

### County Council Meeting Minutes - January 24, 2023

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**Attendance:** Rita Jakel, Sandy Jacobs, Bri Jokerst, Beverly Schrieber, Vanessa Walters, Michelle Mittelstaedt, Elizabeth Broadbent, Sam W, Rachel Horn, Allison Kari, Esperanza Reyes, Lark M, Aria M Rowan M. , Helen Chen, Vanessa Moraga, Tom Farrell, Aidan R., Iris N., Sam W.,

**Opening-** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the 4-H Pledge** were led by Lark M and Aria M .

**January County Council Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Bri Jokerst, seconded by Debra Stout and Passed.

**Guest Speaker** - Bri Jokerst introduced Mr. Tom Tarrell, MGOC from the Master Gardeners as our Guest Speaker for the evening. He will be telling us about what the Master gardeners do with 4-H and SCREC. Thank you, Tom, for a wonderful Presentation. Thank you for inviting me. I'm very happy to come talk to this group for a few minutes about what the Master Gardener program is and how we kind of both fit in together into the university's life. He showed some slides which were put together a few years ago when they Celebrated their UC Master Gardeners 40 years.(1980-2020) of Growth. They are a very diverse community of people of all ages and all backgrounds who give back to the community. Basically we're just fairly generous Gardeners who have wanted to learn something, and at the same time want to give that information back to the community. So we are part of UCANR, which is, in my opinion, the biggest part of the entire University of California system.

**Scholarship** recipient reflection - Iris Nguyen - She gave a short presentation about her activities and participation at the Southern Youth Conference. Thank you, Iris. The theme was "Finding Your True Colors."

**Treasurer's Report-** Vanessa Walters reported that she voided and rewrote a check to Rita in the amount of \$323.96 We accidentally switched the numbers and the new check was given, cashed and cleared. We wrote a check for \$91.00 for live scan and finger printing. Our month Checking is \$33,320.41, and the Savings Account is \$18117.56 So we've written and cleared all checks except for 2. We received some great news today. SCREC will not be charging us for the tractor rides for the fall Clover Joyed events. So thank you SCREC for your generosity. And now we have more money for Spring Clover Joyed. "Joy of Fiesta". I would like to increase our county budget for our county projects from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for this year - 2023. I would like to make a **motion** to increase that by \$500. We are making this motion because we had a project come to us with a very well put together presentation from our dog training and agility class, and I wish you guys could all see it. It was very well put together. I was very, very impressed by this young lady. She also put together a presentation to raise some money for the county project, and we have approved it. But we need a little bit more funding in our budget for the county. Rita explained that we actually have several projects that have requested some funds of different amounts. The main thing that we're looking to fund on the dog project is the repairing of our 4-H trailer so that all of the items that they're storing can stay in good condition. The **motion** was seconded by Beverly Schrieber and passed. The motion to update the project budget from \$1,000 to \$1,500 is passed. Sandy Jacobs said that last year she brought her personal walkie talkies to use for Food Fiesta, and it was like a lifesaver for the event, because we're spread out all over SCREC. Unfortunately, they walked away. We would like to order Walkie Talkies for the county, so the county can use them for all of the different events. It is a 6 pack. It has a base, and there are 6 Walkie Talkies that charge on it. It's approximately \$129, and then there will be some tax, and then shipping is free, because we're going to order it on prime. A **motion** to order the Walkie Talkies was made by Vanessa Walters, seconded by Helen Chen, and passed. A **motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Michelle Mittelstaedt, seconded by Debra Stout and passed.

