



Leader's Council Minutes, Monday, January 23, 2023

The meeting of the Tulare County 4-H Leader's Council was held on Monday, January 23, 2023, at the University of California Cooperative Extension Auditorium and was called to order by Cammra Bettencourt, Treasurer filling in for the President, at 6:05 pm. Megan Scheer, 4-H youth member from Ducor 4-H Club, lead both the Flag Salute and 4-H Pledge. Those in attendance were: Cammra Bettencourt, Waukena 4-H; Stacey Farquharson, I&R Committee; Jody and Megan Scheer, Ducor 4-H; Natalie Mederos, Oakdale 4-H; Deanne Cardoza, St. Aloysius 4-H; Amanda Farquharson; Prairie Center 4-H; Judie Church, Prairie Center 4-H; Melissa Davis, Springville 4-H, Chris Giannini, Elbow Creek 4-H; Kelsie Pitigliano, Oak Valley 4-H; and Rochelle Mederos, 4-H staff. The minutes of the 10/17/22, meeting were prepared and presented by Secretary/Administrative Director, Amanda Farquharson. A motion was made by Stacey Farquharson and seconded by Natalie Mederos to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed. Cammra Bettencourt, Treasurer/Finance Director prepared and presented the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by JoWayne Lyons and seconded by Jody Scheer to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Rochelle Mederos gave the Staff Report. First, she updated us on the progress of the County Program Operating Procedures stating that she is waiting for answers/feedback from Gemma at the State 4-H Office regarding questions about templates for documents referenced in the OP or if we would have to create those ourselves and about the senior youth input needed. Once the document is ready for Leader's Council approval, it will be presented at a meeting and voted upon at the following meeting. Next, she gave an update on 4-H enrollment, reminding everyone that the 120-day enrollment deadline for Porterville Fair was 1/13/23, and the 60-day deadline is 3/17/23. Those dates for Tulare County Fair are: 120-day 5/15/23 and 60-day 7/14/23. She stated that as a county we should determine if we want to set a universal enrollment deadline for Fair participation for the 2023-24 year, which would be in effect for the 2024 Porterville Fair and the 2024 Tulare County Fair, so that the community would have enough notice about the enrollment deadline change. Members present noted that the Porterville Fair beef tagging was on 1/8/23, which was before the deadline meaning that the youth should have been enrolled prior to tagging. The sheep, goat, and swine tagging date is 3/5/23, which is also prior to the actual 60-day deadline. We currently have 420 youth and 109 volunteers enrolled. There are incomplete enrollments that need to be completed or deleted from the system, if you know any of the members listed, please reach out to them. Pending youth need to pay enrollment fees, if they have paid the club, be sure to pass the list on to the 4-H office so that members can be approved and participate. Since most enrollment fees are being paid by credit card, Rochelle has decided not to bill the clubs twice, clubs will receive one bill for the year after the program year closes. Clubs can expect to receive their enrollment fee bill for 2022-23 in July of 2023 with payment due in August or September of 2023, which means that this year's fees will be paid to the county UC Regents account during the next program year. Finally, Rochelle announced the 2023 CSU Bakersfield Ag Nights for both men's and women's basketball games where Ag youth, support staff and their families can receive free tickets to the games. The RSVP is requested by Clubs by February 3rd to the email address included in the email notification that most club leaders should have received, Rochelle will forward the email to everyone following tonight's meeting.

Unfinished Business

Rochelle reported that there were approximately 70 people in attendance at the 4-H Awards and Family Game Night on 1/19/23, at COS Livestock Pavilion. She had received RSVP's for just over 80 people. Unfortunately, we were not able to keep the leftovers of the tacos, beans, and rice, which Rochelle was not

aware of prior to the event. The night went well, and some families stayed and played games and visited. Everything was done and cleaned up by 8:30 pm.

The World Ag Expo Kettle Corn Booth is February 14th – 16th and help is needed. We especially need adult males or females that are willing to cook the kettle corn. Middle school and high school youth and adults are needed to bag the kettle corn and sell the corn and drinks. Use the [Shift Sign-up link](#) or scan to QR code to sign up.



New Business

There will be additional Spark Achievement Webinars at 7 pm on 2/9, 2/22, 3/9, and 3/22, that volunteers, parents, and members can sign up to attend to learn more about the new achievement system that will be replacing the Personal Development Report (PDR) form in the Record Book, which is used for youth to earn current star ranks. The other parts of the Record Book will remain the same. You can use the QR Code to sign up for the webinars to learn more.



Tulare County 4-H received the Saputo 4-H Ag Career Ready Grant, and we need at least 10 high school age youth to fulfill the grant. Funding from the grant will send 4 youth and 2 adults to the National 4-H Ignite Summit in Washington DC, March 9-12. We have additional funding to send more youth if they would like to go. Currently, the [application](#) is open for youth to join the 4-H Ag Career Ready project that will run through August 2023, with a deadline of 1/31/23, to attend the Ignite Summit, youth must be 14 to attend the Summit, however, 13-year-olds are able to be part of the project. Scan the QR code for the application.



The 2023-2024 4-H State Ambassador [Application](#) deadline is tonight, 1/23/23.

[Regional Presentation Days](#) are late March through Saturday, April 22, 2023; members must qualify with a Blue or Gold award at a County 4-H Presentation Day event. See [Virtual Regional Presentation Event page](#) for sign up information after qualifying with a blue or gold at a county-level event; Registration closes April 18th for time slots April 8-22. Evaluators (adults and 4-H members ages 16 and up) and Room Hosts (Senior 4-H members ages 14+) are needed. See [In-Person Regional Presentation Events page](#) for dates and locations; Registration closing dates vary.



