

OCC Minutes - March 28, 2023

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Attendance: Rita Jakel, Sandy Jacobs, Briana Jokerst, Vanessa Walters, Beverly Schrieber,

Maddy M., Liz Broadbent, Susie Franklin, Laurelyn R, Dr. Debra Stout, Allison Kari, Kelly Speakman, Niki Miller, Jaimee Rojas,

The meeting was **called to order** at 7:07 p.m. by President, Sandy Jacobs.

Pledges: The pledge to the American Flag and the 4-H Pledge were led by Laurelyn R.

Review of **Minutes:** A **motion** to accept the minutes as presented was made by Briana Jokerst, seconded by Allison Kari and passed.

Treasurer's Report - Vanessa Walters, our Treasurer, sent the following e-mail.

Here is the treasure report for March. Our month Checking statement is \$35,593.36 and the Saving Account is \$18117.85.

However we have \$2672.46 in outstanding checks that were distributed to our clubs for giving day but not yet cashed. Leaving County with an adjusted balance of \$32,920.90 as a balance for the end of the month. On Presentation Day we received \$2293.74 from State for Giving Day Donations. We were able to write and distribute checks to all the clubs that earned donations that same day! Trabuco Trailblazer- \$350.76 - Mesa Goathill Gogetters \$20.06 - Orange Acres Backbreakers \$1002.06 - Fountain Valley Cloverdales - \$200.44 - Fullerton FBS \$219.40 - Tri Cities \$501.02 Do we have any receipts from Presentation Day and Fashion Review?

A **motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Niki Miller, seconded by Susie Franklin and passed.

Old Business

County Field Day - Bri Jokerst - Recap - Bri Jokerst reported that it was a multi-day event. We had our in-person event, and then we also had 3 days of virtual presentations. In total we had 20 presentations and 18 participants. We had 5 clubs represented and a big, big, big Thank you to our evaluators, Sheyla, Sandy, Jaz, James, Susy, Vanessa, and Niki. A big thank you to all of our other helpers Mark and Kaoru, Rita, of course, and the Kari family for managing our food booth for the tropical trailblazers overall. Every single member somehow managed to win a blue or a gold. Everyone's eligible to go to Regionals.

Fashion Revue - Chairs, Beverly Schrieber & Sheyla Jacobs - Recap - Bev reported that it was beautiful. Sheyla did a wonderful job, and Rita and Sandy helped her out. It was just great. We had 4 kids, and they were all county winners. One was a primary. The food was good, the weather was good, the people were good, the kids were cute and beautiful, and the evaluators were a friend of Sheyla and myself - that was easy. We had 2 kids from Fountain Valley and 2 from MGG. If the older ones want to go to State, they may. They may need some help with that - when and how and so forth. I was so proud of Sheyla. She just did a super job. Hope she does it again next year. Sandy said that she talked to 2 members that we're eligible of 3. Actually all 3 of them are eligible to go to State afterwards. Hopefully, we'll have some kids at State.

New Business

Rita will be out of the office: April 23-27th, 2023. Sandy said that just so you guys know that does affect our April meeting we will not be having.

April Council Meeting - Canceled

County Event - Club Rotation - Bri Jokerst spoke about this idea. So for next year, Our plan is that rather than just this free for all like who wants to take on the events? And it seems to kind of be the same, 5-ish people that handle all of the events. Instead, we're looking to bring forward a system where clubs are responsible for events. So there will be a sign up sheet, showing which events they want to run. We're not just throwing you to the wolves and saying, "Good Luck." Have fun trying to run Food Fiesta by yourself, which we all know. Sandy is not going to give that up easily, anyway. It will be kind of a mentoring situation. There will be a lot of help. If you're a really tiny club, then 2 clubs can team up. Or you run a small event like record book. Judging which is super easy. You provide some food and sign, get help, get some evaluators signed up, and that's it. So it will be a "first-Come", "first-Serve" kind of thing. So if you want to sign your club up, you should be at the May County Council meeting. Sandy said that we're going to discuss it at our "Round Tables". Susie Franklin said that she thinks it's a great idea. That was kind of how I was brought up, so I was already used to that idea. But the more I thought about it, I wondered, might it be something where it could be a 2 year commitment, and you could pair larger clubs with smaller clubs, and the larger club could be kind of the leader and the smaller club could be the follower, and then by the next year, the club that had been on board is the smaller club could then take it over, and then maybe also to the idea of like, I know, Sandy has been working really hard on getting a binder with all of the pertinent information. Maybe if we know, this is kind of the direction we're going that we could have the committees this year. Kind of work on that binder piece. Or maybe it would be that the lead club, does the leading. And then the second very club does the binder this year, so that then they're ready next year -something like that to ensure some success. Sandy said that we have Google drives. So we have one for a Imaginology. We have one for Food Fiesta. (Food Fiesta, Fashion Revue, Presentation Day) for the most part all of our events, all have a drive, and the password just gets passed down, and everything - back to whenever whoever created that email - is in there. So it's a lot of really great information. We will be discussing these further at every meeting that you'll see us at May, June leaders Round Tables at the end of the year and later Tables at the beginning of the year.

