

Leaders Council Minutes June 9, 2010

Call to order at 7:02 pm

Roll Call:	Deb Galway
Pledge of Allegiance:	Nikki Talken
4-H Pledge:	Grace Stark
Additions to agenda:	None

Reports

Approval of Minutes: No Corrections. Motion to accept by Sandy Means, second by Kathy Brown.

Communications and Secretary's Report: Deb Galway for Nora Salet.

- No new correspondence
- Requested Club Reports be provided electronically to Deb.

Treasurer's report: Sheila Bakke provided a written report for April 1, 2010 to May 31, 2010.

- Checking opening balance on 3/31/10 = \$7,885.47 + income \$1,256.06 - expenses \$1,122.89 = ending balance of \$8,018.64 as of 5/31/10.
- Savings opening balance on 3/31/10 = \$17,743.01 + income \$3.16 - expense \$0.00 = ending balance of \$17,746.07 as of 5/31/10.

Vice President's Report: Jill Simmons thanked Elmira for bringing snacks/napkins and Maine Prairie for bringing drinks/cups.

Area Representatives Reports

Dixon (Rebecca Ivanusich/Lauren Kett/Helen Ritchey/Roselle Ritchey):

Dixon Ridge: This month our club has been busy. We had several members show their projects at the Dixon May Fair. Our club had an informational booth at the Anderson Elementary School Open House. Our leadership project manned the information table. While 2 of our rabbit project members set up a table with their rabbits and display boards. At our meeting we held our election for our 2010-11 club officers and said goodbye to our graduating seniors. Our community service project was a breakfast food drive for Dixon Family Services.

Maine Prairie: Swine Project had their first ever "Buyers Preview" in April which was held at the Veteran's Hall. Potential buyers, friends and family were invited. Each member prepared a pork dish and brought their display boards. The members were stationed at their dish so that they could talk to the attendees. May Fair was great. All members did really well in showcasing what they had learned all year in their projects. A focus of ours was to be sure to be available to answer questions of the fairgoers.

We had an Ice Cream Social and game night for our May meeting. The members really enjoyed the chance to interact more.

The organizers of the National Cemetery put a call out to the youth groups of Dixon and surrounding areas to help with the placing of over 5,200 flags on the gravesites for Memorial Weekend. Several members went out on Thursday evening to help. It was quite impressive to see the Cemetery when they were done. Members also came out after the weekend to help remove the flags and wrap them for storage.

The plans for the Dixon 4-H Relay for Life team are almost complete. We are teaming up with the Bosom Buddies of Solano County to stuff heart shaped pillows that are then distributed to surgery patients at over 6 area hospitals. The pillows are placed between the seat belt and the incision area for protection and comfort. Hard to believe that after a couple more project meetings, record book workshops, Solano County Fair and the State Fair the 2009-10 4-H year will be complete.

Roving Clovers: Most of our members participated in the Dixon May Fair with their animals or still life. One of our members won the Senior Small Animal supreme Showmanship class. Several were in contention for both Supreme Small and Large Animal Showmanship. New officers for 2010/2011 were elected. We held an End of the Year Party at the home of a member and many families attended the pot luck BBQ. As an incentive for members to turn in record books this year we have decided to give the first three members to turn in a book a \$10 gift card to Big Spoon Yogurt and the next 7 members will receive a \$5 gift card to Big Spoon.

Our leadership group will be attending several end of the year functions this month: a tour of the Governor's Mansion and the State Capitol, a first aid course, and they have helped stock the shelves at the St Peter's Food Bank. We have a few members who will be participating in the Solano County Fair with livestock, and a few who will be competing at the California State Fair in July.

Many of our members helped at the VA National Cemetery on Midway Rd in Vacaville distributing American flags just prior to Memorial Day last month, and then returned the following Tuesday to remove the flags from the grave sites. Our club will once again be supporting the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Dixon this weekend. Three of the

Dixon 4H clubs have formed a Relay team, aptly called "Dixon 4-H". Our team members have been busy raising money for the American Cancer Society and will be out on the track for 24 hours this sat. Please consider making even a small donation to this worthy cause and or coming out and walking with us! New faces do help the miles seem shorter. Two of our members will be guest speakers at the Luminaria Ceremony on Saturday evening.