#### Old Business

**GivingTuesday** - November 29, 2022 - Rita said that she got an email from the director of the Foundation back finally, and she did confirm my notes. We had a total of about \$1,147 in donations to our program, which, because of the California 4-H Foundation match, it was a 100% matched. We had a total of about \$1,147 in donations to our program, which, because of the California 4-H Foundation match, it was a 100% match. We had 6 clubs that had donors. We had one club that had a \$500 donation. That was OABB. So they had the biggest donation, but they only had the one. So the club that had the most donations was FBS. We don't have the checks yet. She said that there was someone in the office who had been out sick, so she was going to be getting the checks out in the mail as soon as possible. Roughly, it's a little over \$200 for FBS, with 6 donors. A \$1,000 for OABB with the match. Trabuco, \$350, with 3 donors. FBS - 10 with \$220 and 7 donors. MGG: \$20 with one donor. Tr- Cities- \$500 with one donor. We had so many new donors that hadn't done it before, which was great. Because we had so many individual donors, we actually won an extra \$500 from the Development Services as a reward because they had that incentive. We have some great news on Giving Day this year. So, hopefully we can see that same kind of success again in May, when we have the UCANR Giving Day. So we've had a couple of donations since giving day as well. I think they were all to our to the general fund, their general support fund. Sandy asked if FBS wanted the cash of \$50.00 prize or the Ice Cream Party. They voted

for the Ice Cream Party. So on the 3rd Tuesday in February, they will receive their prize. Congratulations. We are all happy for you and thankful to your donors.

**Club Report Sign up sheet** - Rita sent out the reminder today. If you haven't done that, please go fill that in for tonight's meeting referencing what your club has done in the last month, so that Mrs. Schrieber can get that in the minutes.

**Pizza & Planning**: We had this event on January 8th, and we had an amazing turnout. We had approximately 30 people from several different clubs. who came and gave their voices to help us plan events. We had a bunch of people step up.

#### **New Business**

**4-H Offices closed** on Feb 20, 2023 for President's Day.

#### **Committee Updates**

**Scholarship Committee** - Sandy Jacobs said that the Applications are due on the 15th of each month. There isn't anything coming up really soon. But those of you that are interested in State Leadership Conference (SLC) and Summer Camp. Let's get those applications in. The sooner you get them in, the less you have to worry about them towards the end of the year.

#### **Outreach and Marketing** - No report

**Leadership Development** - Rita Jakel will be working on opportunities in the next few months. Beginning 4 H - I'm thinking of suspending that project because of low attendance. . I might not do the Career one either.

**Mid-Year Leader Roundtables**-There are 3 options. February 1st, at 7 pm - February 4th, at 2 pm. And February 7th, at 10 am.

**Record Book Committee** - Bri Jokerst gave a quick overview and kind of like a teaser of the **Spark Achievement Program**, which is like the revamp of Record Books, at least phase one. We're going to be having a record book Boot Camp on February 25th. It's the New Year, the time of resolutions and goals and time to get started on Record Books. If you keep going throughout the year, it's a whole lot less work than trying to do it at the end. So Spark Achievements - This is a brand new program that they just rolled out this year. This is technically a soft launch. Next year it will actually be full in force. If you qualify for it, I highly recommend doing this option. It's a much simpler record book process. So with the new program, we're going to have the Spark Achievement levels which is for our Junior members. Emerald is going to be for our Intermediates. The impact will be for the Senior members. These 2 will be soft launch next year. They're piloting them currently. Juniors are where our spike sparks fit in, and that focus is on trying new things and there is no State Level Record Book Competition. So that's not changed. It's not too much focus on doing things at the county level. Once you get into the higher levels. Then there's going to be more focus on doing 4-H at all of the levels. So Spark Achievement is designed mostly for 9 and 10 year olds. but anyone can earn them. Members must complete all 4 levels of Spark Achievements to work on. The Emerald Star Rank. Intermediates can work on completing all 4 levels of Spark Achievements and the Emerald Star at the same time. So basically if you come in and you missed sparks, because maybe you come in as an older member. You can work on those sparks at the same time as your other stars. Senior members that are new to 4-H. Must complete at least one Spark Achievement level. The sparks are a series of pins. They are cute little pins. They all fit together. So are you a junior member or a new member? Yes, then you should definitely do spark achievements. Are you not a junior or new member? Okay. and go forward with the new system next year. Or if you do not yet have Star Rank. Even if you are a Senior member, they're recommending you do the Sparks, because at some point you're going to have to do it at least one Spark, anyway. There isn't a whole lot of incentive to get started on the Star ranks if they're going to revamp that all next year and the best part is the simplicity of the forms. The spark achievements report - it's actually several pages that you will fill out consecutively over time. So you don't have a new set of forms every year. You build, and slowly, eventually you'll fill in this entire form. So there's different categories. You will need the amount of time you spent on it, and a little brief summary of what you did. So this is much less confusing than trying to match up categories of what event goes where. It's very much more straightforward. Then, at the end of the year as you complete each spark. You just have to have it signed by the member and the parent, and 4-H volunteer or team later, and then that gets turned in as part of your Record Book. Thanks, Bri.