Congratulations! Congratulations to Ms. Laurelyn and Michaela. They are both going to be State Ambassadors for Orange County next year. So Congratulations. Sandy believes they were just notified today? This morning. That's so awesome. So we will have 2 Ambassadors next year. That's awesome. Do you have anything that you want to say about that speech. Laurelyn said

that It was a very long and arduous process, and probably like at least 4 emails of oh, we still don't know, yet. Keep waiting and keep waiting kind of the thing. So I don't put anything on your calendar. Yeah. So I'm glad to finally have an answer one way or another. And hey, the good answer to get. So yeah.

Committee Updates

Scholarship Committee - Sandy Jacobs - Applications due on the 15th of each month. We have money we want to give out. The events coming up will be Camp and State Leadership Conference. So if you know, your members want to go, turn in applications.

Outreach and Marketing - No Report

Leadership Development & Roundtable Recap - Rita Jakel said that We will host some Leader Round Tables at the end of the year, just to debrief at the end of the year and to begin talking about next year. There's going to be some things a little bit different because of the new enrollment platform. The timing of things will be a little bit different. So it'd probably be good to sort of circle the wagons and be on the same page before we break for the summertime. Be on the lookout for those announcements. They say that one of the key discussions will be club rotations of events or participation in events that's going to be a Biggie. You want to be there to make sure your club gets represented.

Record Book Committee - Record Book Bootcamp - May 7th. from 2-4 pm. at SCREC - Bri and Sandy reported that if anybody needs help with your Record Books or want to learn about Record Books. That is a good time to go.

Incentives and Recognition Committee - We need a leadership team for this. If anybody is interested in helping out with this, please let Rita or Sandy know. We really need this. Most of the groundwork has already been laid. We just need people to carry it forward. So if you again, if you're interested, please let us know.

Nominating Committee - We need people on the nominating committee. We have President and Recording Secretary and Teen Members that we need to get voted on to the Board for next year. So if anybody is interested in being on the nominating committee, I know Mark Beckman is on there, but I'm not sure of anyone else. Is anyone else on that, Rita. Elections are in May. Installation of new officers is in June. If anybody is interested in doing this, we do need people, because May will be elections and June installation of new officers. Please reach out.

4-H Pins: If anyone needs pins for this past year, get the order in to Rita as soon as possible.

4-H Event Updates

By-laws Committee - Board members and at least 3 other volunteers - Meeting - April 25, 2023 7pm. The board members, and a few other people are planning to get together on our April County Meeting night, so we will not be having a county meeting. We're looking to get together and start working on the new bylaws that we need to create, that were handed down from State. So if anybody is interested in assisting with that. We're meeting via Zoom, April 25th at 7 Pm. (So same night as our Normal County Council meeting.) Rita added that this is also something that's very important that we get some club leaders involved in this, because the changes to the By-Laws have a big impact on the number of youth and the mentors to support them that are part of the Council. -(County Council Executive Board). So it's really important that we have some support from the club and getting some quality youth into these positions.

Imaginology - April 15-16, 2023 - Allison Kari gave the following report - I have very exciting news about Imaginology. All of our forms are up, and registration is open. This is a lot of hard work with Rita and Sandy. I am very excited. So everything is open for the building, for livestock, for camping, and we've got a few entries already. So you guys may want to take that back to your club and announce that it's all up and ready to go. We also need to get some volunteers for our different things that we need to do. We need some evaluators and some help setting up our booth also the Community Service. Our Service Project needs some help, and also set our Outreach Table. What I did with the service project is that I have people in 2 hour shifts throughout the time we're, there, except there is one one-hour shift on both Saturday and Sunday from 4 to 5. So if you know anyone who has like a younger child, or something that might want to grab those. That's a game-heads-up for those times. Also we are planning to do our awards ceremony for the kids at 4 pm on Sunday, and so that will be on our stage. The link up for the payment survey for building entries is up in the response to the building entry. Rita added that All the links are there. There are multiple links for building entries. All the links are there, for the entry forms the guidebook, the rubric, or even there this year. We wanted to make it consistent with the other events. The website's not working. The payment survey is in the response to the Google forms it's also in the camping Payment Survey--- is in the response to the camping Google form. If you end up needing those, because the website is being wonky, just let Sandy know, and we can send it out to you. Just make sure that you fill out the Google form first for your entries. Building/camping - Allison Kari --- Building stage-Sandy Jacobs --- Large Livestock- Jim Mullion --- Small Livestock - Max Horan. All Registration forms are OPEN on the OC4H website

