

Leaders Council Minutes June 8, 2011

Call to order at 7:04pm

Roll Call: Deb Galway

Pledge of Allegiance: Kiersten Bakke

4-H Pledge: Colleen Bohannan

Additions to agenda: Jim Allan on the Crowing Fowl Ordinance

Jim Allan is the Solano County Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights & Measures.

- Talked about the Crowing Fowl Ordinance and how it will impact 4-H families.
- The ordinance is focused on farms where too many roosters (gamecock fighting birds) are causing a nuisance.
- Under the ordinance more than 5 roosters are not allowed unless there is an exemption.
- 4-H (and FFA) members with a legitimate project can qualify for the exemption. The birds must be banded and/or identified on the cage. Projects must keep less than 100 birds. And the project leader will have to state that the project is legitimate.
- A similar exemption is available for fertile egg operations.
- The application process is being developed. Enforcement will be on a "complaint basis".

Reports

Approval of Minutes: Noted corrections. Motion to accept by Toni Tucker ; second by Nikki Talken

Communications and Secretary's Report: Deb Galway reported:

- At the last meeting, we presented a summary of the club statistics that are submitted each month. We asked clubs to review it and provide any missing info. Thank you to those of you that followed up.
- Last week we learned that the UC ANR Office of Affirmative Action would be auditing the 4-H office records and we sent out an urgent e-mail asking clubs to update us with missing or recent statistics. Seven clubs were able to follow up and the updated summary is on the table for you to review. Note that this audit is an example of why all clubs are required to provide this info.
- In compiling this data on Monday, I noticed a couple of things. First, I received the info in roughly three forms: on the club statistics form, on the summary form and as a "word document". This led me to wonder how many of you know how to use excel or even have it on your computer? And for those that do, would it be easier to just use the summary form where you can insert rows when you have a new event to add? For those that don't what would be the easiest way for you to provide the info? It was suggested the each club be put in a separate tab,
- We still have several clubs that have reported very little or no activity this year. Now I know you are all more active than that. I'd really like to encourage you to go back in your records and get the info to me before the end of the year. Remember I need what you did, who it benefited, the date, the no. of volunteers, how much you made or collected, and the total no. of hours worked.
- Also, clubs should include information about work done by community service projects and at county wide events.
- We received a donation of \$2,055 from the Friends of Armijo Agriculture. This was money raised to support Armijo HS Agriculture and Armijo FFA. Since the program has been eliminated, they thought the 4-H SET program for students within the Fairfield-Suisun School District would be the most appropriate use of the money.

Treasurer's report: Sheila Bakke provided a written report for April & May:

- Checking opening balance on 3/31/11 = \$11,849.66 + income \$ 3,544.96 - expenses \$1,945.09 = ending balance of \$13,449.53 as of 5/31/11.
- Savings opening balance on 3/31/11 = \$18,890.75 + income \$36.47 - expense \$ 50.00 = ending balance of \$18,877.22 as of 5/31/11.

Vice President's Report: Kara Payne

- Thanked Tremont and Roving Clovers for bringing snacks & drinks.
- Sent the drawing basket around. Prize: Book of post-it notes, book mark w/ pledge and bumper sticker.

Area Representatives Reports

Dixon (Kyle Alcantara/ Roselle Ritchey/ Nikki Talken):

Dixon Ridge:

- This last month our club wrapped up all the loose ends of the year.
- We held our club officer elections for the upcoming 4-H year, discussed upcoming events, and had a small graduation party for our senior who after 14 years in 4-H will be moving on to college.
- Our club also had another record book workshop to help members wrap up their record for the year.
- We had several members show their projects at the Dixon May Fair. One of our swine project members sold their market hog at the Dixon May Fair auction to the Solano Land Trust, for their Farm Fresh Feast fundraising event.

- We have several members that are getting their projects ready to share with the public at the Solano County Fair.

Maine Prairie: This month our club:

- In May members helped at the National Veterans Cemetery placing flags at each gravesite for Memorial Weekend.
- May Fair dog show, horse show and fair were a huge success for our members so we celebrated with an ice cream social at our May meeting after we did a quick recap and evaluation of the fair.
- Swine Group had a buyer's preview to showcase their project with boards and pork dishes.
- Due to the recent disaster in Japan, we had an Earthquake Preparedness booth at the Dixon Block Party. Two representatives from the Geological Society and Office of Emergency Preparedness came to help man the booth.
- Relay for life team is getting organized.

