

Monterey County 4-H Council Minutes

Meeting: April 15, 2014

1. **Call to order:** President, Cara Brent's called the meeting to order at 7:14 at the Monterey County AG Conference room. Cara Brent's led the Pledge of Allegiance the 4-H Pledge.
2. **Roll Call & Introduction of Guests:**
The following County Council Officers, Extension Staff and 4-H Club Representatives were present:

Cara Brent's, President (Natividad)	Mary Hughes and Alan Morisoli (King City Blue Ribbon)
TJ Plew, 1 st Vice President and Trina Hearne (King City Rural)	
Rhonda Hurtado, 2 nd Vice President (Mission)	Erik Wilkins (Lockwood)
Dana Guidotti, Treasurer (Mission)	
Melissa Martella, Secretary (San Benancio)	JoAnn Etchison and Sheryl Jones (Royal Oaks)
Kelly Urquides and Stacy Milanese (Buena Vista)	Stefanie Burgess (Spring)
Tim Lewis (Greenfield)	Lorin Lurz (Staff)
	Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty (Staff)

The following guests were present: Cole Rianda (Gonzales), Fernando Cordero, and Jorge Cordero , (Greenfield), Catherine Higgins (All star, TLAW Advisor), Mariah O'Grady, (Buena Vista)

3. **Additions and Corrections to the Agenda:** Approved with changes under New Business. TJ Plew motioned to approve the Agenda with changes.
4. **Secretary's Minutes:** Motion made by Alan Morisoli to approve minutes with corrections. Seconded by Erik Wilkins . Vote and motion passed.
5. **Treasure's Report:** March 18, 2014 through April 15, 2014. Total Expenses \$954.13. Beginning Balance \$16,294.26. Ending Balance \$15,340.18. Restricted funds \$723.11. Ending Available Balance \$14,617.07. Reserve Totals: \$109,690.42 Combined Checking & Savings: \$124,307.49.
6. **Youth Reports:** Cole Rianda (Gonzales) Club is preparing for the SVF. And club elections
7. **Club sharing:** Melissa Martella (San Benancio) Asked if any club with a Canning Project would be interested in participating in at the Steinbeck Festival May 3 and 4th 2014.
8. **All Star:** Mariah O'Grady (Buena Vista All Star): Encourage CCL to encourage youth to attend county wide events

TLAW: no report

Catherine Higgins (All Star and TLAW Advisor) : All Star Applications due April 16th, 2014. All Star Review committee completed their review. The revised forms and body of work are no online. Of the 240 members only 11 candidates have a gold star Recommended renaming and redefining the TLAW position. New position now County Teen Ambassador open to youth 14 and up with a selection process each year, no star requirements, but will be completing record book. Applications will be completed and posted on the website. Adults and youth Volunteers

needed for interviews. Volunteers needed to guide these youth. Survey results showed a lot of interest in a leadership position that did not require a Star ranking. All Star applications due May 16th. TJ Plew moved to support new CTA Leadership position in Monterey County. Rhonda Hurtado, seconded. Motion passed.

9. Committee Reports:

Incentives & Recognition: KCR and Royal Oaks. Have discussed changes to county record book application. Along with an evaluation form that would help with parameters and guidance. Motion made to approve pending Lorin's approval. Stephanie Burgess made a motion to approve changes to the county record book application and judging evaluation form, pending Lorin's approval. Dana Guidotti, seconded. Motion passed.

Expansion and Review: San Benancio and Aromas – No Report

4-H Camp- Stephanie Burgess (Spring)-65 campers so far. Jake Gavin and Emily Violini are the Youth Directors. Looking for donations for Snack Shack and arts and crafts items. Make sure checks get mailed to Stephanie Burgess, not the county office.

Fashion Review: Buena Vista – Theme is Road to Fashion May 3rd at the Lutheran Church in Salinas. Applications will be on the website.

