

## Leaders Council Minutes 9/12/07

**Call to Order:** President Jill Simmons called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Was led by Natalie Peron.

**4-H Pledge:** Was led by John Nickerson.

**Installation of Officers and Area Representatives:** Carole Paterson

**2007-2008 Program Goal Setting Activity:** Jill Simmons

**Communications:** Correspondence was received and announced.

### Reports:

**Secretary:** Motion to approve the minutes, with a spelling correction to Joanne Andrick's name by Sandy Means, seconded by Kathy Brown. M/S/A

**Treasurer:** Sheila Bakke Treasurer's Report. Checking account opening balance as of 5/31/07 of \$3,546.75 + income \$8,453.03 – expenses \$11,897.16 = ending balance of \$102.62 as of 8/31/07. Savings account opening balance as of 5/31/07 of \$19,030.82 + income \$3,271.27 – expenses \$1,000.00 = ending balance of \$21,302.09 as of 8/31/07. Report was accepted as submitted.

**Vice President:** Sue Bohannon thanked Rio Vista and Dixon Ridge for the refreshments at tonight's meeting. She asked for club sign-ups for the 2007-2008 Leaders Council Refreshments.

### Area Reports:

**Dixon: Laura Peron/Will Simmons**

**Dixon Ridge:** This month our club has been getting ready for the start of the 4-H year. In August we held our Ice Cream Social/Enrollment Night for our returning members. This month our club is busy helping plan Achievement Night for October. We will be holding open enrollment on September 17<sup>th</sup> and are looking forward to the many new faces joining our club.

**Maine Prairie:** This month our club, Maine Prairie, held enrollment night for returning members on August 21, 2007. We had a very successful night with almost all of the prior year members attending. 5 potential new members were added to the waiting list that night. We have three new project leaders. The projects they will lead are Beef Cattle, Sewing, and Arts & Crafts. And we added Fishing to our list of projects available.

**Tremont:** No report.

**Roving Clovers:** This month our club held our annual enrollment night in August and signed up several new families. A few of our members did not re-enroll but our numbers look like they will be the same at about 45. We added a few new projects this year – fishing and ceramics (arts & crafts). We had a record number of members submit record books for county judging and many of our members will be attending Achievement Night and receiving star awards. Our first meeting of the year will be held next week; it should be a great year.

**Fairfield/Suisun: Lance Elder/Sarah Elder**

**Suisun Valley:** In August, Suisun Valley 4H Club held its annual enrollment night at which time members were able to sign up for projects. We have 8 new families this year and our club is full, with 42 families and about 70 members. This year the club is offering an array of projects for both K-3 and 4<sup>th</sup> and up. Some of the fun, new projects not offered in recent years include international cooking, rabbits, and etiquette. Many of the members have been volunteering at Suisun Valley Family Farm Fun Days. Several have signed up to work as

greeters at the next event in October. The new officers also held their first meeting for the year. They had to spend a great deal of time explaining the roles of the various positions because we have so many new officers this year. This year, the older officers will each be assigned to guide and check up on two new families throughout the 4-H year. At the first meeting, they will be greeting the new members and giving them “goodie” bags filled with candy and 4-H trinkets. The officers have also decided to host an orientation meeting for new and semi-new families at which they will explain more about the 4-H program, such as details about the record book and what it should look like and some fun events that new members should plan to attend. At the September meeting, the club will be collecting baby supplies for Heather House and donations of money for the 4-H family in the Vaca-Valley Club who lost their home to a fire. Overall, the Suisun Valley 4-H Club leaders and officers are excited about and looking forward to the upcoming year.