Community Service: we collected several pair of used eyeglasses for the Lion's Club, two large bags of canned food for the St Peter's Food Bank in Dixon, one large bag of used printer cartridges for the Cartridges for Kids.

Tremont: Since our last report, Tremont 4-H Club passed their by-laws and constitution. We also had election of officers for the 2010-2011 club year. We modeled our election after state/federal elections using individual ballots, voting booths and "I Voted Stickers". We welcomed the newly elected officers to the last officer meeting of the year. This was followed by a swim party with root beer floats and cookies. Installation of new officers will be at our end of year Pot Luck and Business meeting on June 16.

On Tuesday, May 25, Kaylee Lindgren and Hannah Crawford-Stewart were honored by the Solano County Supervisors with a Resolution of Appreciation for their participation in the Children's Network's Community Diaper Drive. They collected donated diapers for needy families throughout the club year. We are proud of their work in this project.

We will participate in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life again this year with the Dixon 4-H Team on June 12-13. We appreciate any donations to this cause. The web site is dixonrelay.org/index.

We had a club Record Book Workshop to help our members complete their Record Books.

Again this year, for Arbor Day, the club planted several trees in a Dixon park. They also organized a successful work day for all Dixon 4-H clubs at the Dixon May Fair. They cleaned, painted, planted, and set-up the small animal barn so that it would be in tip-top shape for the fair. One of our supporters made cut-outs of a rabbit and a rooster to put in the windows above the entrance. Many of our members put entries in live stock, arts and crafts, sewing, and horticulture in the May Fair and earned many awards. They are looking forward to the Solano Fair and then, maybe, a little rest before 4-H Camp.

But before we take that rest, we will have our planning meeting for the coming new club year.

Fairfield (Brady Baldwin/Danea Gemmell)

Suisun Valley: In April, Suisun Valley 4-H prepared and conducted our main fundraiser, our annual tri-tip dinner. The 4-H members made and auctioned off over 50 items made by 4-H members including jewelry, stepping stones, aprons, birdfeeders, decorated mirrors and plant pots. We gather donations from the community and from the projects. 4-H members signed up to donate their services in activities such as babysitting, dog walking and cooking desserts. We had a very successful auction and tri-tip dinner.

Suisun Valley had five participants attend State Presentation Day and one of our members, Tommy Weisz received a gold award at State presentation day for his presentations.

In June, our club officers continue to offer ideas, discuss and vote on important issues. This month, they were responsible for demonstrating and implementing a new flag salute which had been voted on last month by the general membership. After the officers explained the procedure, they had the club participate in the new salute which will be in effect at our future general meetings.

At the May meeting, the club voted on next year's officers and discussed the details of our end of the year pool party.

This month's community pride was collection snacks and supplies for the Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Community Pride: Supplies for our Troops- Approximately 30 items provided.

Westwind:

Rio Vista (Jeremy Reiss/Nancy Kinman/Cheyenne Dana)

Vacaville (Kristin Clark-Webb/Abbie Glass/Tricia Kash)

Elmira: Our club, Elmira 4H has had fantastic past few months. We were able to collect valentines for our veterans and soldiers, paper products for Opportunity House and sponsorship of County Fair awards.

Most of all our club members competed in the Dixon May Fair in both livestock and non-livestock projects including: foods, sewing, leather craft, table settings, market beef, market lamb, dairy goat, and swine. It was a great fair for both parents and members. To kick off our fair we held a club BBQ for members and families on Tuesday night. The food and fellowship was great fun. Plans for our end of year party were made. Everyone is looking forward to attending the upcoming Solano Fair and California State Fair.

Our very own Nicole Smith competed in State Field Day competitions May 29th and took gold. Well done Nicole.

Golden Hills:

Vaca Valley: During the month of May our club had a lot of members attend the Dixon May Fair and be really successful while showing off their hard work. We had 5 members participate in the Supreme Showmanship. 3 members were in large and 2 in small animal showmanship. Our still winners were really pleased as well. 2 of our project groups won clean pen. Later on in the month we elected next years officers.