**Incentives & Recognition Committee** - Need Volunteers - If anybody is interested in being a part of that process. A lot of the work is already done. There is just maintenance that needs to happen to just keep it going and making sure that we're re-evaluating our program. But it also kind of oversees the umbrella of teen council and county ambassadors.

**County Ambassadors** - Esperanza Reyes said that she wanted to put it out there. If I could have any volunteers to help me with the County Ambassadors, we'd probably do a soft start. 2 or more people can help me with that and help me to teach them student/adult leadership. We would take turns supervising the kids at different events. They can help out, for example, by helping out in Fashion Revue in case they need runners, or an MC. or Greeters, or something like that. This would be a good thing for our older members, to keep them engaged and it really helps them. We go over, resume writing as well for them, and interviews too. So in that age, they have summer jobs or internships and things like that. We want to empower them. If anybody at all is interested, every little bit helps. So I would really appreciate it. You could contact me by e-mail. Rita said - Actually, they can contact Rita because we have to follow the State Ambassador Administration Manual. The State has been very clear in the last year or so that county programs have to be compliant with the State expectations for county ambassadors. So it's pretty well

delineated in the manual what we would have to do with that and it's very specific requirements for youth to be eligible to be ambassadors, so we need to have kind of a concerted effort over the next few months. First be able to have kids who are actually eligible. It's been challenging with Covid for kids to earn all the hours of leadership and citizenship and community service that they need to be eligible for the program. So we're going to have to have some opportunity to first meet the eligibility requirements, and then we can start building an ambassador program back in again. Esperanza said she would like to have the New Training Manual. Rita will have to take the lead on this because it must go through the 4-H staff. We'll have to have some planning meetings to get that up and running and possibly have to do it in conjunction with having some Teen Council activities first, to give the youth the opportunity to actually meet the requirements for ambassadors. It's a pretty lengthy list of things they have to do. Esperanza can help with the County Ambassadors. We can really use mentors, and anybody willing to help with that, please reach out to Rita.

#### **4-H Event Updates**

**Food Fiesta** - January 28th, 2023 - Chair, Sandy Jacobs - Okay, next Food Fiesta is this Saturday? If your kiddos are not participating, still come and check it out and watch the kids, we've got 3 heats of cupcake wars that are happening. It will be fun.

For those that are participating tomorrow night. I'm doing a personal presentation. Zoom. So what that means is all of the members and all of the categories have to do the "Hi, my name is". presentation. So we will go over that. And if anybody has any questions or anything, they can pick my brain. And basically I'm just there for support tomorrow night.

