

September 23, 2009

**Yolo County 4-H Leader's Council Meeting
Minutes**

Call meeting to order – Jack Cramer, President at 7:06 p.m.

Flag salute, 4-H pledge – Winters 4-H

Introductions and roll call of Clubs via sign in

Minutes from last meeting – Motion was made and minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Frank Muller reported that the financial year ended 6/30/2009. We have a current balance of \$50386.05. All of the Spring Show monies have been paid and received. He will have a new budget at the October meeting to be approved. Seminis Seeds is donating \$1500.00.

Outreach & Community Service Reports

- Community Clubs Outreach Reports via written submission –
 - Clever Clovers sold lemonade at the Stroll Thru History. They donated the money to the SPCA.
 - Davis 4-H Clubs are passing out flyers to families. Delynda passed out an example. The flyer is available to all clubs.
 - All Stars had a booth at the Yolo County Fair
 - 10 -12 4-H members helped with the Special Olympics in June.
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- Farm Bureau Student of the Month submission schedule:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Applications due</u>
Clarksburg & Happy Hollow	January 1
Norwood & West Plainfield	February 1
Shiny Shamrocks & Willow Oak	April 1
Clever Clovers	August 1
Esparto/Capay Valley & Winters	September 1
Golden Valley & Zamora	October 1

Other Reports:

All Stars:

- The All Stars had a booth at the Yolo County Fair. They received 4th place and \$155.00.
- Abigail Berke participated and announced at the Opening Ceremonies at the Yolo County Fair
- Leadership Training - 10/24/09, 9-3 p.m. at Norton Hall Cost: \$5.00
There will be sessions on Parliamentary procedure, mock trials, public speaking, and officer training. Lunch is provided and games. For ages 9 and up.
- The All Stars were thanked by several clubs for coming to their meetings and installing officers.

Awards/Fundraisers:

- Edna Cramer will be doing the awards for Spring Show again. If anyone wants to help please let her know. Shelley Timko will also be helping.
- There is still not a committee chair for the Scholarship committee.
- A fundraiser committee is also needed.

Curriculum/Resource Library/Knowledge Merit:

- Knowledge Merit Day is going to be the 2nd Saturday in January (1/9/2010) at Norton Hall from 9 -12.
 - Some of the evaluations need to be looked at and reviewed. Contact Jan Johansen if you are interested in reviewing them. The evaluations can be reviewed at Leadership Training. Leaders can come and do this.
 - Avery Campbell is the Youth Leader

- Curriculum: A new kit has been purchased. An example of the kits was displayed for the council to review. Delynda indicated that there are at least two years of information to be taught in each kit. Everyone is encouraged to check out the kits and return them in a timely manner so that other clubs can use them. Preferably a two weeks cycle.
 - o Livestock leaders received a CD regarding livestock. If a club wants more copies of the disc call the 4-H office.

Record Books:

- Karen Chesnut reported that approximately the same numbers of books were turned in this year as last year.
- She also reported there were a lot of judges.
- Some project areas were down.
- No results are to be given until after Achievement Night.
- Sarah Berke was thanked for her help during the day while judging books.

Clover Safety Notes: Delynda passed these around for everyone to look at.

Jack Cramer introduced himself as Yolo County Executive Council President.

Old Business

Age to vote at Leaders' Council:

- The current age to vote at the 4-H Council Meetings is 14. Clubs have been concerned because their members are very young and are having a hard time finding someone of voting age to attend. Currently, 1 youth and 1 adult from each club can vote at Council.
- Anne Pugh moved that the voting age be 12 years and 7th grade or older to vote at Council meetings. Karen Chesnut seconded the motion.
- After discussion the motion passed.

State Leadership Conference:

- Rachel Hazeltine reported. She felt that she went to a lot of good sessions. It was held at UC Merced. Next year it will be UC Davis.

Summer Camp:

- Colleen Brock reported that Clever Clovers had approximately 10 kids attend camp in Napa. She thinks there were 20 from Yolo County.
- Several of the kids were tribe leaders. In order to be a tribe leader, a member had to be interviewed and trained. That was very exciting.
- The cluster now offers two camps – Sacramento and San Joaquin.