Our community pride this month was showing appreciation to Alamo Elementary for them letting us use their facilities each month for our community meeting. We showed our appreciation by purchasing decomposed granite and filling pot holes around their track that they use to run their miles.

We also had 4 members participate at State Presentation Day. We had 3 members, along with one adult participating in the Yes Program. They plan to attend the S.E.T Exhibit at the downtown library and the Solano County Fair. Our leadership group is planning to have a great End of the Year Picnic at the Canyon Creek Resort.

Vallejo (Kara Payne)

Sherwood Forest:

Staff reports

Valerie Williams, 4-H Youth Development Program Representative:

- Will be mailing end of year packages to leaders,
- Thanks to the leaders who returned their boxes for restocking. Those who haven't need to return them soon.

Sheila Bakke, 4-H Military Partnership Program Representative: absent.

Carole Paterson, 4-H Youth Development Advisor:

- Been working on SET training program. Going very well & have hired two people to help part time.
- Have the County's draft budget. It includes significant cuts to the 4H & Master Gardner staff time. Jill is spearheading the advocacy effort to get those cuts eliminated.
- Division of Ag & Natural Resources administrative team advisors met at UCD begin evaluating how the cooperative extension programs can continue on the reduced budgets. They will begin by looking at deep cuts to administrative staff and will spend next year reviewing impacts. Carole assured that 4H will continue but noted that it may be managed differently.

Special Presentations

SLC Conference Scholarship report - Lizzie Minor & Breanna Payne: Postponed

Prudential Spirit of Community Recognition – Carole Paterson

Prudential Insurance recognized youth each year. This year Carson Wignall is a Merit Winner.

Lynne Burns Memorial Scholarship Presentation – Jill Simmons & Carole Paterson

Jill & Carole presented scholarships to: Molly Carlson, Jaime Picano, Will Simmons & Brady Baldwin.

2010-2011 State Ambassador Announcement – Jill Simmons announced that Carson Wignall will be next year's State Ambassador from Solano County.

Committee Reports

Expansion & Review Committee – Jill Simmons reported that Club Constitutions & Bylaws should have been turned in by now. The committee will review and comment on them next year.

Audit Committee – Sue Bohannon reported that treasurer's books are due 8/14/10. Each club needs to do an internal audit before turning them in. They also need to identify two audit team members for to assist with the audit on 8/28/10.

Incentive & Recognition Committee – Sue Bohannon & Kathy Brown reported that the Emerald Star applicants are busy wrapping up their power point presentations and will present their projects to the I&R committee for review and approval within the next few weeks. The final projects are due August 11, 2010.

No Allstar applications were received from eligible 4-H members for 2010-2011. To be eligible to apply for All-Star, applicants must have completed an Emerald Star project before June 1st, the date of the All-Star application.

Four Lynne Burns Memorial Scholarships were awarded this year: Molly Carlson, Brady Baldwin, Jaime Picano, and Will Simmons.

County Record Books are due in the 4-H office August 11th with County Record Book judging August 25th and 26th.

Sue Bohannon and I want to thank everyone who volunteered to be on the Incentive and Recognition Committee this past year. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Achievement Night 2010 – Kara Payne reported the event will be Thursday 10/7/10 in Vallejo at Community Presbyterian Church. She noted that we need to be done by 9pm. The contract is done and place reserved. The rest is up to the new Area Representative and committee.

Harvest Fair 2010 –Tricia Kash & Kristin Clark-Webb reported the event will be 10/29/10 at the Orchard Avenue Baptist Church. The contract is being processed. It was noted that there were problems w/kids running in the halls and parking lot. We will need to have some adults to monitor this activity. The refreshments will be in the preschool area this year.

Camp – Valerie Williams reported that Camp Orientation was held last night (6/8/10). Camp registration (if offered) will go through the clubs next year. So, clubs should recruit for counselors at the beginning of the year. Betty Azwell & Michelle Riddle will continue next year as camp coordinator and nurse.

Old Business

4-HEROES – Colleen Bohannon & Molly Carlson. The committee gave update a state field day & asked for information and donations. Pat English gave information on the \$5,000 grant due 9/15/10. The park name has been changed to the Lost & Fallen Soldier Park. All 4H funds will go to support the original cause.

