

Leaders Council Minutes June 13, 2012

Call to order: 7:05 pm.

Roll Call: Deb Galway.

Pledge of Allegiance: Tara Ritchey

4-H Pledge: Gabi Alcantara

Additions to agenda: Add Fenton's Fundraiser, Sectional Citizenship Weekend & Fashion Review. Delete Nominating Committee.

Introduction & Welcome: Helen Ritchey.

Reports

Approval of Minutes: No corrections. Motion to accept by Joanna Meyer; second by Abbie Glass; carried.

Communications and Secretary's Report: Deb Galway reported:

- I want to thank those clubs that sent me their monthly reports and remind those that haven't to get them in ASAP.
- I haven't received much on community service & SET activities. Please get those in ASAP so I can compile the year end data.
- Note we've started receiving thank you notes from Dixon May Fair.

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

- Checking opening balance on 3/31/12 = \$9,209.97 + income \$ 8,437.80 - expenses \$1,327.55 = ending balance of \$16,320.22 as of 5/31/12.
- Savings opening balance on 3/31/12 = \$21,991.55 + income \$90.48 - expense \$15.00 = ending balance of \$22,067.03 as of 5/31/12.

Vice President's Report: Kara Payne

- Thanked Elmira and Westwind for bringing snacks & drinks.
- Sent the drawing basket around. Prize: 4H Cup & Bumper Sticker .

Area Representatives Reports

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

Dixon Ridge: During May & June our club:

- Was busy. We had almost our whole club show their projects at the Dixon May Fair.
- We held nominations for next year's club officers.
- We held a record book workshop on formatting and how to put the book together.
- We held a breakfast food drive for Dixon Family Services.
- We held our annual "End of Year" party.

Maine Prairie: In May & June, our club:

- Many members helped out with the clean-up project at the Fairgrounds on April 15th.
- Swine Group had their annual Buyers' Preview showcasing their projects and recipes.
- Members did well at the May Fair Dog Show, Horse Show and Dixon May Fair.
- Members helped at the National Cemetery placing flags on all the sites.
- The Relay for Life Team had someone on the track all 24 hours and raised around \$1,500. Donations can still be made so we are hoping to increase that amount.
- Mrs. Crumplebottom of the Dixon 4-H team won the crown as the 2012 Miss Dixon Relay.

Roving Clovers: In May & June, our club:

- Had many members attend State Presentation Day at UC Davis. Many won gold there.
- Nearly our entire club participated in the Dixon May Fair
- Several of our members will be attending 4H camp next week
- Several members will be participating in the CA State Fair next month with market poultry, rabbits, poultry and dogs
- Even more members will be participating in the Solano County Fair in August
- One member has plans to attend the State Leadership Conference in San Diego in August.
- 10 of our members joined forces with the other Dixon 4H Clubs to form a "mighty" team at the Dixon Relay for Life. 2 of our members were on the track for the entire 24 hours, our team raised over \$1500 for the American Cancer Society, we took turns pulling a pony cart around the track for \$1/lap and made well over \$100. One of our adult members competed in the "Miss Dixon" Relay pageant and won 1st place by receiving \$640 in his purse during his lap around the track!

Tremont: This month our club:

- Several members participated in Solano County Fashion Revue.
- Several members participated in Travis Credit Union "Mad Money".
- Went to Vacaville Nut Tree Airport for their monthly "Fly Day".

- Had a member participate in State Presentation Day @ UC Davis.
- Many of our members participated in Dixon May Fair.
- Held officer elections.
- Leadership presentation: a skit about "Respect" at our club meeting. The whole club participated.
- Several members went to "Angel Island". They took a ferry from Vallejo to Angel Island.
- Participated in Solano County Fair tagging.
- Leadership Project went to "Rocknasium".
- Held End-of-Year Potluck & new officer induction.

Wolfskill: This month our club:

- Dixon May Fair Clean up was a great success and a Solano County Fair clean up is currently being planned.
- 34 members participated in the Dixon May Fair. They created interaction areas for the general public & worked as a team.
- Members contributed 150 pillowcases to the State 4-H Pillowcase challenge.
- 7 members participated in State 4-H Field Day.
- 67 guests and members joined us for Tea. Members hosted a fashion show & recited poetry for entertainment.
- 3 members appeared on Good Day Sacramento in studio to showcase hog calling and 4 members were interviewed and appeared on channel 10 and 3 with their animals.
- Several members were showcased in Fair articles including the Herald, Patch, Dixon Tribune & Vacaville Reporter.
- Members had a great time reviewing the year and celebrating at the End of Year Party.
- 7 members participated in Solano County Fashion Revue.
- 5 members contributed animals and activities for 3 local school science days.
- Members tagged their animals at Solano County Fairground in preparation for the fair.