Roving Clovers: This month our club:

- Most of our members participated in the Dixon May Fair.
- Have elected officers for the 2011/2012 year.
- Participated in the Dixon Block Party in April - we held a cupcake walk in the hopes to raise money, it didn't work out very well, raised very little money but the kids enjoyed the cupcakes and the game.
- Will be holding our End of the Year Party this week.
- Has 4 members planning to attend State Leadership Conference.
- Has several members hoping the snow stops falling in the Sierra's so 4H camp will happen.

Tremont: This month our club:

- Our officers participated at Dixon Block Party by performing a skit "If I were not a 4-Her, I would be....." & our club also had some small animals for the public to pet.
- Our club held the 2nd annual small animal barn at the Dixon May Fair. We swept, raked, filled in holes & arranged cages for the small animals. We also decorated the bottoms of the cages with different colors.
- We held our 2nd annual Spaghetti Dinner. The dinner was more successful than last year. We had tons of door prizes donated from Superior Farms, Tractor Supply, Safeway, Jaliscos, Cenario's & several parents of members donated items.
- We participated in Arbor Day by planting 4 trees at Northwest Park in Dixon.
- We had lots of members participate in Dixon May Fair. Our market lamb project won 1st place clean pen award! Our market goat group took 1st, 2nd, & 3rd in Novice Showmanship!
- Several of our members that will be participating in Solano County Fair got their animals the week after May Fair.
- We held elections at our May meeting. Installation of our new officers will be held at our End-of-the-Year potluck.
- We had 6 market lambs, 4 market goats, & 3 market swine tagged at Solano County Fair.

Wolfskill: This month our club:

- Hosted the Dixon May Fair Clean Up. 6 clubs with 52 participants and the Young Farmers and Ranchers Participated. The group weeded around the arenas and planting beds, wiped down the bleacher seats, picked up chunks of asphalt out of the roads, swept all of the barns and painted all wood paneling in the beef barn.
- We had 17 members enter items in the fair Dixon May Fair. They did a great job and learned a lot!
- We assisted in the Dixon May Fair Diaper Derby and the kids crawled their way to a successful finish. This was great fun and help raise awareness to the diaper needs at Childnet.
- The Diaper Round-Up was completed for the year and 2,000 diapers were contributed to Childnet.
- We treated moms well at the May Fair Mothers Day Tea. Members of our club and Roving Clovers recited poems and modeled our fashions while the mothers were treated to a 5 course meal.
- State 4-H Field Day was a wet affair this year. Members submitted entries in State Fashion Revue, judging and Photography shows.
- We hosted the Solano County Corner and Judges Breakfast for State Fashion Revue Judges.
- We built a garden at the Dixon Montessori School using Walnut Boxes as raised beds. This students and members involved learned about horticulture and were treated to an end of year salad party!
- Received our Official 4-H Charter!

Fairfield (Sue Bohannon/ Colleen Bohannon/Danea Gemmell)

Suisun City Champions:

- Have 7 members.
- Have drafted bylaws and constitution, & assigned officers.
- Woodworking project is making bird boxes at Erickson Ranch. Other 4-H clubs are invited to join the activity.
- Planning summer Legends Concert and Summer Music Series at the library.

Suisun Valley:

- Our Tri Tip dinner was a huge success.
- Club elections were held and we have a great group of new officers.
- The project leaders sang a song to the club members summarizing all the projects and what you do in that project. It was a great hit and we had a lot of fun doing it.
- Awards were presented for Motivation for Participation to members who had attended the most 4-H events throughout the year.

- We recognized two seniors who will be leaving our club.
- All officers were presented with their officer pins.
- We look forward to our year end pool party in June.

Westwind: This month our club:

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

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Vacaville (Kristin Clark-Web/Tricia Kash)

Elmira: No report

Golden Hills: No report

Vaca Valley:

- April, We had members attend the Dixon May Fair Clean up as a Community Pride
- April, Our leadership group went to the City Council Meeting in Vacaville and learned about some of our local issues
- May, Almost all of our members participated in the Dixon May Fair's events and competitions
- May, we have 2 members of our club applying for All Star, which is Kristin Clark-Webb and Tricia Kash

Vallejo (Sharon Payne/Madeleine Kavanagh/Rachel Kavanagh)

Sherwood Forest: In our club:

- Participated at Loma Vista Farm's Spring Festival with a bake sale, animal docents, and 4-H info table.
- We have two senior graduates, one eighth graduate
- Volunteered at VALCORE Recycling.
- Held officer elections, recognized 100% attendance members, gave year stripes at club meeting.
- Member Juliana Payne held a Foods & Nutrition Field Day at county office as her Emerald Star Project.
- Leadership had their year end fun trip to Boomers in Livermore.
- Our year end party scheduled for 6/21.

