Leaders Council Minutes  
April 13, 2011

Call to order at 7:03 pm
Roll Call: Deb Galway
Pledge of Allegiance: Alyson Galway-Howard
4-H Pledge: Kristen Clark-Webb
Additions to agenda: TSC Event

Reports

Approval of Minutes: No corrections. Motion to accept by Toni Tucker; second by Roselle Ritchey.

Communications and Secretary's Report: Deb Galway reported:

- At the last meeting, we presented the new Club Report format and asked everyone to start using it. Thank you to those of you that have been able to use it. This month we sent you a revised version of page 2 which is the club statistics for Community Pride and SET activities. I hope you will find it a bit easier to use. It will be posted on the web site soon.
- Since the last meeting, I went back to the beginning of the year and compiled all of the club statistics that have been submitted. We put copies on the table by the sign-up sheet. We're hoping that seeing it in print will help everyone to understand the value of the information. We want to use the summary information to show the Supervisors and other interested parties how much good work out clubs are doing each year in their communities. And it will be posted to the web for others to view.
- When I was compiling the data, I noticed that some clubs have reported very little in the way of Community Pride and SET activities. Now I know you are all more active than that and I'm hoping that you can go back in your records and fill in the gaps. One thing in particular I wanted to point out is the "Total Hours" information. I think some of you might be confused about what to put in there. We want to capture the total number of hours spent by all volunteers. So you shouldn't show the length of the event, you should multiply the length of the event times the number of attendees.
- Also, clubs should include information about work done by community service projects and at county wide events.
- We received a thank you letter from Solano County Youth Ag Day.
- Helen noted that she had attended the 100 Best Communities Celebration. She was very impressed by all the good work going on and was pleased that Hannah and Kaylee were honored for Wolfskil's diaper drive.

Treasurer's report: Sheila Bakke provided a written report for January:

- Checking opening balance on 1/31/10 = $9,930.06 + income $11754.91 - expenses $9835.31 = ending balance of $11849.66 as of 3/31/11.
- Savings opening balance on 1/31/10 = $18435.17 + income $455.58 - expense $0 = ending balance of $18890.75 as of 3/31/11.
- We had an overrun at Ag Day and need $68.45 to make that up. Motion to take it from Council expenses - Sharon Payne; second - Kathy Brown; approved.
- Budget was amended to include income/expense for 4Hers and Wolfskill items as well as the Ag Day overrun. M/S/C Sue Bohanon & Danae Gemmell.

Vice President's Report: Kara Payne absent, Deb reported thanked Elmira and Westwind for bringing snacks & drinks. Deb sent the drawing basket around. Prize: 4H Bear.

Area Representatives Reports

Dixon (Kyle Alcantara/ Roselle Ritchey/ Nikki Talken):
Dixon Ridge: This month our club,

- Has been busy preparing our projects to share with the public at the Dixon May Fair.
- After our meeting we held a record book workshop. All of the members worked on their PDR forms and had all of their questions answered. We are trying to increase the number of record books that are completed.
- For Community Service we held a book drive for My Own Book.

Maine Prairie: This month our club:

Roving Clovers: This month our club:

Tremont: This month our club:

- At ear tagging our club had 4 meat goats & 8 market lambs tagged. 3 swine were ear tagged by their leader.
- We attended the County Record Book Workshop.
• Our club had 18 members participate in Solano County Ag Day. We took meat goats, rabbits, cavies, & worms. Our members helped out with SET activities, beanie babies, & bees.
• Our rabbit group put on a rabbit fun day. They identified different breeds, played bingo, find a word game, & many other activities. Lunch was provided.
• Our officer participated in Share the Fun @ Sectional Presentation Day.
• 3 members participated in Fashion Revue. 5 children & 3 adults attended.

**Wolfskill:** This month our club:
- Made cooling neckbands for International Community Service Project.
- Sewing & Foods members set table for local Ladies’ Tea.
- Hannah Crawford-Stewart and Kaylee Lindgren were recognized for County Wide Diaper Drive.
- Hosted Diaper Drive and served lunch at Sectional Presentation Day.
- Participated in Chili Cook-Off at Presentation Day.
- Participated in Solano County Ag Day
- Participated in Solano County Fashion Revue.