Fairfield (Heidi Hall for Meredith Gemmell/ Juliet Gemmell/ Danae Gemmell)

Suisun Valley: This month our club:

- We held our annual Tri-Tip BBQ and Auction, our biggest fundraiser of the year for our club. We set a goal to make \$4,800 and are very happy to report we netted \$6,500. We will use some of these funds to help fund our club scholarships.
- We had 5 families attend the Dixon May Fair Clean Up and enjoyed the painting and camaraderie. The livestock area looks better each year.
- We had many members exhibit at the Dixon May Fair in woodworking, leatherworking, swine, guinea pigs, photography and arts and crafts
- We held a club record book workshop, the members that came left inspired to do a good job.
- We had three people attend the 4-Heroes ground breaking ceremony
- We had one person show at the County Fashion Revue
- We held our club elections and filled most of our positions, the rest were filled by appointment after the meeting.
- We had 3 members attend State Presentation Day, with one getting Gold, the others blue.
- We had one member, Jacob Hall, complete their Emerald Star Project.
- We held our end of the year pool party with over 70 attending. It was perfect weather, good food and all had a good time.

Westwind: No report presented. Report received afterwards follows. This month our club:

- Westwind hosted Solano County Senior Recognition Night.
- Several of our youth entered in the Dixon May Fair.
- Had Fun in The Sun Event: Kids had very fun time.
- Gave Thank You gifts to officers and Project leaders.
- Wished a Senior good luck in college and she would be very missed.
- Elected next year officers.

Rio Vista (Joanna Myer)

Rio Vista: This month our club:

- For Earth Day we cleaned up trash at Sandy Beach County Park
- Members continued to bring in donations for the County Animal Shelter
- Dixon May Fair highlights include: Reserve Champion Market Goat, pen of 3 market goats overall champion, champion commercial breeding ewe, Reserve Champion pen of 3 market lambs, Bread Making earned 5 1st place ribbons, Arts & Crafts received 26 1st place ribbons, 7 2nd place ribbons & had 2 items in the auction and Photography earned 3 1st place ribbons and 3 2nd place ribbons.
- Held a record book shop
- In June we helped Ace Hardware celebrate their 60th anniversary. The youth helped serve hot dogs & sodas and helped youth paint ceramic flower pots to take home.

Vacaville (Kristin Clark-Web/Vickie Pringle)

Elmira: No report presented. The following report was submitted after the meeting:

During April our club:

- Turned in our final exhibit forms into the fair before the deadline on April 6.
- Had several members attend Fashion revue. We had one county winner and one alternate. Everybody involved had a wonderful time. Fashion Revue was very well done this year and the members cannot wait until the next one!
- We had three families attend the Dixon Mayfair cleanup. We shoveled out the barns and swept them clean, did some planting, and painted the rabbit/poultry barn with a lovely shade of new paint. Everyone was rewarded with a hotdog, chips, and a drink. The fairgrounds looked wonderful for fair.
- The Community Leaders from Elmira attended the Senior Recognition Night to applaud our two seniors that are leaving this year. Only one member was able to attend, but it was wonderful seeing him and the other clubs' members giving their mini speeches and showing off their picture boards.
- One of our leaving members gave a farewell speech at our April meeting and said he would like to return as the photography leader next year and said that he really enjoyed his time in 4-H.

During May, our club:

- Our members were in a flurry to get their animals all ready for the fair. There was much preparation including getting together tack boxes and shaving lambs, and getting all our animals show ready.
- Our club members showed lambs, goats, and poultry. We even won third place clean pen award for the sheep barn.
- We held our annual fair barbeque the day before the fair. This time we held it in the Hall Park. Everybody came and shared their favorite dishes and meat to grill. Also the younger children were able to play on the park equipment while the adults and teens hung out.
- We had a member attend the State field day and bring home a gold! We are all proud of her!

During June, our club:

- Our club held our end of the year barbeque. Here we reminisced about the past 4H year and changes or improvements we wanted to make next year, including more recruiting and having a better beginning 4H project. We also emphasized that all record books and treasurer's, secretaries book etc. must be turned in no later than July 15 at the Community Leaders house so that we could ensure everything got in on time.
- Our community Leaders attended the Leaders Council Dinner at Happy Ranch. It was a fun filled night full of food, good cheer, and stuffing envelopes for the direct market.