Staff reports

Valerie Williams, 4-H Youth Development Program Representative:

- Bank Statements were e-mailed yesterday. Please acknowledge that you received them.
- Got a request for assistance with the MS program in Lagoon Valley.
- Sacramento 4-H has opened their horse show to Solano County.
- Sectional ended before awards were distributed due to rain. Awards are being sent to each County and will be coming shortly.

Sheila Bakke, 4-H Military Partnership Program Representative:

- Working on group enrollment from the base.
- Set date for training.
- Waiting on curriculum from the State office.

Jill Simmons & Sally Moore, 4-H SET Community Coordinators:

- End of year for after school programs.
- Will be at two events over the summer: Dixon Summer Reading Party and Vacaville Museum.
- Will be back in Dixon and Vallejo next year. Need a school in Fairfield. Also want to do Federal Terrace in Vallejo.
- Next training 9/9/11 & 9/10/11 for high school youth.

Carole Paterson, 4-H Youth Development Advisor:

- State review in preparation for a future audit happened yesterday. It focused on helping staff prepare.
- Valerie & Carole were interviewed to find out what they are doing to make the program available to all youth.
- Were able to show club documentation and impressed reviewer. We have an obligation to prove to the public that this publicly funded organization is going out of its way to do outreach.
- This is your (youth) organization. SET is one of the ways we can do that.

Presentations

Lyle Glass (Emerald Star): Is 4H for you? Is a power point presentation intended to promote 4H to new members. There is also a flyer to hand out.

Juliana Payne (Emerald Star): Absent. Juliana put on a Foods and Nutrition Field Day on May 14th. There was lunch, activities, and games.

Kiersten Bakke (Emerald Star): Science in a box activity kit. 50 activities in 7 categories with thought provoking questions. Each club will get one box.

Special Presentations

Lynne Burns Memorial 4-H Scholarship - Alyson Galway-Howard & Carson Wignall

Retirement: Carole Paterson, 4-H Youth Development Advisor

- Kara presented flowers and thanked Carole for all her years of service.
- Carole is staying on as an emeritus faculty to help with SET program
- Evan Poston won Outstanding Exhibitor at the May Fair for his woodworking project, a "canister".

Committee Reports

Incentive & Recognition Committee – Kathy Brown/Jill Simmons -

- Four Emerald Star applicants have completed their Emerald Star projects: Tricia Kash a power point presentation on Presentation Education; Lyle Glass a power point presentation on Is 4-H for you?; Kiersten Bakke on Science in a Box; and Juliana Payne held a Foods and Nutrition Field Day. All have done a great job. Copies of their Emerald Star projects will be in the 4-H library.
- All-Star Ambassador applications were due June 1, 2011 to the 4-H office, we received 4 applications. Interviews will be held sometime during the week of June 20th – June 24th. Once a date has been confirmed, the candidates will be notified.
- Record Book E-mail from Jill. Handed out draft judging policy and judging form. Agreed to widen blue range and also allow books that are close to gold to be revised by youth and resubmitted.

Expansion & Review - Jill Simmons -

- Still a few clubs in staff hands will be finished over summer
- Clubs need to work hard on outreach reports. Two clubs were missing outreach reports. Include everything you do over the summer before turning in.

Sectional Council Report - Kathy Brown/Alice Elder/Colleen Bohannon

- The Sectional Council meeting was held May 21st at the Sacramento County UCCE office:
- Family Consumer Science Day will be held November 5, 2011 at the San Joaquin County office. Sectional Council is looking for both adult and youth members to help plan this event.
- Citizenship Conference Weekend will be held October 22 – 23, 2011 at the Sonoma County 4-H Center. Cost will be \$40. Registration begins in August and applications will be online at http://cesonoma.Ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/4-H_and_Activities.
- CAL Conference will be held January 27th - 29th, 2012 at Walker Creek; cost has not been determined.
- The North Central Sectional Council is in charge of hosting the next State Leader's Forum at Asilomar this year. The conference will be held November 11th -13th, 2011. The planning committee is looking for more volunteers to help put on this conference.
- Future meetings will be: September 7th – Solano County office; November 19th – Contra Costa County office in Pleasant Hill, and February 18th, 2012 – Sonoma County office.

Year End Audit - Janelle Alcantara reported for Roselle Ritchey - Due 7/20

Direct Marketing Campaign - Kara Payne: Lists were distributed last month. Need to hear by next week on changes. We'll stuff envelopes at Leaders Appreciation Dinner.

Council By-laws and Constitution - Sue Bohannon/Andrea Kett/Helen Ritchey

- Working over the summer.

