

**Orange County 4-H County Council Meeting Minutes
SCREC, 7601 Irvine Blvd, Irvine, CA 92618
November 25, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by our President Susan Read-Weil at 7:08 p.m. The Pledge to the American Flag and the 4-H Pledge was led by Stephanie Bryant, Brianna, and Grace.

Officers:

**President - Susan Read-Weil
Vice President - Beverly Schrieber
Corresponding Secretary - Linda Cartwright
Treasurer - Suzanne Montz
County 4-H Program Coordinator - Jason Suppes
Adult Sectional Representative - Beverly Schrieber**

Officer Reports:

1. President:

- a. Discussed possibility of moving annual November County Council meeting to a week later in December (there is no County Council meeting in December) to help attendance. Next year's board can address issue and decide next year.
- b. Reminder that opportunities for public speaking/presentation opportunities are available for members at OC4H County Council meetings.
- c. Reminder to check OC4H website for notices for meeting dates for Food Fiesta, Presentation Day and Imaginology (formerly Youth Expo).
- d. Beverly Schrieber has volunteered to step up and fill the open spot for Vice President of 4-H County Council. Appointment was unanimously approved.

2. Treasurer:

- a. Budget - Still working on next year's budget and should have it next meeting.
- b. Disney Half Marathon - We are enrolled as of this weekend. We have a commitment of 50 people ages 14 yrs. and up. The event date is May 10th, 2015.

3. Secretary: Minutes for October 28, 2014 County Council Meeting approved, Motion made to approve by Beverly Schrieber. Motion was seconded, and the motion was approved.

4. There are no other officer reports.

Jason Suppes – New Business:

1. OC4H News: Check the website for details.
2. State 4H News: Check the website for details.
3. Teen Council: Jason will send out an e-mail re-opening enrollment for members interested in participating on the Orange County 4-H Teen Council. Applications are not required. Jason has had a few people express interest.
4. Military Family Day: Volunteers needed for Military Family Day on December 8th, 2014. Members aged 12 years and older are preferred. Members will be helping with the National Youth Science Day Project "Rockets to the Rescue". The event will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Los Alamitos. If interested, please e-mail Jason at the County 4H office.
5. Online Record Book Training: Registration is now open for Online Record Book training. Scott Mautte, from the California State 4-H Office will be coming Saturday, January 17th 9:00-12:00 to help us learn how to best use the Online Record Book. The session will be recorded for use in future county Record Book Trainings and hopefully, if there are no changes in the Record Book Manual, the recording will be useful for a couple more years. There is room for 49 people only – if there are open spaces, Jason may open them to members from San Diego/Riverside 4-H members.
6. Teen Involvement Conference (T.I.C.): Registration is open online for this year's conference. Payment procedure will be handled differently this year. Delegates will pay registration fee to Orange County 4-H and one check for all delegates will be written to the South Section Council.
7. Food Fiesta: Food Fiesta will be held Saturday, January 31st, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the U.C. South Coast Research and Extension Center in Irvine. The first planning meeting has been held. Two additional planning meetings are scheduled, the next two will be Thursday, December 4th and Thursday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m. The theme is Food, Farm, Fun! A Celebration of Farm to Fork Healthy Eating. Jason is working on the possibility of member being able to use fruit grown at the U.C. South Coast R.E.C. center as well as vegetables grown at Tanaka Farms in Irvine in their Food Fiesta dishes this year. The event will also be open to Market Animal Project and Gardening Project members to make dishes based on what they raised/grew.
8. Cornell Ornithology Project: December 3rd begins leader training. About four Orange County clubs are participating.
9. Summer Camp: Orange County will join Los Angeles and Riverside Counties at the only accredited 4-H camp. There were 50 campers from Orange County last year and Camp Seeley in Crestline has 300 to 350 spaces available at the camp. Camp dates are June 21st to 27th and opportunities are available for camp councilors.
10. Storage Unit: The Anaheim storage unit has been vacated and contents are now located at S.C.R.E.C. The Orange County Fair office has also been vacated so OC4H is completely headquartered at S.C.R.E.C. The 40' storage container that was purchased for \$2,000.00 will take 1 ½ years to pay off versus the storage unit at \$177.00 per month. The container needs painting.

Jason Suppes – Old Business:

- 1. Member Achievement Awards:** Thank you to the volunteers helping with the event. There were gale-force winds that morning causing the event to move indoors. Unfortunately, this may have contributed to attendance was not nearly as in the past. This did not stop several young scientists from building and launching rockets in participation of National Youth Science Day. Thanks to Jan Tubbiola, the rental cost for the facility was half the usual rate.
- 2. The Bobbi Rach-Diane Siebert Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to Alexandra Sterrit of the Orange Valley Buckaroos. She will be awarded a \$500.00 scholarship.
- 3. Project Access:** The 12 week grant has been completed for the Environmental Education Program. We are looking for funding to keep Karen Wilson, who has been running the project. Plans to install a communal garden in Villa Park and/or Anaheim are being considered.

Other Business:

State Leaders' Forum: Beverly Schrieber reported on the State Leaders' Forum that was held November 14th to 16th at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Sacramento. The theme was 101 Ways 4-H Thrives. Attendees received name tags and goodie bags and participated in workshops such as judging (how to judge) and discussed having a discussion group competition available at Presentation Day.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Jan Tubbiola and seconded by Beverly Schrieber.

Respectfully Submitted by Linda Cartwright, Corresponding Secretary