**Presentation Prep Zoom** - Wed night @ 6pm - **County Field Day** - Virtual - TBD, 2023 - Bri Jokerst - In person - Mar 11, 2023 - It's going to be a big event. We are really trying to encourage **Share the Fun Skits** this year. We have some a big plan for some sort of a perpetual prize to be carried around and passed on to the club that is voted best. So encourage your club to do a "Share the Fun Skit". More information and registration forms, and everything should be out soon.. If you're interested in volunteering, we're going to need lots of volunteers, evaluators for members. We'll need room monitors. We're planning to have senior members Evaluate the primaries. We need both adults and youth. We'll have a sign up genius that goes out at the same time as the registration materials - if you have any questions, or if you are really dying to volunteer in the interim. Please reach out to me. Sandy added - There's lots more. There's going to be a **horse bowl**, an **avian bowl** and a **food booth**. The **County dog project** will have a booth there. Helen Chen added - this could be my plug in for the Avian Bowl project. I met with the poultry leaders and my co-leader, Debbie Mongan and junior leader, Iris, to plan the project. All are welcome. Anybody who is interested in getting more knowledge. Sometimes it's knowledge on the poultry projects. It helps them build their confidence. The material is not that much. It's about 40 pages on a Pdf. Our sign up Link is available on the County Project website. Please sign up so I can get the information out. First meeting will be February 2nd. This will give us hopefully one or 2 meetings before Field Day, when we actually have the avian bowl. We're planning to order a buzzer system, like at the real county, and staples for the youth to practice on. If you join the Avian Bull project, I will explain more how those work. We will have avian bowl at Field day. Niki Miller explained that the Horse Bowl is open to people who are in the Horse Project. I already sent out. The 40 page documents like Helen had with the questions that the kids are practicing during their horse projects, and it'll be fun to watch. They get to be on teams, and they can have up to 4 people on a team and multiple teams per club. They will be using the buzzer system that you ordered. Thank you for doing that. That'll really make it a lot easier to keep track of things, and I hope it will be interesting to see the kids trot out their knowledge. The horse bowl is a lot of equine science, really tricky fun things that they're learning in hippology.

**Fashion Revue** - Chairs, Beverly Schrieber & Sheyla Jacobs - Sandy said that the Committee met on January 22, 2023. The event will be on Mar 25, 2023 - In person. If anybody else wants to join, we would love to have you, and we just kind of walked through the 7 different categories that are like State. Categories requiring project are: Traditional, Make it with Wool & Quilts. Categories not requiring a project are: Consumer Purchase \$50, Costume Challenge, Softie Challenge & Leather creations. Lots to offer? They don't all have to be worn. Only 3 of them have to have a garment that you wear.

**Imaginology** - April 15-16, 2023 - We had a bunch of people step up to take on different roles. Building/camping will be Allison Kari, from Trabuco. Building stage will be Sandy Jacobs. Large Livestock led by Jim Mullion. Small Livestock by Max Horan. There will be a Committee Meeting this coming Thursday night at 7PM at the Orange County Fairgrounds.

**Clover-Joved FIESTA** - Sandy Jacobs - June 10th - That is our achievement. Family Day. Hang out Fun Club event that we're having in June. At our Pizza and Planning event, we got a whole bunch of things decided. Our food will be tacos, so we'll have different kinds of needs. We're going to have an individual Salsa Making Contest - Club Pinata Contest - Susie Roeser is in charge of this - We're going to have Club Spirit Tables again, just like we did at the beginning of the year, although this time you'll be able to show off everything that you guys did this year. We will have a Succulent Planting Station that will be hosted by Jamie Rojas and Melissa Sarah from OABB, (Plant Propagation.)

**LA Summer Camp** - Tentative dates - June 18 - 24, 2023 - Staff applications due - March 17, 2023

**Club Updates** - Review of Club activities: projects, meetings, events, etc.

**Capistrano Rancheros** - None

**Fountain Valley Cloverdales** - Michelle Mittelstaedt - Baking Project making both regular and gluten free treats, Art and Crafts and Beginning 4H made ornaments and wreaths, and Rabbit Project practiced showmanship with stuffed animals and mini-lop Shadow is pregnant!

**Fullerton Feeders, Breeders & Seeders** - Liz Broadbent " At our December board meeting the entire club had their gift exchange. It was so much fun to see the members open their presents. The baking project brought treats for us to share while the members opened their gifts. A fund time was had by all!

