30. There are two more agricultural scholarship so be sure to check the web site. Sectional project books are being judged in the sections in July and State judging is August 26th. They have been working on a more standardized record system for the last three years. They are trying to get a more contemporary look for project development. The format has been sent out and it is on the web site. Their next meeting will be in June. The committee is working on an update for the policy handbook.
- **State Leadership Conference** is coming up in San Diego; Aug. 10-13. Mary reported that forms will be coming out in May. They are planning to have a tremendous list of sessions. Paulette said that she will be having a comedy track which will be putting on a musical comedy. Fern said there will be sessions on the new project books. The conference will be great. In addition, the Ambassadors are working on a booklet that is directed toward All Stars. It will come out after the conference.
- **National Conference** – reported by Alex Culp and Murlin Lee. The conference was held at the National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland, April 26-30. They reported that they got conference T-shirts to go with their bags. Delegates worked in

groups each day to present topics of concern to the Secretary of Agriculture. They felt that our congressional delegates new very little about 4-H. Alex felt that the greatest thing was the fact that they got to talk to other youth from not only across the United States but also Canada and some islands. These youth were just as passionate about 4-H as she was.

- **State Field Day** – Alex Culp reported that the field day will be held at UC Davis, May 27, 2006. Registration is due on line by May 22. All information is available on the web site. Numerous events will be held: presentations; judging contest by Mary Ann Smith; horticulture qualifying; silent auction by Jennifer Coe; door prize; and Fashion Revue outstanding reward will be a sewing machine.
- ** Jessica Faulkendall – asked the Executive committee to consider having a ATM card machine for the silent auction portion of State Field Day. After much discussion the Executive Board recommends that the state council not get a credit card/ atm machine. There is quite an expense attached to the machine and it must be attached to a bank account. This is not for State Leaders’ Council but for North Central and the Presentation Day Committee. For WRLF it took several months before we got the money back from the credit card company. **Paulette Sauln moved and Dolores Hemphill seconded it that we accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The motion passed.** Paulette told the Council that there is an ATM machine outside the Book Store on Campus.
- WRLF 2006 – Salt Lake City, Utah. Mary received numerous compliments about our WRLF 2005. Paulette Sauln, Ruben Cavanillas, Mary Engebret, Richard Meade, Dolores Hemphill, Molly Meade and Gerri Wakida stood as attendees. Molly Meade was our nominee for the Volunteer of Excellence Award.
- WRLF 2007 – Tucson, Arizona, January 11-15, 2007 Youth and Adult Partnership. Early Bird Registration to October 1, 2006.
- 4-H Center for Youth Development is conducting a conference “Youth in Development in the 21st Century” conference May 4-5. Registration due April 26. Look at the Web to get complete details.

Meeting adjourned: 2:30 p.m.

Next meeting: Oct. 28, Davis CA

- Election of officers – President, Secretary, Policy Secretary (remained of one year of term)
- Vote on proposed By Law change

Minutes submitted by:
Bernardine Marquez