County Dog Project Fundraiser - Susie & Laurelyn R - May 1st, 2023 - Handels Ice Cream, Irvine - Laurelyn reported that on Monday, May 1st, the dog project is going to be having a Fundraiser all day at Handles Ice Cream in the Irvine Marketplace, where any purchases that you make when you tell them that you're supporting Orange County for each dog project, we will get proceeds donated back to our project, and since it's all day, you could just stop by and grab a pint. If you don't want to, sit and eat ice cream there, that is totally fine, too, because that's still a purchase, and it's still as good. So you get the ice cream, 4-H gets the money, and the dogs get agility equipment. So it works out great for everyone. We will be there in the evening, lobbying and helping drive customers and that sort of thing, and also promoting 4-H. Sandy added a question. Is there a flyer required that people have to bring with them? I actually just put it in the chat, but that was gonna be my question. Did they need to bring that flyer that you sent to me with them? Laurilyn said that she believes I don't know if it says on the fly or not. I think you just have to tell them if you want to show them the flyer. I think that's fine, too, but I like to have it on my phone. I think if you tell them that is good enough. I believe that's what the person said. I can post the flyer on the website. Rita offered to put it in our essential

Google drive that everybody has access to, and that might be an easier way for people to get it and send it out in the Newsletter. Everyone can have access to print it on their own, and take it to Handels.

State Field Day - May 27, 2023 - **UC Davis** This will be for both Presentations and for Fashion Revue. However, Regionals will come first. It's all virtual. Bri - stage is hybrid. You can do either. Sandy - not for Fashion Revue, FR is in-person, only for Presentation Day. Best interviews in person. The State websites down too. If any of your members qualified at county, they **do** need to go to Regionals before they can go to state. So please go check out the website and get them registered.

Clover-joyed FIESTA - Sandy Jacobs - June 10th, 1-4pm Tacos!! - Salsa Showdown - Club Pinata Contest - Susie Roeser - Club Spirit tables - Succulent Planting station - Jaimee Rojas/Melissa Sara. --- Jaimee said that they would love for, everybody who comes to the station, to take home a plant. If I could get my hands on some plugs. Maybe order, some small pots, and then, you could either paint the pot. It could be painted or decorated somehow, and then putting in a plug. I'm not sure where to get those plugs. The only place I used to get plugs was from Plug Connection, but that was down in Vista, and they kind of stopped doing those donations. I really thought it would be fun to have everybody leave with a small plant. I also didn't know if that was something that you know the club would be donating, like as far as supplies, or if the county supports that I didn't know how it would work. As far as purchasing supplies for that station. Rita suggested that Home Depot has flats of succulents that could be divided into small amounts. They're pretty good about making donations. If you need a letter, we have a letter template on the website, or I could provide it to you directly. We would only need a couple of flats. I don't know if the Master Gardeners are going to have any cuttings like started, but that's another option. But I know I mean Home Depot, and even if they may give us a discount or something, even, it wouldn't be that expensive. And then, if I got some small terracotta pots that can either be decorated at the station. and then some soil obviously, too. That's what I was thinking. Sandy said If you're not entirely set on succulents and they still have them available, the last few Saturdays that we've been at SCREC, they've had veggie starters. (Serrano chili's, havinara chili's, Cilantro.)

LAC Summer Camp - Tentative dates - June 20-24, 2023. Right after that Riverside Camp starts on the 26th. If any of your members are interested in going. I know at least 3 of our members from our county have interviews on Saturday to be staff - Jaz, James and Lauren. So Congratulations and Good Luck. It sounds like they need more people. If any of your teens are still interested in being a counselor at camp, there weren't that many names on that list. I think they need more.

OC Fair Dates - July 14 - August 13, 2023

State Leadership Conference (SLC)

UC Davis -July 28-30, 2023(Not posted yet)-Save the Dates - 2023/2024 Club Year

Fall Leader Summit/Planning - September 16th, 2023

SCREC Expo - October 7th, 2023

Fall Clover-Joyed - October 14th, 2023

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

Capistrano Rancheros - None

Fountain Valley Cloverdales - Sandy reported that they had their March meeting. Their DIY project just started on Sunday. The Baking Project is the one that I help out with. They just finished up with that one. Tomorrow night they're going to have a meeting for their Outdoor Adventures Project which is going to start up soon.