[California 4-H State Field Day](#) is Saturday May 27, 2023 @ UC Davis. The 2023 Awards Ceremony is May 28th 6 -8 pm live on California 4-H YouTube channel.



[State Fashion Revue](#) has categories that are open to all 4-H members and include: Consumer Science Purchased, Costume Challenge, Softie Challenge, and Leather Creations; Members must be enrolled in Clothing & Textile project to compete in Traditional, Make it with Wool, and Quilts; County level qualification is REQUIRED for Traditional, Consumer Science, and Costume Challenge ONLY.



[State Presentation Day](#) – Members must qualify (gold or blue) through a county-level AND regional event. Virtual event dates are TBD.

Other contests during State Field Day: [Interview Contest](#) – No pre-qualification needed, open to all 4-H members ages 9-18. [Photography Contest](#) – No pre-qualification needed, open to all 4-H members ages 9-18. [Robotics Contest](#) – No pre-qualification needed, open to all 4-H members ages 9-18. [Film Festival](#) – No pre-qualification needed, open to all 4-H members ages 9-18. [Plant Science Contest](#) – No pre-qualification needed, open to all 4-H members ages 9-18; National qualifier event four highest scoring Senior 4-H members (ages 15-18) will be eligible to be part of the CA 4-H Plant Science team at the [National Junior Horticultural Association contest](#). [4-H Coding Challenge](#) – No pre-qualification needed, open to all 4-H members ages 9-18. [4-H STEM Shark Tank](#) – No pre-qualification needed, open to all 4-H members ages 9-18.

Countywide Events

Presentation Day – members from Tulare County can participate in neighboring counties virtual and/or in-person events, if we do not have enough interest to host our own event.

Fashion Revue – members must qualify at a county event (own or other county) in order to participate in the State Fashion Revue categories of Traditional, Consumer Science, and Costume Challenge ONLY. Sewing project leaders and club leaders should check with members to see if they are interested in participating in these categories to determine if we will host an event, if we host an event the project leaders should be on the planning committee.

Foods/Other Event – A motion was made by Stacey Farquharson to host a Tulare County 4-H Project Showcase where youth can bring something that they have made in their 4-H projects and also include a Table Setting Category for all members regardless of project enrollment. The motion was seconded by Jody Scheer. Motion passed. The following agreed to be on the planning committee Jody Scheer, Chair, Melissa Davis, Natalie Mederos, and Stacey Farquharson. The committee will work with Rochelle to determine a location and with a potential date of March 25, 2023. Details will be sent out once established.

[Tulare County 4-H Mail-in Match](#) for Rifle, Shotgun, and Pistol entries are due 1/31/23.

[Dale Wimp Rifle & Pistol Match](#) entries are due 3/2/23.

[Tulare County 4-H Archery Match](#) is Saturday, April 15, 2023, match information will be available soon.

[Shooting Sports Committee Meeting](#) will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2023, at Visalia Sportsmen's Association Range, Visalia, CA; Range will open at 5 pm for shooting; Meeting at 6 pm and range will open for shooting after meeting.

Other Items/Announcements

5 baby rabbits are available for free. They are 11 weeks old, and breed is unknown. If interested, call Lillian 559-250-5969.

Next Meeting is scheduled for May 30, 2023, at 6 pm.

The meeting was adjourned by Cammra Bettencourt at 7:55 pm.

Leader Council Treasurer Report
January 2023

Account ID	Account Description	Debit Amt	Credit Amt
CASH IN BANK			
1000	Ldr.Council Checking	49,315.86	
1200	SPONSOR/SAVINGS #2048	29,744.28	
1300	Scholarship/Reserved #1882	35.71	
1301	***Livestock Reserved Funds	13,411.89	
1302	***Horse Reserved Funds	1,183.22	
1303	***4H Memorial Scholarship	7,868.27	
1304	***Carla Sousa Scholarship	2,801.16	
1305	***Tartaglia Scholarship	4,391.30	
	TOTAL CASH	108,751.69	

INCOME-YTD			
4113	Youth Conferences - TSC Clover Drive	2,192.90	
4122	Sponsoring Committee	5,325.00	
4125	Shooting Sports Income	120.00	
4138	Interest on Accounts	6.28	
	TOTAL INCOME	7,644.18	

EXPENSES -YTD			
5105	County Awards	932.00	
5106	Leader Council Meetings	439.38	
5112	Fundraising LC Expenses	1,514.15	
5118	Misc. Expenses Elbow Creek 4H	775.78	
5125	Shooting Sports Expenses	342.74	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	4,004.05	

CHECKS -		
306	All Actions Awards - County Awards	318.94
307	Leslie Carman - County Awards	283.50
308	Jack's Catering - LC Meeting	135.24
309	Rochelle - LC Meeting	192.07
310	Molly's Buckles - Shooting Sports	342.74
311	Shay - Elbow Creek 4H	775.78
312	Void	
313	Rochelle - LC Meeting	112.07
314	Shop 4-H - County Awards	121.35
315	Int. Ag. Center - Health Permit	91.00
316	CES Power - Ag. Center	1,123.15
317	wifeye - Ag. Center	300.00
318	Crown Awards - County	208.21