John Roger's Hall:

- Thank you to the families and 4-H members that helped check-in entries and judge.
- Two clubs did not show up for their shifts on Sunday. This continues to be an issue. The county receives \$900 for doing the hosting. There was a lot of discussion as to what to do about the clubs that do not participate and whether or not 4-H should continue to do the job.
- It was finally decided that the council members are to go back to their clubs and see if they can come up with any ideas on how to handle the situation.

Achievement Night:

- Norwood is hosting the event. October 27, 2009 at Harper Jr. High, Davis.
- A question arose as to which club was supposed to be "shadowing" Norwood. No one really knew. Delynda would see if she could find the list and forward it to all the Club leaders.
- Willow Oak was asked to return the binder with the instructions for Achievement Night.

Green and White Social:

- The event is tentatively scheduled for March 6th.
- The Vanucci's will be contacted to see if they are interested in chairing the event.
- There was some discussion about moving the event to a bigger venue. That will be decided by the committee.

County Wide Archery Announcement:

- Mike Duncan and Ben Orthmeyer introduced themselves as the Countywide Archery Leaders.
- They were accepting enrollment for the project.
- They encouraged people to make sure that all Shooting Sport members were in the "system."

Spring Show:

Community Connection Day:

- DeAnn Tenhunfeld announced that 4-H would be joining with Farm Bureau to help bridge some of the gaps that 4-H needs help with.
- The 4-H piece of Community Connection Day would stay the same.

Spring Show Book:

- The Spring Show drafts books are now available online.
- Anything new has a notation.
- Please read and understand the book. It will be discussed at the next Council meeting and approved.
- Please get any changes or questions to Delynda before the next meeting.

Livestock:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Creative Arts and Crafts:

- Anne Pugh announced that she would welcome any help. She has made up a list of subcommittees and passed it around for people to sign up to help.
- There are chairs for almost all divisions except: Engineering, Presentations, and Rocketry.
- Youth members were also encouraged to help with divisions.

Saturday Night Activities:

- The dance had positive feedback. Clever Clovers is willing to host again.
- Anne Pugh motioned that there be a dance held on Saturday Night. Rachel Hazeltine 2nd. Motion was passed.
- The dinner was done by an outside group. That group will not be doing the dinner next year. At this time it is not sure who will be doing the dinner if at all.

New Business:

Club and Project Meeting Attendance:

- Delynda reported that the State had no rules regarding attendance at either project or club meetings.
- The council voted in 2006 to adopt a policy:
 - Eligibility to exhibit in Spring Show a member must attend 80% of the mandatory project meetings and 80% of the regularly scheduled monthly community club meetings.
- The county did not specify excused and unexcused absences as to the number or what constitutes an excuse or unexcused absence.
- Most clubs have some kind of description in their By-Laws. The club decides what is excused and what is not.

- The county does not want to policy this issue. It is felt the clubs should decide how to enforce the 80% rule.
- It was recommended that the clubs decide who and what is excused.
- Anne Pugh motioned that the 80% policy be used as a guideline. Colleen Brock seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Clever Clovers wanted to go on the record that they were not satisfied with how this was handled. They felt this issue should be enforced at the county level and what is an excused absence.

North Central Sectional:

- Rachel Hazeltine attended the last meeting in Sonoma. The next meeting will be in San Joaquin, November 21, 2009.
- Each county can have 5 adults and 2 youth. If you are interested please let Delynda know. She has to send the names in writing so that the people can vote.

Announcements:

New Leaders Orientation:

- 10 new leaders showed up at the New Leader Orientation.
- There were a variety of projects and good feedback.

Countywide Projects:

- A list was distributed.
- Nancy Cannon announced that first Countywide Rabbit meeting was being held 10/10/09 – 10:00 a.m. Small Pets and Animals – 10/10/09 – 12:00 p.m.
- Nancy also announced that the Vet Science meeting will be announced later.
- Members must be enrolled in the project to attend the meetings.

State: None

National:

- The horticulture team is going to compete at Nationals 10/16 – 10/20/09.
- From Yolo County: Blossom Raychaudhuri from Golden Valley and Abigail Berke is going as alternate.
- National 4-H Week – 10/4–10/2009, all clubs are encouraged to do Community Outreach.

4-H Staff:

- Marcel announced that there is a training going on for science based projects.
- Marcel announced that there are 4-H groups at Yolo Housing, Winters; Madison Camp, Madison; Cottonwood. If you are interested in being a leader, please let her know.

Meeting adjourned: 9:10 p.m.