Fullerton Feeders, Breeders & Seeders - Liz Broadbent reported that they practiced for Presentation Day. March was pretty quiet, but our kids did great a presentation day - 3. The received a gold or a blue. so those are eligible to go on. They're looking into it. and other than that we really haven't much else other than survive the rain. Niki, said We have a couple of kids already registered to go on to Regionals and a couple who are still thinking about it. Vanessa started her Community Service Project last month as well. So she's busy working. on that, too.

Fullerton Hills -None

La Habra Hilltoppers* - None

Lake Forest Superstars* - None

Mesa Goathill Gogetters - Beverly Schrieber reported that we had our March meeting. It was well attended, and fun. Jaz had his cards project at SCREC. We did not have Toastmasters. We're trying to figure out how to continue that. Mr. Fardad is trying to see how you can get the people together and have maybe one or 2 more meetings. We'll see how that goes. Sandy said that woodworking was good. Jaz, James, Clare and Michaela were there. We are so excited about getting that off the ground. They love it and the fact that we can have it at Beckman's house is a definite plus.They have the machine, and they have the patio, and we have the kids, and they have the kids. So how easy! Wonderful!

- **Orange Acres Backbreakers** -Jaimee Rojas reported that their club is planning to host a pancake breakfast at imaginology on Sunday morning. One of the things that we had some questions on was about how many people we might expect for that pancake breakfast. Now we do have the Orange city fire department has donated their trailer that can cook that has a griddle on it. And then we have another large griddle. We also have some donations, people offering, donating pancake batter and and then I know Suzy was also coordinating, helping with syrup. So we're getting some of those donations. We will make it a successful fundraiser. But I think the biggest question is, how many people we might expect based on either last year. But I know that we were going to include some of the people working on that Sunday morning. Does anybody have any numbers they could pass on that we could expect? Maybe start with the camping numbers which we won't know until next Monday, April 3rd. We're planning to do it very early, because we've been told that we should be kind of wrapping everything up by 9, 30, so that shows can begin, and people can get started with what they need to do for that Sunday morning. So we plan on starting. I guess you know, hopefully serving by 8 0'clock, I would imagine. But most of our animal projects are all getting started. We're picking up

on our Market Lamb Project this Sunday. Market goats are coming. Our dairy group. We're getting our dairy animals soon. Turkeys have been ordered, so it's just kinda all of those projects are getting up and running and kids are getting excited about that. The kids have all been really excited about our cake decorating project this year. That's been fun. Thank you to Susie for doing that project and leading that. Dog training has been a big hit as well. We just had our last March meeting here at the beginning of the month, and we've had some good involvement this year.

Orange Villa Buckaroos - Kelly Speakman reported that We are about halfway through with our Cooking Project and our Environmental Stewardship Project. We're going to have our second meeting on Monday for our Clay Sculpture Project. We've had some good involvement for those projects, and they're going well. And then we've continued to host the Countywide Community Service project, and sometimes we just have one person come and other times we have had like around 6. So it's been good.

Trabuco Trailblazers - Briana Jokerst reported the following via e-mail - - We completed our food booth at Field Day, although the Kari family ran the booth, several other members made baked goods to contribute. At our next meeting, April 12, we will be working on nominations for our officers. We have a new Cavies project starting up.

Tri-Cities - Debbie Stout reported the following via e-mail - Tri-Cities is excited to share that the herpetology had a successful field-trip at the Reptile Zoo in Fountain Valley. We also had a getting to know each others animal via zoom. Other projects will soon be up including photography, livestock, and chickens. We had members attend an interest meeting for projects to gain a plan and teen leaders.

Yorba Linda Cloverleaf - Rachel Horn reported the following via e-mail - Goats and sheep projects are underway. Kids just received their poultry for birds/turkey projects. Kids made lasagna and stuffed pasta shells in cooking.

County 4-H Representative Reports & Update - Rita gave her presentation. - Imagine Science Update - Important Changes at the County Office - UC ANR Tech Issues - 4Honline updates - Requirements to Show at Fair - Club Planning - Happy Easter
Adjournment - A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm was made by Vanessa Walters, seconded by Kelly Speakman and passed.

Next Executive Board Meeting - Wednesday, April 19th, 2023 at 7PM (Zoom)

Next **Orange County 4-H Council Meeting** - Tuesday, May 23, 2023 @ SCREC

Respectfully submitted by

Beverly Schrieber, Recording Secretary