**Fairfield (Sue Bohannan/ Colleen Bohannan/Danea Gemmell)**

**Suisun Valley:** This month our club:
- Hosted County Presentation Day along with the Westwind 4-H club. The event had 170 participants. We had 12 members participating in different aspects of the event. Four of our members went on to Sectionals and two of those will go on to State Presentation Day. It was nice to see our County Supervisors enjoying the event and we all had the added enjoyment of some nice publicity for 4-H on the front page of the Daily Republic.
- Last Sunday, we had 10 members and 3 parents visit the Veteran’s Home in Yountville to spend time playing ball and parachute toss with the wheelchair-bound patients to help strengthen their bodies. Both members and patients shared some things about themselves during the games that were meaningful, interesting and at times quite humorous. We learned that there are kids of all ages when it comes to games. We are eager to return again next year!
- On the club home front, we are in the planning stages of our annual Tri-Tip BBQ and Auction, our Club Record Book Workshop and the End of the Year Pool Party. We are also putting the final touches on our club website which will debut soon.

**Westwind:** This month our club:

**Rio Vista (Toni Tucker/ Irene Reiss/Jeremy Reiss)**

**Rio Vista:** In February and March, our club:
- Had an ice breaker to help members learn more about each other.
- Continued to sell See's candy to raise money for the club.
- Our club meeting was on Valentine's Day so the officers handed out Hershey's Kisses.
- Continued to collect food to be given to the Rio Vista Food Bank.
- Began collecting pennies to be donated to Rio Vista's Relay for Life event.
- Continued to collect food donations from members to be donated to Rio Vista Food Bank.
- Had a “whites” swap.
- Officers explained what their duties included and then we handed out Officer Applications.
- To encourage members to get involved in our meetings by asking questions, volunteering, taking notes, making motions, etc we randomly give out prizes from our prize box.

**Vacaville (Kristin Clark-Web/Tricia Kash)**

**Elmira:** No report

**Golden Hills:** No report

**Vaca Valley:**
- February, our club won the Highest Percent Attendance Award.
- March, we had members represent 4-H at State Ag Day in Sacramento.
- April, we had our annual pie sale at the Nugget Market.
- April, we held our fun event at the Driven Race Way in Fairfield.

**Vallejo (Sharon Payne/Madeleine Kavanagh/Rachel Kavanagh)**

**Sherwood Forest:** In February and March our club:
- Ag Day - 12 participants. We worked in cavies, rabbits, poultry and butter making.
- County Record Book Workshop - 4 attendees.
- Community Service - Coat Collecting - We collected 17 coats and misc. clothing.
- Valcore- The Kant family worked at our March commitment.
- Community Service- Church Clean Up at Community Presbyterian Church, Rachel and Robby, Josephine and Demetri worked at sprucing up the room where we attend 4H monthly meetings.
• Fashion Revue- 3 participants, Kaleigh, Amanda and Julianna, 3 county winners. Amanda and Julianna will move on to State Fashion Revue.

Staff reports
Valerie Williams, 4-H Youth Development Program Representative:
• Not on agenda – Wolfskill (Riley Curry) received club charter.
• Valerie sends club Bank Statements by e-mail each month. Please respond to Valerie when you receive them so she knows you got them.
• State 4-H office is working on a draft policy regarding e-media.
• If clubs change meeting dates for any reason, please let Valerie know to avoid conflicts.
• Carol is retiring @ end of June. No replacement identified yet. But we will need to talk about retirement celebration.

Sheila Bakke, 4-H Military Partnership Program Representative:
• Next month going to training - “Tools of the Trade” where she hopes to pick up 3 SET items to use at the base.

Jill Simmons & Sally Moore, 4-H SET Community Coordinators:
• Have SET teams from MIT working at Loma Vista School and Weideman School.
• Beginning to have relationship with folks at Travis Elementary.
• After school program at apartments on Travis.
• SET teams working at Hemlock School in Vacaville.
• Working at Anderson school in Dixon.
• SET recognition event tomorrow evening in the 4-H office.
• We have 44 or 46 SET teams trained to date.

Carole Paterson, 4-H Youth Development Advisor: Absent

Presentations
Juliana Payne (Emerald Star):
• Juliana is putting on a Foods and Nutrition Field Day on May 14th from 9-1. There will be lunch, activities, and games. The deadline to sign up is May 1st and you can sign up on the 4-H web site.

Carson Wignall (Costa Rica):
• Presented a slide show about his month as an exchange student in Costa Rica.

Committee Reports
Incentive & Recognition Committee – Sue Bohannan & Kathy Brown -
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Expansion & Review - Jill Simmons -
• We're plugging along. There are still a few by-laws in the hands of staff.

Audit - Roselle Ritchey-
• Mid year Audit done

Sectional Council Report - Kathy Brown/Alice Elder/Colleen Bohannon
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County Presentation Day – Danea Gemmell/Colleen Bohannan:
• We had over 50 presentations. Supervisors Mike Reagan and John Vasquez attended.
• A newspaper article highlighted the SET activities.
• We made God's eyes, wrote 30 letters to go with them, and had snail races.
• Westwind hosted the food booth and made over $200.
• There was also a judging contest.