Vaca Valley: During May, our club:

- We had several members attend the Animal Ethics Training.
- At our last community meeting, our program was a Fashion Revue \$20 Challenge, we had members present their outfits that they got for we \$20 or less.
- We held a fun event on April 28th which was attending the Rocknasium.
- Our community pride for the month was helping out at the Dixon May Fair Clean Up, which we also have a lot of members attending the Dixon May Fair to either present their still life projects or to show off their animals.
- Vaca Valley's 4Heros committee is doing very well in raising money and collecting donations. They recently held fundraisers at Cultive and Just Cakin It.
- We have two graduating Seniors this year, Kristin Clark-Webb will be returning to complete her alumni year and Tricia Kash will be moving on to be fully enrolled at Sacramento State University.

During June, our club:

- Our leadership group is planning the Leaders Appreciation Luncheon as well as the End of the Year Party. This year it will be held at Pena Adobe.
- At our community meeting in May our program was holding elections for the new 4-H year. At this meeting we also said goodbye to Tricia Kash who has been in our club for 13 years.
- One of our small community prides was helping west wind with their clothing drive. We had many members bring gently used clothing to the May Community Meeting.
- In the month of June Vaca Valley will be participating in the Relay for Life at Vacaville High School.
- We wish the best of luck to those members participating.

Vallejo (Madeleine Kavanagh/Rachel Kavanagh/Gloria Gonzalez)

Sherwood Forest: During April/May, our club:

- This month, our club hosted Fashion Review. We had 9 participants.
- One member went on to State Fashion Review

During May/June, our club:

- Had our officer elections.
- We had 2 members participate in the Dixon May Fair Dog Show.
- Two members attended the ground breaking ceremony for 4-HEROES.
- We had a record book workshop on May 10.
- 3 members participated in State Presentation Day.
- One member applied for County All-Star for next year and she will be attending SLC.
- We will be having our year end party next week at Blue Rock Springs Park.

Staff reports

4-H Youth Development Program Representative - Valerie Williams:

- I'm on leave for next week. Please be sure to make an appointment before coming to make sure someone is here and items are ready.
- We received a reminder about the Program Year ending 6/30/12. Those adult leaders that have not completed the requirements to get approved will be dropped. They will have to start over again next year. Last minute enrollments need to go in as well.

4-H Military Partnership Program Representative - Valerie Williams for Sheila Bakke:

- May Fair went well with State Military Staff participating along with youth for Leader and Robotics Training.
- The military youth enrollment process has changed. Doing the standard enrollment process will be a challenge next year.

4-H SET Community Coordinators – Helen Ritchey & Gloria Gonzalez:

- New Coordinators will be Gloria Gonzalez and Angelina Gonzalez.
- Angelina and I had a booth at Genentech for their “Genentech Gives Back” expo this week (June 13) sharing information about SET and 4-H. Carole Patterson was with us. She spoke with the person from Genentech who reviews the grant requests and he seemed very interested in our SET program. Carole will be sending him a proposal by the end of this month. We had a few people interested in 4-H and received contact information from them. We handed out flyers to individuals wanting more information about our programs.
- We will be participating at a Science Camp in Suisun at the Salvation Army Center July 9-13.
- We will also be participating at the Vacaville Museum for their “Annual Children’s Party” on August 2.
- We are hoping to have our first training in August.

Committee Reports

Incentive & Recognition Committee – Kathy Brown:

- Jacob Hall has finished presenting his Emerald Star project Teaching the Life Cycle of a Chicken to Elementary School kids and is finalizing his final report. Carolyn Elder has been busy working on her Recreational book for clubs.
- The 2012-2013 Emerald Star application will be posted to the Solano Notes website this summer.
- All-Star Ambassador Applications were due June 1, 2012 to the 4-H office. We received 1 application and the interview was held earlier tonight before the council meeting. Once a decision has been made, the candidate will be notified.
- The I&R committee awarded one Lynne Burns Memorial Scholarship this past year to Kristin Clark Webb of Vacaville 4-H Club.

Expansion & Review/Council By-Laws & Constitution - Helen Ritchey:

- Will be working on council documents this summer to bring to the group in September.
- A couple of clubs are still outstanding.

