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**Attendance:** Rita Jakel, Brian Montes, Sandy Jacobs, Beverly Schrieber, Melissa Sara, Dominique Montes, Gina Montes, Wes Alcott, Rachel Horn, Allison Kari, Heather Hernandez, Mollie Hernandez, Linda Cartwright, Christine Rosenow, Suzanne Montz, Mary Gamboa, Maryam Handley, Lauren Reyes, Serafina Martinez, Heather Hernandez, Mollie Hernandez, Rachel Corliss, Samantha Corliss, Bryana Arce, Laura Castillo, Esperanza Reyes

**Opening-** The meeting was called to order by President, Brian Montes, at 7:05 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance / 4-H Pledge:** Dominique Montes led the pledges.

**Review Minutes:** Brian Montes screen-shared the minutes from last month. A **motion** to approve the minutes as presented was made by Laura Castillo, seconded by Dominique Montes and passed.

**Reports:**

**Teen Council Update:** Lauren Reyes said they are going to help out with the 4-H debit card pilot (Rita will talk more about it later) and reach out to clubs about the importance of maintaining momentum. We're also going to reach out and let people know about virtual summer camp that's going to happen. There will be both teen leaders and adult camp counselors. And then lastly, we're going to have a zoom get together, not a meeting, just something casual to check in on everyone on May 6th. **Officer Reports:**

**President's Report:** Brian said that he doesn't have anything specific to report. A lot of the updates that he would be talking about are actually coming from Rita tonight. So, there's a lot going on.

**Treasurer's Report:** Melissa Sara reported the following: The Checking: Beginning Balance for March 2020 is \$31,597.11. There were deposits of \$10,453.25 and Check Withdrawals of \$447.17 that consisted of three checks number 3643-\$109.13 3646-\$96.80 3647-\$241.24. With an Ending Balance of \$41,603.19. The Savings: Beginning Balance was \$33,109.54. Because of covid 19 and everything, I didn't go directly to the bank. I've been doing online deposits or whatever. I accidentally, I will admit to this, never again, clicked \$93 was on Savings (back over to the checking). I accidentally clicked the Deposit location to it. So, next month, you will see a \$93 move, with interest. It earned 56 cents within a month - \$33,203.10. A **motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report as stated was made by Wes Alcott, seconded by Dominique Montes and passed.

**Task Force Updates o Scholarship TF o STEM TF:** Rita Jakel reported that she has the 4-H Foundation Director looking into the possibility of extending the time we have to use the scholarship money because Summer Camp was cancelled and there hasn't been a word on State Leadership yet. We'll see if that's going to happen or not. So, we have a considerable amount of money that we weren't able to allocate or we weren't able to spend. So, if we don't use it by a certain date, it goes back to the principal in the Arnold Fund. So we were trying to see if we can get that extended because of the circumstances this year and maybe have a chance to award it for something coming up in the fall, if those things happen.

**County Ambassador Reports:** Dominique Montes said that club meetings either got cancelled or something like that. So we haven't been able to go to any club meetings, but I would like to reach out to the club leaders and to maybe join on a Thursday meeting, everybody, and we'll see how everybody's doing. Esperanza Reyes said, that is a good idea. Brian also suggested that some of the escape rooms in Orange County have pivoted and they've created online Virtual Escape rooms. He asked if we want to try and set up something like that for the clubs to do a little county event mingle and have a social time. Others agreed so he will reach out to a couple of the escape rooms. Orange County will get some pricing put together and see what it would take to structure, and how many we can put into one group. So usually when you visit Brian physically you go through an escape room.

**Clubs** - each meeting all clubs share what they are working on/have accomplished

**Fountain Valley Cloverdales:** Sheyla Jacobs reported that they have gone completely virtual and online. We've been having club meetings on zoom. Her art project met. Sandy's Mom's baking project met. We've had our general meetings over zoom and our rabbits have been going really well. We're finding different alternate ways to teach our projects, even though we can't be in person. So it's going really well even though we'd all like to see each other.

**Fullerton Feeders, Breeders & Seeders:** Nothing new.

**Fullerton Hills:** Wes Alcott said that they really haven't had any virtual meetings because we do all Market projects and so it is kind of hard to do that. So we still have kids with projects. I'm sure probably later we're talking about Orange County Fair and what's happening. We're working with some of our kids to try and find private buyers right now in case that they can do something. But everything's kind of communicated through email right now.

