



MONTEREY COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 17, 2024, Salinas Ag Office

Call to Order – Kelly Violini (President) at 7:02 pm

Pledge of Allegiance – Kaya Ichikawa (Spring)

4-H Pledge – Bo Hinkle (King City Rural)

Introduction of Guests and New Club Leaders

- None

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda

- None

Executive Officer Roll Call

- **President** – Kelly Violini (Spring)
- **1st Vice President** – Nicole Hostert (Spring)
- **2nd Vice President** - Gina Acevedo (Aromas)
- **Secretary**- Melissa Ortner (Chualar)
- **Treasurer**- Aaron Thornton (Natividad)

Youth Officer Roll Call

- **Co-Council President** – Absent
- **Co-Council 1st Vice President** – Open
- **Co-Council 2nd Vice President/Youth Outreach Office** - Absent
- **Co-Council Secretary**- Absent
- **Youth Marketing Officer**– Open

Club Representatives and Guests –

Aromas: Monique Olivarria, Harlow Holbrook

Buena Vista: Mario Flores, Jorge Flores, Felix Gimble, Meridith Gimble

Carmel Valley: Richard Douglas, Avery Mephram, Miley Mephram

Chualar: Willi Ortner, Tiffany Batistish

Greenfield: Yesenia Perea, Armando Perea

Gonzales: Erin Askew

King City Blue Ribbon: Alicia Crespo

King City Rural: Bolin Hinkle, Sherie Hinkle

Lockwood: Misty Hancock, Megan Weferling

Mission: Crystal Rubbo

Natividad: Not Present

Royal Oaks: Not Present

San Benancio: Not Present

Spring: Courtney Boyles, Taron Boyles, Kaya Ichikawa

Staff: Lorin Hofmann-Lurz

Other: Jeanie Grainger

Approval of Meeting Minutes, 08/20/24

- Approval:
 - 1st: Courtney Boyles (Spring 4-H)
 - 2nd: Nicole Hostert (Spring 4-H)
 - STEM Event: October 19th, Date Correction

Correspondence Report:

- None to Report

Approval of Treasurers Report – Aaron Thornton (Natividad)

- August Report:
 - General Fund Open: \$187,111.15
 - General Fund Close: \$184,864.72
 - Youth County Council Open: \$2,977.97
 - Youth County Council Close: \$2,978.03
 - Scholarship Funds Open: \$50,438.89
 - Scholarship Funds Close: \$49,439.71
 - All funds combined at close: \$237,282.46
- Approval:
 - 1st: Mario Flores (Buena Vista 4-H)
 - 2nd: Meredith Gimble (Buena Vista 4-H)
 - No Discussion

President's Report-Kelly Violini (Spring)

- National 4-H Week: October 6th – October 11th
 - Skill Building: Communicating with Legislators
Consider attending the Board of Supervisors for a resolution on October 8th. Civic Engagement Opportunity in support of the 4-H Program
- Incentive & Recognition Committee (I & R) : Could use volunteers to oversee all awards in the county program. This includes scholarships
 - We currently have two I & R subcommittees:
 - Sparks & Star Rank Verification
 - Record Book Committees

County Ambassador Report-Not Present

- 2024-2025 County Ambassador Theme
 - *Planting Seeds of Leadership for a Brighter Future*

- National 4-H Week Hats as gifts from the County Ambassadors to club officers
 - Paid for by the program and will be distributed to all Officers in all Monterey County 4-H Clubs. Clubs may purchase more

Camp Report – Jeannie Grainger

- Dates will be June 22nd – June 27th – 5 Day Camp
 - Teen camp counselor applications and 2 letter of recommendation are due early 11/1/24 to the county office. No emailed applications please.
 - Camper Applications will go online on 2/3/25

Fair Reports – Gina Acevedo, 2nd Vice President

- Salinas Valley Fair (May 16-19, 2024) Golden Hills & Fair Time Thrills
 - No updates
- Monterey County Fair (August 29-September 2, 2024) Barn to be Wild
 - 2025: Jungle Theme
 - QR Code and Contest for next year
- Santa Cruz County Fair (September 11-15, 2024) Pioneer Days to Modern Ways
 - No updates
- San Benito County Fair (October 4-6, 2024) Fair Ever Young
 - No updates

Youth Reports from Club Events, Activities, Trainings, fundraisers, etc.