Camp 2011 - Betty Azwell (Valerie reporting):

- Canceled due to snow. Refunds coming soon.
- Thanks to Betty for all the hard work.

Senior Recognition Report - Sue Bohannon

- Westwind Leadership Project hosted the event on 4/28/11. We served ice cream, brownies and other treats.
- It was well attended by seniors, families and friends who came to celebrate the graduating seniors.
- Thanks to Kiersten and Colleen for hosting it.

Old Business

Year End Community Leader/Executive Committee Recognition Dinner - Valerie Williams:

- Helen Ritchey is hosting on June 28th at Happy Ranch 6:30.
- Spouses cash only no checks.
- Will send out electronic sign up.
- Looking at Buckhorn Catering and RNB Barbeque.

4HEROES – Colleen Bohannon:

- We've been working for two years and have completed phase one including surveying (5k), plans (10K), grants (3 successful - 4K), ordered statue.
- We need a lot more help to do phase 2. Need committee chairs and people to help with planning process including monthly meetings.
- Carole drew the process on board.
- Now need to build & place planter boxes (6), concrete , pathway, native plants, pedestal.
- Stage 3 is barbeque, entertainment area, exercise area. That will be done by others.
- Planning meeting to organize.

New Business

Achievement Night - Vacaville

- 10/6/11, Thurs

Harvest Fair - Rio Vista

- 10/21/11 Fri

Mandatory Community Leader Meeting - Valerie Williams

- 8/10/11
- Treasurer workshop 8/17. All signers and Treasurer Advisor must come.

Fenton's Creamery Fundraiser - Helen Ritchey

- We received an e-mail from Fentons. They are sponsoring Solano County 4-H during the month of June.
- 25% of Maude's Sundae sales will be donated to be used for scholarships for kids who can't afford to join 4-H.
- They want 4-Hers to be at a table for outreach from noon to 3 on the weekends.
- Deb, Alyson & Kristen will chair.

SLC Scholarship Requests - Helen Ritchey

- 4 applicants will receive funding.

Dixon May Fair Discussion (www.rodeo10.com) - Helen Ritchey

- Meeting will be held in July to discuss issues.
- Auction pictures @ www.rodeo10.com

Election of Officers – Valerie for Abbie Glass

- Nominations include:
 - ✓ President: Helen Ritchey
 - ✓ Vice President: Kara Payne
 - ✓ Secretary: Deb Galway
 - ✓ Treasurer: Sheila Bakke
 - ✓ Area Representatives:
 - ✓ Vallejo Rachel Kavanagh-Youth
 - ✓ Madeleine Kavanagh-Adult
 - ✓ Vacaville Kristin Clark-Webb-Youth
 - ✓ Vickie Pringle - Adult
 - ✓ Dixon Kyle Alcantara-Youth
 - ✓ Nikki Talken-Youth
 - ✓ Roselle Ritchey - Adult
 - ✓ Fairfield/Suisun Meredith Gemmell -Youth
 - ✓ Juliet Gemmell - Youth
 - ✓ Danae Gemmell - Adult
 - ✓ Rio Vista: Jeremy Reiss -Youth
 - ✓ Irene Reiss - Adult
- Nominations from floor – none.
- Slate approved by acclamation.

Announcements

- Send reports by efile.
- Program fees are going up

Council Meeting Drawing - Kara: Toni won.

Council Refreshments: September 14 Snacks & napkins:
Beverage & cups:

Dates to Remember

JUNE

- 17 State Leadership Conf. Registration Deadline
- 17-21 California Focus, Sacramento
- 21-25 Summer Camp, Silver Lake – **CANCELED!!**
- 28 Annual Community Leader/Executive Recognition Dinner

JULY

- 1 Deadline for Newsletter Articles
- 4 Independence Day (office closed)
- 6 Solano County Fair Entry Deadline
- 14-31 California State Fair
- 20 Treasurer, Secretary, Reporter, Historian & Newsletter Books Due
- 27 County Treasurer Audit
- 28-31 State Leadership Conf., UC Davis

AUGUST

- 3-7 Solano County Fair
- 5 Deadline for Newsletter Articles
- 10 Mandatory Community Leaders Mtg.
- 10 County Record Books & Year End Packet Due
- 17 Mandatory Treasurer Workshop
- 24 -25 County Record Book Judging

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Labor Day (office closed)
- 7 Executive Meeting
- 14 Leaders Council Meeting

OCTOBER

- 5 Executive Meeting
- 6 Achievement Night – Vacaville
- 21 Harvest Fair – Rio Vista

Adjournment: Kyle moved to adjourn and Alyson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.