**Jordan Jaguars:** None

**La Habra Hilltoppers:** Dominique Montes said that they just had their zoom meeting. I think that went pretty well. We actually had a lot of people come on. Everybody knows that the Citrus Fair has been canceled. Orange County Fair has been cancelled. We're working with the livestock kids and building entries, and we are working on different alternatives for their projects to still be judged. Laura Castillo said that there's a few more projects that are going to go on virtual and/or email. So a lot of the project leaders have, after talking to me, decided that they will either send emails for projects and/or virtual. So everybody basically that I've talked wants to continue this at least to have contact with each other, especially our exec board.

**Lake Forest Superstars:** None

**Mesa Goathill Gogetters:** Allison Kari reported that we had leaders meeting last month and had an office's meeting via zoom on last Friday. It went quite well and we were able to plan our next General Meeting for May 1st via zoom. We are going to be going ahead with that and we kind of made a really fun program with the members with Jokes and other fun things to hopefully get some people to come on and listen & to get information about virtuality and entries. I think we're going to have entries trickle in with that.

**Orange Acres Backbreakers:** Christine Rosenow said that they haven't done anything. She is trying to close up the year. There is not much communication from project leaders or members. She is just trying to close out the year and try to get going on the next year and hopes of having one. Melissa said that the animal projects are going. They have goat & pig projects. They don't have any dairy heifers.

**Orange Villa Buckaroos:** Serafina Martinez said that right now, so far this year, they haven't had any meetings.

They were still trying to figure out how to work out with so few members and then the whole pandemic happened.

**Trabuco Trailblazers:** Mary Gamboa said that they don't have anything to report. She will be getting together with Greg and carry on the youth election for next year.

**Tri-Cities:** Mollie Hernandez reported that they have not had any general meetings and may not have any for the rest of the year. They will have a virtual rabbit meeting in a few weeks, which is good. Hopefully they will have a few other projects virtually.

**Yorba Linda Cloverleaf:** Rachel Horn reported that they had a vet science zoom meeting. No projects have had a meeting since the pandemic started. We haven't had a general meeting. I'm not sure that we will have any. The kids have all gotten their livestock projects. Basically they created a sign up genius, where each kid has about a two hour window that they can go to the ranch to work with their animals on a one by one basis so that we're keeping social distancing or working with the animals and that's about it for now.

**DSAOC Superkids:** None

**County 4-H Program Representative:** Rita Jakel set up a screen share and reported some of the following. Check your e-mail for the following reports. Thanks, Rita.



April Update.pptx



Dates to Calendar for  
2020 UPDATED.pdf



Grassroots at home  
pre-signup competition

Rita sent these PowerPoints to everybody so we have all the links. Check your E-mail. This is very helpful.

**Emerald Star Project Presentation:** Lauren Reyes, from the La Habra Hilltoppers 4-H Club, gave an excellent presentation on Creating a Community Garden at her High School in Los Angeles.

**III. Committee Chair(s) & Event Updates to convert to virtual show** • Fashion Revue – (Chair Heather Hernandez) • OC Family Day – (Co-Chairs Sandy Jacobs, Sheyla Jacobs and Esperanza Reyes) • Virtualogy- (Chair - Maryam Handley) • Presentation Day – (Chair Wes Alcott and support by Mary Gamoba)

**IV. New Business**

Maryam Handley, Allison Kari, Suzanne Montz and Beverly Schrieber went to the Virtual Virginia Conference.

**V. Continuing Business Updates**

a. **County By-Laws** – Updated on approval ----- There was much discussion and a decision to table the By-Laws until a meeting can be scheduled to re-visit and update this document before voting next month.

**VI. Important Dates:** Brian said thank you to everyone for attending. Everyone has been having a lot of zoom meetings and there's a lot of fatigue out there, but I feel like we've done a great job. Thanks, everybody, collectively for keeping the momentum going for our kids. And that's what matters. Thank you for all of you that are putting the time and effort into switching these events to virtual events and all the work that goes into it. It's just amazing to watch how this group has pivoted and responded to the situation. Everybody should be commended on the work they're doing and keeping this 4-H program going. We are very excited about the Debit Card program coming up. We have a lot of good things in the works. I think a lot of the work that's being done now is just going to make Orange County 4-H Even better, as we get to the end of this year and go into next year. Thank you everyone. With that, we will adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm

**VII. Adjournment** was at 8:19 p.m.

**Next Executive Board Meeting** – Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM (Virtual) Next Orange County 4-H Meeting – Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Respectfully Submitted by  
Beverly Schrieber, Secretary