The club members purchased arts and craft items for the Florence Crittenton Center in Fullerton. We had three big full boxes to donate. Not too bad for a small club. They were very excited to receive these donations. All our member families are very generous. We survived the rain but it came close a few days. The horses were about ready to jump out of their stalls. They were nuts when they finally were able to run free. Their feet were off the ground more than on. Our January board meeting. All of our projects are up and running and moving along Some of our members are already working on their Field Day presentations. We had a new family come and visit our club to see if they would like to join our club. That went very well. They were very impressed on how well out leadership team ran the meeting. The leadership team is planning a Campfire Extravaganza at the Winberg home on Sunday,19 February. The members are looking forward to having a fun event. Smore's, pizza, campfire songs, games, etc.

We are just moving along."

**Fullerton Hills** -None

**La Habra Hilltoppers** - None Community service - Youth Summit- Club meeting

**Lake Forest Superstars\*** - Rita said they will be dissolving in the next month or so. I think they've closed their bank account. As far as I know we're waiting to get the funds to put into escrow, and we'll be putting in the official dissolution of charter to the State.

**Mesa Goathill Gogetters** - Sandy said that Jaz prepared this report for us but needs to study for finals this week. 1. At our January meeting we practiced for Food Fiesta and played Limbo. 2. Everyone had fun. 3. Hobbies: Card Games and Japanese projects met last week. Both were well attended.

**Orange Acres Backbreakers** - None

**Orange Villa Buckaroos** - Helen Chen reported for Kelly. So for OVB, for January we had a New Year's party, which was a lot of fun. Club Members brought their favorite cookies to share. They played Telestrations. They also learned about the Lunar New Year. They also made bracelets, so that was a lot of fun. The ongoing projects are cooking Project and Environmental Stewardship project that are meeting regularly. Environmental Stewardship Project met for a nature walk last week in San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, and then the Sculpe Project will be starting soon. We are also hosting the Countywide Avian Bowl Project. So if you're interested, please sign up.

**Trabuco Trailblazers** - Bri Joker said that our last meeting was on January 11th and we had Rita as our special guest. Our live large livestock project gave a presentation on how to shear a sheep that was hilarious. One of the members used their little brother as the sheep model. So you can imagine how that went. We had 2 club officers giving impromptu speeches, and we discussed hosting our food booth for food for Field day. We are planning on serving pasta as our food.

**Tri-Cities** - Debra Stout - Dec 15th - At our first general meeting we shared the upcoming projects and invited youth to sign up for projects (herpetology, baking, leadership, livestock, photography, animal care (dog)). The youth decorated cookies and made hot chocolate while the parents discussed and reviewed the enrollment procedures. The first herpetology project met and a local expert, Emma Williams shared proper care, grooming, and feeding reptiles (met 2 snakes and a bearded dragon). Our next meeting we will vote in new officers and bylaws to help us move forward. - last meeting held on Jan 11. - Large Livestock gave a presentation on How to Shear a Sheep- 2 of our club officers gave impromptu speeches

**Yorba Linda Cloverleaf** - Rachel Horn reported - January meeting had some new interested families. Played icebreaker two truths and a lie and fun bingo game. Had first livestock interest meeting.

**County 4-H Representative Reports & Updates** Rita's report included her January Update. - Enrollment Update - Enrollment Accuracy - Mid-Year Leader Roundtables - On the Horizon - Z soft corporation and the Z-suite package for enrollment next year. - we actually will not be open for enrollments until August eighteenth. - May want to do paper enrollment to start earlier.

**Adjournment** - A motion to end this meeting at 8:42 p.m. was made by Niki Miller, seconded by Michelle Mittelstaedt and passed.

**Next Executive Board Meeting** - Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 7PM (Zoom)

**Next Orange County 4-H Council Meeting** - In-Person - Tuesday, February 28, 2023 @ SCREC

Respectfully Submitted by

Beverly Schrieber, Recording Secretary