North Central Sectional Council - Tacy Currey/Kathy Brown:

- The last Sectional 4-H Council Meeting was held May 19, 2012 in Sonoma County.
- The meeting was broadcast via Adobe Connect and allows others to participate in the meeting as well as the committee meetings if they are unable to physically attend.
- The Sectional Presentation Day went well and we reviewed the next year plan. UC Davis will be charging for room use next year, so this will have to be factored into the use of the hall.
- Sectional Citizenship weekend is scheduled for September 29 & 30th at the Center for Land-Based Learning in Solano County. The weekend will be tailored around direct civic action and host some guests to discuss how civic needs can be turned into community driven actions. This event has a cap of 50 participants and will cost \$45.00.
- Family Consumer Sciences Day is scheduled for November 3, 2012.
- CAL Conference Planning is well underway. The Conference will be held at Walker Creek Ranch on January 25-27, 2013. Start encouraging your youth to plan if they intend to apply as a cabin leader or speaker.
- North Central Section is now on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/groups/NCSection4H/> please join to receive updated information.

Sectional Citizenship Weekend - Spencer Currey

- The event will be September 29 & 30 in Winters at the Center for Land-Based Learning on Putah Creek.
- Youth 13 and up are invited to attend. The cost is \$45.
- Activities will teach kids how to create an action plan to mobilize community action.
- There are 50 slots. Applications are due September 5 and will be assigned on a 1st come/ 1st serve basis.

Audit Committee - Roselle Ritchey:

- Books are due 7/18.
- Make sure you've cashed all checks.
- We need experienced leaders to audit club books.

4HEROES - Deb Galway/Team Leaders:

- Held a Ground Breaking Ceremony in May. It was well attended and we had several supervisors, Mayor Price and several National Guard Command Officers.

- Construction staking was completed last week and materials needed for the rough grading and erosion control have been delivered. We hope the rough grading will begin early next week.
- Donations have slowed down. The Vacaville team has just about run out of people to contact. A team from Elmira has stepped up and we've asked them to work with the Dixon Team. And we have a new team in Suisun Valley. So we're hoping that the donations will pick back up.
- No news in Vallejo.
- In Vacaville, Emma put together a contest for youth that get the most donations in the month of June. Prizes include a 3 Month membership to In-Shape, tickets to Discovery kingdom and Fresh Choice and more.
- Forbes family stepped forward in Suisun Valley.

Senior Recognition - Colleen Bohannan

- We had about 40 people and it was a nice affair.
- We need someone to step up for next year.

Fashion Revue - Sharon Payne

- We had lots of positive comments. Every one (judges, staff, participants) thought it went great.
- We had a great turnout and are willing to do it again next year since Vallejo has another bye year.
- Will put it rotation so goes to next city with a bye year.
- Solano County won the pillow case challenge with 230 pillow cases for State Fashion Review.

Old Business

Animal Ethics Workshop - Vicki Pringle & Kristin Clark-Webb

- Had 15 youth, 7 adults attend. Presenters included two veterinarians & Morgan Doran. There was lots of good info.
- The kids learned a lot. We had lots of good eats.
- The Presenters enjoyed interacting with youth.
- Helen will help Vicki do it again next year; hopefully earlier in the year.

4-H Camp 2012 – Trish San Nicholas for Heidi Johnson & Linda Black:

- It will be held 6/18 - 6/21 at Camp Sylvester near Sonora.
- We had enough spots for 14 kids and 2 chaperones (female).
- Held orientation tonight (upstairs) & worked out carpools.
- We'll look for a report in fall from Savanna.
- Executive Committee voted to pay for chaperones to go - similar to other events.
- We have money left from Washington Focus to cover it.
- Sharon Payne moved to transfer money from Washington Focus to 4-H Camp for the Chaperones; Vicki Pringle 2nd ; Motion carried.

Direct Marketing Campaign - Kara Payne:

- We'll be stuffing envelopes at the Council dinner.
- Need lists of edits by next Wed 6/20.

Tractor Supply Event - Vicki Pringle & Roselle Ritchey

- Didn't have good showing on Saturday.
- Had 10-12 on Sunday doing presentations and showing displays and what 4-H is about.
- Paper clover campaign earned \$522,837 nationwide.
- Next Paper Clover Campaign will be in the fall.
- Each club could submit a picture for the photo contest. Vicki took one of the orphan kitten project at their Tractor Supply event. Waiting to hear about placing.

Solano County Dog Show - Vickie Pringle

- We're getting judges together
- Will need at least 10 participating to hold the show.
- It will be 8/1/12 at 9 am at the Solano County Fairgrounds.
- Classes will be Canine, Good Citizen, Showmanship & Obedience.
- Entries are due 7/2/12.