S.E.T. Updates – Tricia Kash & Jestine Pinon reported that the team met 4/21 & 4/22/10 for training. Lots of youth attended (4H plus 8-12 graders not in 4h). It was really interactive and fun - they expected it to be boring. They got in groups and taught the other groups games, skits, science projects, etc. The next training is 6/15/10 with the first outreach at the Towne Center Library (Vacaville) from 10-1. There will be a team of 7 from Genentec assisting the SET kids.

Dixon May Fair Comments & Concerns – Jill Simmons received a letter from Dixon May Fair. There will be a competitive exhibit meeting at 6pm 6/15/10 at Madden Hall to discuss suggested improvements & concerns. All are encouraged to attend. Please be constructive and have a suggested solution to concerns brought forward. Those concerned can go to the meeting or e-mail the Fair Manager.

Sectional Leaders Council/Youth Council Report – Kathy Brown

The Sectional Council meeting was held May 15th at the Sonoma County 4-H building.

Sectional Presentation Day was held April 10th in Davis. There were 9 counties present with 185 demonstrations; 101 Gold medals and 67 Blue ribbons. Solano county members did quite well.

There was a discussion held on who would host Sectional Presentation Day at Davis next year; Solano County was proposed. An email note has been sent to Murlin Lee, Sectional Council President asking if they have been able to find the list of counties that was developed a few years ago.

Dates of upcoming Sectional Events:

Family and Consumer Science Field Day will be held November 13, 2010 at the San Joaquin County Agricultural Center. Information regarding this event will be sent to Valerie.

CAL Conference will be held the last week of January/first week of February 2011.

Citizenship Conference Weekend is planned for the 2nd week of March 2011. Theme and location are still in the works. Information regarding this event will be sent to Valerie.

Next Sectional Council meeting will be September 18th in Yolo. Any youth or adults interested in helping plan the various Sectional activities are welcome to attend.

State Presentation Day – Sue Bohannon, Colleen Bohannon reported that it was a lot of fun. They came with the guide dogs. There were a lot of good entries, fashion review, share fun, S.E.T. activities (bugs, robots, horticulture contest).

Senior Recognition – Sue Bohannon reported the event was held 5/27/10 to recognize Will, Brian & Dane. They had lots of fun, served ice cream, brownies and cookies. And Carole read.

Direct Marketing Campaign – Jill Simmons reported that the letters are not ready. They will bring some of the kids in to do the stuffing.

New Business

Year End Community Leader/Executive Committee Recognition Dinner – Valerie Williams. It will be held 6/14/10 at the Tin Tin Buffet in Vacaville at 6:30 pm. Community leaders and officers are invited. Spouses and guests need to bring cash.

Camping Conference – Karen Swanson reported that she and Tiffany attended. It was held at the 4H camp at Stateline Nevada, on the shore of Lake Tahoe. She found it very worthwhile with lots of leadership activities. There were trainers from Bradford Woods. There was no one from the San Joaquin County or Solano County Camping Program. But she did meet the San Joaquin Fashion Review leaders. Steven Worker's parents run the camp.

County Updates – Carole Paterson & Jill Simmons reported the County Budget proposes reductions in funding for the master gardener and 4H staff to 50%. There are no additional personnel cuts proposed. Jill passed out an advocacy package they plan to mail to all families. It will include lots of materials including a list of organizations each club supports through community service. Jill asked each club to identify those organizations so that we can send letter to them requesting support. A template will be included. There will be a meeting 6/17/10 at 7pm to work on the face book page so we can post 4h stories. They also plan to e-mail info and hand carry comment post cards.

Solano County Fair – Kelly Fletcher reported the fair starts in 14 days. The Horse Show is this Sunday. There will be lots of changes in programming/formatting of the fair. Poultry/rabbits is moving. A new Snake & Reptile Exhibit is going in old poultry/rabbit area. They need more awards sponsors. They also need adults to assist with the exhibitor BBQ (about 5pm) because the Board of Directors declined to participate. They are asking the 4H families to assist by bringing a side dish. Fair buys meat but need other items donated. After the fair, market animal exhibitors will need to leave water behind because animals ship on Monday. Barn clean up will be on Monday.