**Westwind:** Members of the Westwind 4H Club have been very busy over the summer. Our club held its family camping event in June at Lake Berryessa. All families who attended enjoyed swimming, playing, eating, and socializing together over the weekend of June 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. We all had a fantastic time and look forward to making this an annual event. Our members and leaders participated in 4H Camp at Silver Lake and Barn Activities at Solano County Fair; submitted entries to the Solano County Fair; attended State Leadership Conference; and worked on record books. We held our club's enrollment night, Mandatory Parent/Leader Meeting, and 2007-08 Officer Planning Meeting in August. Westwind is looking forward to our first meeting of the year tomorrow evening, when we will induct a new slate of 11 officers and members will sign up for their projects. Some of our club members are already actively involved in planning Harvest Fair and National 4-H Week activities. We are looking forward to another great year! Over the summer months Westwind members have continued to collect aluminum cans and plastic bottles for our recycling program and used ink cartridges, cell phones, etc. for the Cartridges For Kids Recycling program

**Rio Vista: Lilly/Lisa Wohn**

**Rio Vista:** Our re-enrollment meeting was held August 20<sup>th</sup>. We had 27 re-enroll and 5 youth new enrollments, 9 adult re-enroll, and 4 adult new enroll. We are expecting 24 more to complete our re-enrollments. Our meeting dates are the third Monday of the month. We're looking forward to a good '07-07 4-H year and we're working hard to get off on the right foot with all of our new officers and leaders.

**Vacaville: Deb Galway/**

**Elmira:** Elmira 4H had a re-Enrollment Ice-Cream Social on September 1<sup>st</sup>. We served vanilla ice-cream and members brought their favorite toppings to share. Some of our project leaders came and talked about projects offered for this upcoming 4H year. Unfortunately not all our officers could make the re-Enrollment so we could not plan our Club's yearly goals. We hope to meet soon and decide the activities for the up-coming year. Our club meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at the old Elmira school from 7 to 8pm. We have several new families that are interested in joining. We look forward to meeting them soon!

**Golden Hills:** No report.

**Vaca Valley:** This month our club, Vaca Valley, held its sign-ups at the library and we had a pretty good turn out. We've also had our first officers meeting and we've planned our booth for the Harvest Fair. We also had a lot of members attend and compete in the Solano County Fair. We are also planning on attending Suisun Valley Farm Days.

**Vallejo:**

**Sherwood Forest:** Returning Member Sign-ups: 8/28; New Member Sign-ups: 9/4; 1st club meeting: 9/18; September Community Pride: Coastal Clean-Up; Officer Orientation: 9/4. We have started planning Harvest Fair (10/19). We have committee chairs in place. 23 projects available.

**Staff Report:**

**Carole Paterson:** Talked about the way the 4-H organization has survived over the years, by adapting to changes through time. We are in the process of piloting a new teamwork effort with 3 other counties, called a 'clustering'. The 4 counties working together are Solano, San Joaquin, Yolo, and Sacramento. The 'cluster' is put together to look at ways to better communicate between our 4 counties and ways to enhance programs between our counties. On page 11 of September's Solano Notes is an article by Marianne Bird, 4H Youth Development Advisor, Sacramento County entitled *The 4-H Leadership Plan: New Idea, Fresh Faces, Renewed Energy*. The pilot program will be a three year commitment to try different activities.

**Valerie Williams:** Thanked all clubs for completing bank cards. She needs a few teams of 2 to finish record book judging. Unfortunately some clubs sent people who had never judged before, which slowed down the county judging process. This can't happen again. Historian and Newsletter books are ready for pick up tonight. Updated 2007/2008 Solano County 4-H Calendars of Events were distributed. Next Leader Orientation is Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. RSVP to Valerie no later than this Friday. Next one is Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. Martin Smith, vet school specialist, contacted Valerie about a new pilot project. He is looking for 2 adults from 8:30 – 12:00 this Saturday, on the UC Davis campus. Let Valerie know if you are interested.

**Committee Reports:**

**Incentives & Recognition Committee: Jill Simmons** asked leaders and older youth to join the committee. A chairman is needed.

**Harvest Fair: Sharon Payne** distributed a sign up list for Harvest Fair tasks. Each club is to choose 2 tasks. All Harvest Fair committee chairs are filled. Admission is jar of peanut butter. Bring 6 cookies. If your Area Representative is not going to attend, make sure some one from your area one is assigned to take the peanut butter back to your area for distribution.