Solano County Fair Ag Day - Helen Ritchey (reported by Roselle):
• Huge success with lots of activities and 120 4-H volunteers.
• Received a letter from the SCF Manager thanking us for helping to handle the 2400 3rd graders that attended.
• Brought pictures and the letter.

Sectional Presentation Day _
• Several youth from Solano attended.
• Will need to provide judges and room hosts for state.
• Diaper drive and relay raised 335 diapers.

Camp 2011 - Betty Azwell (Valerie reporting):
• 6/21-25/2011
• Chaperone and camper slots reopened till full or 6/1/11.
• Chaperones have to be approved by 5/20/11.
• Mandatory 5/20/11 chaperone training.
• Need club waiting lists.
• In about two weeks a lottery will be used to fill slots.
• See email.

Fashion Revue – Sharon Payne:
• Held last Saturday: had 34 entries, 20 participants, 6 Clubs, 13 County winners, 6 County alternates.
• Thank you to all the judges.
• Participants would like to return to having it in Solano County. Sharon would like to take it on.
• Executive Committee will address the venue change.

Nominating Committee - Abbie Glass (reported by Helen)
• Have Area Reps for all areas but Rio Vista
• Shiela can’t sign checks anymore so we may need a new treasurer. Several volunteered to be cosigners.

Direct Marketing Campaign - Kara Payne (reported by Helen)
• The list of previous addresses is in club mailboxes for clubs to review and comment. Get feedback to Kara or Valerie by the end of the May Fair.

Old Business
Hi-4H – Sharon Payne:
• Apparently there is no interest so we won’t plan more events.

4HEROES – Colleen Bohannan:
• Plan finalized. Received $2,000 grant from 4H SET.
• Have a civil engineer that is helping with project.

Ag Day at the State Capitol - Kristin Clark-Webb, Alyson Galway-Howard, Lyle Glass:
• Alyson, Lyle and Kristin worked at the booth they shared w/ FFA.
• They brought educational displays/boards and a video for people to see.
• There were three drawings for different 4-H baskets.
• During breaks, they got to sample lots of yummy food, pick up free flowers and get lots of informational flyers.

Record Book Workshop - Jill Simmons
• Room packed
• Hope attendees take info back to clubs and teach others and help with judging.

New Business
TSC Event - Roselle
• Donate a dollar to get a paper clover with your name on it.
• Have a rewards card that returns $ to the clubs.
• On 4/30 we’ll be out there w/ animals.
• See email

Sr. Recognition - Sue Bohannan:
• Westwind Leadership Project is hosting the event on 4/28/11, here at 7pm.
• Encourage all seniors & families and others interested to come and celebrate the graduating seniors.
• We’ll have ice cream and goodies.
• Please RSVP

Council By-Laws Review (Helen):
• Need committee to work over summer.

Year End Community Leader/Executive Committee Recognition Dinner - Valerie Williams:
• Helen offered to host.
• Will poll the group to get best date.
• Could be opportunity to celebrate Carole’s retirement.

Annual Community Leader Meeting - Valerie Williams
• Need to reschedule due to Solano fair conflict will send poll.

National Volunteer Month Recognition - Valerie Williams:
• Want to recognize all of you
• County celebration 4/19/11 at the new County Building. All are welcome to attend.
• Gave out 4H pens.

Announcements
• Sheila pointed out registration deadline in calendar.
• Deb reminded everyone to send your reports.
• Next meeting is June 8, 2011.
• Dixon May Fair cleanup have 7 clubs registered and some young farmers and ranchers. Sunday 1-3. Bring rags & rakes. Please rsvp for refreshments.

Council Meeting Drawing - Deb: Andrea won the 4h bear.
Council Refreshments: June 8
Snacks & napkins: Tremont
Beverage & cups: Roving Clovers

Dates to Remember

APRIL
28 Senior Recognition Day
30 Dixon May Fair 4-H Dog Show

MAY
4-8 Dixon May Fair
7 Deadline: Newsletter
7-14 Western Regional Leaders Forum, Alaska
16 Registration Deadline, State Fashion Revue
21 Sectional Council, Sacramento County
23 Registration Deadline, State Field Day
27 Golden Clover Application Deadline
28-29 State 4-H Horse Classic Educational Contests
28 State 4-H Field Day, UC Davis
28 Memorial Day (office closed)

JUNE
1 All-Star Applications Due
8 Leaders Council Meeting
17 State Leadership Conf. Registration Deadline
17-21 California Focus, Sacramento
21-25 Summer Camp, Silver Lake
26-7/2 Washington Focus #1, Heritage Trail 1
26-7/4 Washington Focus #1, Road to Democracy

Adjournment: Kathy moved to adjourn and Sue seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.