End of Year Council Recognition Event - Deb Galway & Kara Payne

- Doodle Poll went out to everyone plus a few special guests.
- The event will be June 28th at 6:30 at Helen Ritchey's; hopefully the weather will cooperate this time.
- It will be catered by Buckhorn with a menu of: Tri Tip, BBQ Chicken, Mixed Green Salad, & Granny Smith Apple Coleslaw or Sweet Broccoli Bacon Salad; and Multi Grain Rolls w/Butter.
- Held a straw poll on the salad choices. The Coleslaw won.
- RSVP Deadline is 6/21/12.

New Business

Fenton's Fundraiser - Deb Galway

- Fenton's is doing a month long fundraiser for Solano County 4-H similar to last year.
- This time it will be in July and they'd like us to have 4-Hers there in uniform on the weekends.

- The especially want us there on July 15 which is National Ice Cream Day.
- Need an adult and youth to take this on. It was decided to have a different club take responsibility for each Saturday or Sunday in July. Westwind took 7/22. Rio Vista took 7/8. Sherwood Forest took 7/1. Roving Clovers took 7/14. Wolfskill took 7/15. The rest were asked to check their calendars and respond to a follow up e-mail from Deb.

Camp Scholarship Fund – Sharon Payne

- We wanted to establish a perpetual fund for Camp Counselors in honor of Valerie Williams and Kelly Fletcher's Mom.
- There was lots of support. We'll be working on details over the summer.

SLC Scholarship Requests - Valerie Williams

- Requests were due the 1st Wednesday of June.
- We have 2 on-time and 1 late requests.
- There are sufficient funds in the account for all three.
- Kristen moved, Toni Tucker 2nd to accept the late request; motion carried.
- Payment and registration is on line and open now. Attendees should sign up quickly to secure a spot.
- Registration for the Sessions will be separate.
- The conference will be at UC San Diego.

Election of Officers for 2012-2013 Year - Kara Payne

- Kara presented the slate of candidates: President - Tacy Currey, Sharon Payne; VP - Helen Ritchey; Secretary - Deb Galway; Treasurer - Sheila Bakke; VV Area Rep - Vickie Pringle; Dixon Area Rep - Roselle Ritchey, Kyle Alcantara, Nikki Talken; RV Area Rep - Joanna Meyer.
- Kara asked for nominations from the floor. There were none.
- We voted for President, votes were tallied, and Sharon Payne was elected.
- Tacy Currey was nominated for VP.
- We voted for VP, votes were tallied and Helen Ritchey was elected.
- Discussion occurred about whether second year officers could run again. According to the By Laws, a second year officer can only run again if there are no other candidates.
- Tacy Currey was nominated for Secretary and Andrea Kett was nominated for Treasurer.
- Since both the Secretary and Treasurer were second year officers, Tacy Currey and Andrea Kett were elected to Secretary and Treasurer respectively along with the Area Rep candidates.
- So, the new officers for 2012-2013 will be: President - Sharon Payne; VP - Helen Ritchey; Secretary - Tacy Currey; Treasurer - Andrea Kett; Dixon Area Rep - Roselle Ritchey, Kyle Alcantara, Nikki Talken; RV Area Rep - Joanna Myer; VV Area Rep - Vickie Pringle.
- Vacant Area Rep positions are Rio Vista - Youth; Vacaville - Youth; Fairfield/Suisun - Youth & Adult; Vallejo Youth & Adult.
- Sue Bohannon moved to accept the list as presented, Toni Tucker 2nd ; Motion carried.

Refreshments & Meeting Drawing - Kara Payne

- Council Meeting Prize: Deb won the Cup & Sticker.
- Council Refreshments: June: Snacks & Napkins - Elmira/ Drinks & Cups - Westwind
September: Snacks & Napkins - Rio Vista/ Drinks & Cups - Tremont

Announcements:

Dates to Remember

June

18-21 Summer Camp

July

2 Solano County Fair Entry Deadline

4 Independence Day-Office closed

6 Deadline Newsletter Articles

12-29 California State Fair

18 Club Officer Books Due – Secty, Treas, Newsletter, Reporter & Historian

18-22 CA State 4-H Horse Classic, Elk Grove

25 County Treasurer Audit

August

1-5 Solano County Fair

3 Deadline for Newsletter Articles

8 Mandatory Community Leaders Meeting

8 Cnty Record Books & Year-End packet due

9-12 State Leadership Conf., UC San Diego

15 Mandatory Treasurer Workshop

22-23 County Record Book Judging

July

2 Deadline Solano County Fair Entries

4 Independence Day-Office closed

6 Deadline Newsletter Articles

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25 County Treasurer Audits

Adjournment: Joanna Meyer moved to adjourn; Abbie Glass seconded; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted July 25, 2012 by Debra M. Galway, Secretary.

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