- No Reports

Council Committee Reports –

- Achievement Event – King City Rural
 - Boland Hinkle (Committee Chair):
 - 9/7/24 at SVF Fairgrounds, theme was Rise and Shine
 - 6 Committee Members
 - County Ambassadors were present
 - 115 in attendance
 - Thank you to Leaders Council for sponsoring
 - Thank you to all attendees
 - This year, there was an issue with missing awards due to a late attendee list
 - It would be helpful to the planning committee if clubs fill out forms timely and then check information.
 - Possible ideas include Hosting later in September would help to ensure all books are judged and awards are confirmed
 - Google form might help to improve the sign-in and verification process
 - The Achievement Committee would like to make the flyer for the 2025 year
- STEM Committee Report – Buena Vista
 - Mario Flores (Adult Chair), Jorge Flores, Youth Chair
 - Event to be held on 10/19/24

- Will be held at The County Office of Education with a partnership with the Fab
 - Should the program being provided for that day, be geared to Middle School students? Can provide up to 4 hours
 - Events includes Building robots, battle bots, other various activities.
 - Meeting with the County Office of Education tomorrow to discuss the logistics of the event.
 - Current committee budget is \$500
 - For a 4-hr program at the Fab Lab on Blanco Rd, the cost would be \$1500 for up to 25 members.
 - Requesting an increase in budget from Council to \$2000
 - It was agreed to be for Intermediate members after discussion. Flyer and RSVP link will be updated and sent out to club leaders
- New Member Event – Carmel Valley
 - Alyssa (Adult Chair):
 - date would be 10/26/24, 3-5:30 with dinner to follow
 - Would like to bring back the dinner
 - There are great games and activities as well as a Pumpkin Slime STEM and Chicken Poop Bingo
 - Requesting a \$700 increase in the budget for dinner

Club Sharing: None for this month’s meeting. Notes passed around to write down what the clubs want or what to learn from each other at the meetings.

- Aromas:
- Buena Vista:
- Carmel Valley:
- Chualar:
- Gonzales:
- Greenfield:
- King City Blue Ribbon:
- King City Rural:
- Lockwood:
- Mission:
- Natividad:
- Royal Oaks:
- San Benancio:
- Spring:

Staff Report: Lorin Hofmann-Lurz 4-H Program Representative. Some matters will be in the packet and others will be shared here.

- Livestock Rules: Review of everyone’s rules, emails out next week to club and livestock leaders

- Shooting Sports: Mandatory meeting to keep certification. If your club has a Shooting Sports leader, please attend the meeting.
- Secretary/Treasurer Training: Pending club attendees via Google Poll
- National 4-H Week: Waiting on California State Office for more information.
 - Working with the Board of Supervisors for a meeting on 10/8/24. Youth are welcome to the meeting
- All clubs should have a club calendar and welcome letter for new families.
 - Newsletters are available for new families as well.
- Portal financials are closed for all club online reporting.
- Sparks and Emerald Stars 1 & 2 updated statewide awards
 - Training Zoom available for the club to support youth
- Returning Family enrolment, due Tuesday, 9/27/24.
- New families can enroll any time but notify the office
 - Use new fingerprint form which is on the website
- Beginning year packets due Tuesday, 9/27/24
 - Includes all documents listed on checklist Drop off in a manila envelope or folder
 - Keep copy for yourself
- Revised Outreach Goals planner is available
 - Only use the current form for officers to meet goals for this 4-H year
- New resources for clubs – the old Leaders Digest is now the Volunteers Educators Guide and is a PDF form for printing
 - Use to help your projects be successful.
- New family information packets are ready for clubs to use. Ask for copies.
- Provided a Welcome letter to new State-wide director, Kimberly Holmes

Unfinished Business:

- MCF Council Fundraiser – Ag Building Country Store: August 28-September 2
 - Thank you to all who volunteered time!
 - \$4,850.36 was earned through this Council Fundraiser!

New Business:

- Outstanding Volunteer Presentation
 - 2 Individuals can be recognized each year at the year-end Achievement Event. Please use nomination form by May 2025.
 - 2024 Outstanding Volunteer is Rod Ichikawa. His niece, Kaya, accepted the award on his behalf and read a letter thanking everyone
- Discuss & Approve the following budget allocations:
 - Buena Vista STEM budget from \$500 to \$2000, \$1500 increase
 - Carmel Valley's New Member Party budget from \$700 to \$1200
 - Request approval to reallocate money from Achievement Day Activity and STEM Scholarships.
 - Approval:
 - 1st: Misty Hancock (Spring)

- 2nd: Crystal Rubbo (Mission)
 - No Discussion
- Buena Vista Update: Projects opened to the County
 - Mountain Bike Project
 - Minecraft Project
 - Pollinator Native Plant Project (Service Learning & Emerald Star Opportunity)
 - Dungeons & Dragons Project
 - Use Buena Vista Leader email for more information
- Chualar Update: Projects opened to the County
 - Dog Project, led by Rebecca Stacy
 - Horse Project, led by Lori Tuttle

Next Council Meeting Tuesday, October 15th, at the Salinas Valley Fair, King City at 7pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm
1st: Gina Acevedo (Aromas 4-H)
2nd: Alicia Crespo (King City Blue Ribbon 4-H)
Minutes compiled by Melissa Ortner