

Orange County Council Meeting Minutes

SCREC 7601 Irvine Blvd., Irvine, CA 92618

Submitted by Susan Read-Weil

September 23, 2014 The meeting was called to order by President Susan ReadWeil at 7:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge were recited.

Officers: Susan Read-Weil, President; Vicki Munsell, Vice-President; Cecilia Villanueva, Recording Secretary; Linda Cartwright, Corresponding Secretary; Suzanne Montz, Treasurer.

Orange County 4-H Program Coordinator – Jason Suppes

Adult Sectional Representative – Jan Tubbiola and Kay Strothman

Officer Reports: None – 2013/2014 budget still under closure – no Treasurer's report.

Jason Suppes – New Business:

- Enrollment Update – around 400 active adults and youth members
- Year-end financials – we are still waiting for some clubs to submit these.
- Leaders Training – two trainings have already been conducted with close to 40 new leaders. Two more Leaders Trainings have been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 26.
- Teen Council – applications will be on the OC4H website soon.
- Bobbi Rach-Diane Siebert Memorial Scholarship – applications have been forwarded to the two families for review and selection of the recipient of this award.
- Achievement Night – tentatively scheduled for November 9 or 16, site needs to be finalized.
- New club undergoing charter process – there are actually two new clubs underway – Silverado and another in Laguna Hills that is a special interest group.

- **Military Family Day in conjunction with National Youth Science Day –** scheduled for Saturday, December 6, 2014 in Los Alamitos. This event is being hosted in conjunction with the Army Reserve. Army reservists who work in Orange County and their families will be attending this event. "Rockets to the Rescue" will be a key component of the day's program.
- **Master Food Preservers –** will be providing a fall, 2014 event in conjunction with OC4H in which they will be canning preserves made with fall fruit and vegetables. At some point in the future Jason would like to see a junior food preservers project in OC4H.

Jason Suppes – Old Business:

- **Slater's 50/50 –** OC4H received \$2,500.00 from their fundraiser in August. A portion of their sales of pork burgers was earmarked for San Diego and Orange County 4H. Slater's 50/50 donated \$5,000.00 to the two counties, who split the funds raised. OC4H will be using the money for science education for large animals. Early in 2015 San Diego 4H will be sponsoring a field day for large animals. OC4H will glean information from SD4H's field day and will plan a large animal event for OC.
- **Project ACCESS update –** The science projects are continuing to run through the middle of fall, 2014. The teacher running the program left due to an employment change, the new leader of the science program is a master gardener with a long history of working with youth.
- **DSACO Super Kids –** Down's syndrome Club is now forming. This is a club specific to providing 4H activities to members, all of whom have Down's syndrome.
- **Other items –** Linda Cartwright presented information about an upcoming small animal field day on September 27, 2014, at Mt. San Antonio College. The contact person is Barbara Crane from San Bernardino. This is a multi-county field day, which includes educational workshops on milk goats, pygmy goats, cavies, chickens, fish, exotic birds, and rabbits. There are also poster and photography contests and 4H uniform exchanges.