**Achievement Night: Wills Simmons/Laura Peron** announced that Achievement Night is Wednesday, Oct 3 at Tremont Elementary, Dixon. The theme this year is "Green Acres, 4-H Livin' is the Life for Me!" Wear either your 4-H uniform or farm clothing that is 4-H appropriate. Bring a box of pancake mix and/or syrup to be donated to the needy. Bring club banners for the opening ceremony. Presidents will carry banners.

**Audit Committee: Sue Bohannon** reported that all clubs in the county submitted Treasurer Records to the County Year-End Audit, sent auditors to help with the county audit, and, with the exception of 1 club, submitted their Financial Report to the State before the audit. Thank you all!

**Old Business:**

**State Leadership Conference: Youth Delegates** Sarah Elder, John Nickerson, Brady Baldwin, Will Simmons, & Anna Wagner talked about their experiences at SLC 2007.

**4-H Camp: Deb Galway** was an amazing experience this year, even better than past years. Every one had a great time. Remind youth, 14 years and older, who want to be a junior counselor at camp they must be in a Leadership Project this 4-H year.

**Solano County Retreat: Sue Bohannan** announced the Retreat has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The youth planning this event have put a lot of time and energy into creating a mini-conference that will be enjoyed by youth members. Please encourage your members to attend this great mini-conference! Applications are in the September issue of Solano Notes.

#### **New Business:**

**Day Camp: Carole Paterson** planning to hold a day camp. She met with 3 other counties to look into holding a day camp in each of the 4 counties. However, the idea came too late for 2006/06 4-H year. This year she is starting earlier. The first meeting is scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Carole hopes to have more details about the Day Camp after this first meeting. She isn't sure when it will be scheduled. It may even be held over spring break. High school aged youth will be needed as helpers. The age of campers will depend on the response.

**Sectional Youth & Adult Representatives positions appointed: Jill Simmons** Announced position openings for representatives. Kathy Brown will serve as Solano County's Sectional Leaders Council Representative. She needs a volunteer youth to represent Solano County. If interested please contact Kathy Brown or Valerie Williams.

**Budget: Sheila Bakke** Discussion occurred about the Solano County 4-H Leaders Council Proposed Budget September 1, 2007 – August 31, 2008. Kelly Fletcher motioned to accept the budget, changing the club contribution to a number, seconded by Deb Galway. M/S/A.

**Suisun Valley Farm Days: Valerie Williams** announced Suisun Valley Farm Days will be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and October 21. They are looking for greeters and members to man a 4-H information booth to be stationed at one of the farms. Members should wear a 4-H t-shirt or uniform. Contact Tracy Ellison, Suisun Valley Fund Advisory Committee, Ag Ambassador at 707-580-4263. An article appears on page 2 of the September issue of Solano Notes.

**National 4-H Week Display Contest: Jill Simmons** announced the contest will happen again this year. 1, 2, 3, 4<sup>th</sup> place will be awarded. Create a display some where within your community. There will be criteria for the display appearing in the next issue of Solano Notes and emailed to community leaders. Must be up by Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Email Valerie to tell her the address of your display location. National theme is Science, Engineering and Technology, which is difficult; therefore Solano County will have no specific theme this year's display contest. Club name, contact information, and National 4-H Week must be on the display. Want to talk about opportunities and learning experiences that are available through the 4-H program.

**National 4-H Month Open House: Sally Baldwin** is inviting majors, city council members, school principals, etc. Need information about who to invite from your area. UCCE meeting room will be divided into head, heart, health and hands areas with all the activities we do. Coloring contest: 4-H is..... Mail in or drop off completed contest forms by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Three different age groups will be judged.

**Silent Auction: Deb Galway** wants to know where to put this money when it is earned. Will go ahead and raise funds through the silent auctions at County events.

**2007-2008 Program Goals Announcements: Jill Simmons** announced the results of the vote: 1) older youth opportunities; 2) project leader training; and 3) inter-club efforts.

**Council Meeting Drawing: Jill Simmons** Winner is Andrea Kett.

**Announcements:**

**Council Refreshments:** October 10: (snacks & napkins)  
(drinks & cups)

**Next Leaders Council Meeting:** October 10, 2007.

**Motion made to adjourn the meeting:** at 8:39 p.m. by Sarah Elder, seconded by Lance Elder  
M/S/A.