MCF Food Booth Meetings. Royal Oaks: Donation letters on the website. Clubs responsibilities on website also.

Calendar: Council President, Cara Brent's

- Tues, April 15th-Leaders Council Budget session and calendar review 2014-2015
- Sat, April 26th – Sectional Presentation Day
- Sat, April 26th – Community Leader Boot Camp
- Sat, May 3rd – Fashion Review 1pm
- Mon. , May 12th- Camp Committee at 6:30 pm at Our Savior Church
- Thurs., May 15th-Sun 18th Salinas Valley Fair
- Friday , May 16th- All Star and CTA applications due
- Mon, May12th – Camp Meeting 6:30pm @ Our Savior Church
- Thurs May15th- May 18th Salinas Valley Fair
- Sat., May 31st – State Presentation Day
- Mon., May 26th Office closed- Holiday
- June 16th Camp committee Meeting 6:30pm at Our Savior Church
- Tuesday, June 17th Leaders Council Meeting 7pm.
- Tuesday, June 17th – Food booth Meeting @ 6:30pm
- Friday, July 18th , Club Books Due

10. Staff Reports:

Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty, Youth Development Advisor, Tri-county. San Benito county office Moved Offices. Community Service Hour Opportunity at Tech Camp. Received a grant to look at bio security and Livestock and transportation to the fair. Looking for a part time person for that position. In May hiring a new Natural Resources Livestock and range faculty member for the Tri County. Centennial celebration in May. New Military Rep hired. Will be announced soon.

Lorin Lurz, 4-H County Program Rep Report:

Clubs were encouraged to use a "member survey" tool last month at their club meetings. Curriculum requests are due. The All Star Program has been reviewed and it set to begin accepting applications which are due May 16th. Sectional Presentation day is April 26 – reminder I will not be there I will be facilitating the Community Leader Boot Camp in Soledad. Clubs are encouraged to set aside scholarship monies for the State Leadership conference as the council will be limited in its budget this year. ALL scholarship money awarded to members must have an application process. The application must be reviewed and approved by my offices first. Day of Science is May 8th.

Upcoming training and other dates in summer:

- a. All Star and CTA applications due May 16th
- b. Interview approx. 6/4 & 6/10
- c. Officer Advisor network and mixer July 8th
- d. Club books due July 18th
- e. Club Book review and judging July 23
- f. Secretary and Treasurer workshop July 24th

Clubs are encouraged to use blank 4-H certificate templates and thank their adult leaders and volunteers at the end of the year. Community Leaders are to review the paper tools provided in their packet and develop and "appropriate club budget" for next year. Avoid over fundraising and leaving excess money, develop a savings that has "earmarked money", spend in areas that are supported by the 4-H mission and look for more educational areas to spend on rather than recreational.

Unfinished Business: Breakout Committee needed to plan next year's committees for club obligations. Review of current choices and how they fit into next year's budget. Alan Morisoli made a motion to table to a committee, there was not second, motion failed. Cole Rianda and Trina Hearne volunteered to head that committee.

- 11. New Business: Scholarship-2** Scholarship CD's. Morgan Stanley \$55,837.44 and PVB \$53,852.98. Scholarship Designation lost in past years. Rhonda will continue with historical relevant research of scholarship CD's.

Council Budget planning session 2014-2015 – First Recommendations: 2 proposals presented. 1st stays the same as last year. #2 proposes an additional fundraiser. 2010 was the last year Monterey county council ran in the black.

Committees: Breakout Committee needed to plan next year's committees for club obligations. Review of current choices and how they fit into next year's budget. Cole Rianda and Trina Hearne.

- 12. Adjournment:** Motion made by TJ Plew to Adjourn. Second by JoAnn Etchison. Motion approved.

Adjourned at 9:16 PM **Next Council Meeting Tuesday, June 17th, 2014 at 7pm in Salinas at the County Conference Room.**

Respectfully Submitted by, Melissa Martella

Monterey County Council Secretary