Solano County Booth at State Fair, Volunteer Staffing – Helen Ritchey reported that Solano County is asking for volunteers to work the booth at the State Fair July 14 – Aug 1. Volunteers will get in and get parking free. Need to see Helen to sign up. There will be a mandatory orientation meeting on 7/8/10 (Thursday) at the County Building from either 10-11:30 or 1-3. Volunteers will get a t-shirt. The booth can hear the shows near the food court. John Vasquez wants to highlight 4H, Master Gardner & Cooperative Extension in light boxes. The display usually gets lots of attention (award winner) & will have Jelly Belly candy to hand out.

Mandatory Community Leader Meeting – Valerie Williams. Meeting will be 8/4/10. Enrollment is now on line. Valerie needs a list of projects for each club by 7/1/10 to get in system. Each club will need to have an administrative person (usually the leader) to manage the enrollment data.

Mandatory Treasurer Workshop – Valerie Williams. Meeting will be 8/18/10. The Community Leader, Treasurer, parent & Treasurer Advisor must attend. Not much has changed.

State Leadership Conference – Valerie Williams. Applications are due 6/14/10. Print the forms & send them w/fees to Valerie. There were 8 applicants for scholarship assistance from Leaders Council. We budgeted \$1300, but have other budgets with surplus. So there is \$1725 available to cover the \$500 shortfall for scholarships. Kara Payne moved that the funds be reallocated. Andrea Kett seconded the motion & it was approved.

Calendar of Events 2010/2011 – Jill Simmons. No updates are available.

Call for Nominations from the floor – Jill Simmons called for nominations noting that nominees must be present. None were presented.

Election officers for 2010/2011 – Sharon Payne

Jill expressed gratitude to Sharon Payne & the committee. Sharon moved to approve the slate of candidates as presented. Sue Bohannon seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

The officers for 2010/11 are:

President:	Helen Ritchey	Secretary:	Deb Galway
Vice President:	Kara Payne	Treasurer:	Sheila Bakke
Area Representatives:		Dixon	Kyle Alcantara-Youth Nikki Talken-Youth Roselle Ritchey - Adult
Vallejo	Julianna Payne-Youth Rachel Kavanagh-Youth Madeleine Kavanagh-Adult	Fairfield/ Suisun	Colleen Bohannon-Youth Danea Gemmell-Adult
Vacaville	Kristin Clark-Webb-Youth Tricia Kash-Youth Jessica Reynolds-Adult	Rio Vista:	Jeremy Reiss-Youth Irene Reiss-Adult

Announcements

NO July or August Council Meeting

Council Refreshments: June 9

Elmira – Snacks & napkins

Maine Prairie – Beverage & cups

Council Refreshments: September 8

Sherwood Forest – Snacks & napkins

Dixon Ridge – Beverage & cups

Carole owes debt of service to Jill for all her hard work. Thank You.

Dates to Remember

June 14	State Leadership Conference Application Deadline
June 14	Leaders Council Appreciation Dinner, Vacaville
June 23-27	Solano County Fair
July 2	Solano Notes Deadline-August Issue
July 5	Independence Day Holiday, UCCE Office Closed
July 14	Treasurer, Secretary, Reporter, Newsletter Editor & Historian Books Due
July 28	County Treasurer Audit, UCCE Office
July 29-Aug 1	State Leadership Conference, UC Davis
August 4	Mandatory Community Leader Meeting
August 6	Solano Notes Deadline-Sept. Issue
August 11	County Record Books Due
August 18	Mandatory Treasurer Workshop
August 25 & 26	County Record Book Judging
September 1	Leaders Council Executive Committee Meeting
September 6	Labor Day, UCCE Office Closed
September 8	Leaders Council Meeting
September 18	Sectional Council Mtg., Yolo County
September 28	Leader Orientation
October 7	Achievement Night, Vallejo
October 13	Club Enrollment Due
October 27	Leader Orientation
October 29	Harvest Fair, Vacaville

Adjournment: Kara Payne moved to adjourn and Sharon Payne seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.