

Independence 4-H Club September 2026 Minutes

The meeting of the Independence 4-H club was called to order by Georgia Holland, President.

At: 6:45 **On:** 9/9/26 **At:** Sebastopol Center for the Arts

Pledge of Allegiance/Flag Salute led by: Jeffrey Balich Shaw

4-H Pledge led by: Adelyn Maddocks

Guest count: 9

Review Of Minutes: Camille Maddocks

A motion was made by Fiora Landis to approve the minutes and seconded by Adelyn Maddocks. It was passed by unanimous consent.

Treasure's Report: Claire Pederson attending in proxy for Ben Deffenbaugh.

For the month of June 2026:

- \$0 in income
- \$1,164.57 in expenses

For the month of July 2026:

- \$0 in income
- \$0 in expenses

Correspondence: Alice Pederson

- No income or outgoing correspondence for the months of May, June, and July

Community Service: Jojo Holland

- November 14, 2026 Park Clean Up at A Place to Play
- Bring a donation of either cat or dog food to the next meeting for our Community Service to The Humane Society.

Healthy Living: Hannah Van De Mark

- Hannah gave a presentation about what stress is and how to cope with stress. Hannah led the club in some deep breathing activities.

Program: Project Sign Ups

Project leaders gave short presentations about their project offerings for the year ahead. Felecia spoke of Arts/Crafts, Sierra-Cheesemaking, Chelle-Woodcarving, Gelli Printing, LinoCarving, Lindsay-Floral, Friday Night Game Night, Leadership Project, and Pottery. Eric joined us via video to announce AI & Lego Project, Sara-Iggy's Orchard. Members were able to write down projects they want to participate in this year.

Old Business: Camille Maddocks

The Fairs: This summer we had 3 fairs. The Marin County Fair was July 1-5, the Petaluma Fair was June 18-21 and last but not least we had the Sonoma County Fair which was August 7-16. All fairs have still exhibits, livestock events, and fun fair carnivals.

YAL BBQ: Jojo Holland

The BBQ was on August 29th. Our club set up a booth for woodcarving, showcased their skills and shared with the public the many pieces members have carved. Our club also auctioned 13 baskets in the silent auction and made a total of \$1,112.50.

4-H Camp: Hannah Van De Mark

This year's camp was at Camp Tamarancho. Camp has so many fun activities such as carnivals, campfire, free time, archery, arts and crafts, and much more!

New Business:

Approval of 2026-27 budget: Claire Pederson opened a discussion about what a budget is and reviewed the budget with club families for this coming year. A motion was made by Fiora Landis to approve the budget and seconded by Adelyn Maddocks. Approval passed with unanimous consent.

National 4-H Week: Claire Pederson & Hannah Van De Mark

Announcement was made that our club would be participating in National 4-H week. An update was shared with the club that we had reached out to local businesses to participate in a window decoration for National 4-H Week! Committee organizers welcomed input and involvement from club members.

Achievement Night: Camille Maddocks

Achievement Night in the 100 Clover Woods is a Winnie the Pooh themed event for our Sonoma County 4-H Achievement Night on October 24th at 6:00pm at the YAL center in Rohnert Park. Achievement Night is a way to recognize youth achievements for the 2025-2026 program year.

Announcements:

- Sign up for the fall bake sale on October 10th at Fircrest Market in Sebastopol!

Retire Flags:

American Flag: Jeffrey Balich Shaw

4-H Flag: Adelyn Maddocks

Adjournment: At: 7:49 On: 9-9-26

Date: 9-9-26 **Signed:** _____