

## **Independence 4-H Club Minutes**

The meeting of the Independence 4-H Club was called to order by Wilder Larrain, President.

**At:** 6:34 p.m. **On:** 2/8/2023 **At:** Sebastopol Center for the Arts

**Guests:** 11

**Flag Salute and 4-H Pledge led by:** Phoenix Heartt-Johnson and Thorsen Heartt-Johnson

**Sonoma County All Stars Welcomed:** Independence 4-H welcomed our 4-H County AllStars Tammy Kelley & Alex Justus. The AllStars explained their roles, which include participating in 4-H decision making through the Sonoma County 4-H Council. They act as role models to 4-H members, support County events, lead workshops, and present a positive image of 4-H within our community, all the while improving their leadership abilities. It is the highest position in 4-H and one that high school members can apply for. Applications for County Allstars are due in March. As an award for Wilder Larrain's winning Achievement Night cupcakes, the Allstars provided our club an ice cream social at the end of our club meeting.

**Community Service Program for the Meeting:** Leo McDonell introduced Deborah Blum, Founder and Executive Director of Goatlandia. Deborah brought with her some very important kids, Amaretto and Hazel, with her to share with our club. Deborah spoke of her interest in animals and plant based diet and how that has led her to create a 501(c)3 which focuses on rescuing animals, adoption program, a city grazing program, catering, events venue, tours and kids camp. With 2 locations, a staff of 8 and \$500,000 operating budget it was obvious the amount of passion, energy and dedication she has for not only her animals but the community in which we all live.

### **Action on Previous Meeting's Minutes:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Clay McDonell reported \$50 in expenses, \$3,076 in income, and a closing balance of \$10,757.66 for the month of January 2023.

**Correspondence Report:** Camille Maddocks reported that there was no incoming correspondence for the month of January but an abundance of outgoing correspondence to donors, goat farms, media outlets, and volunteers who made the 2nd Annual Goat Treecycling a success.

**Healthy Living Activity:** Quinn Craven-Pittman gave a presentation on Powerbuilding. The presentation to Independence 4-H was what he had presented at the 2023 4-H County Presentation Day. Powerbuilding is a combination of powerlifting and bodybuilding which helps build strength, lift heavier and increase muscle mass.

**Community Service:** Leo McDonell reported back to the club that the towels/blankets were delivered to The Humane Society

**CCC Announcements:** Beth Craven reported back to our club on the CCC meeting.

- Reminder: Allstar applications are due in March, it is a one year commitment and you must be 14+ years of age.
- Teen Ag Discovery Summer Camp - CSU Fresno will be June 4-14, 2023
- YAL Foundation - reminder to our club that if we use the YAL space for projects that we must clean up thoroughly after ourselves.
- Fashion Review will be April 16, 2023. Evaluators and helpers are needed for the event.

**CCC Announcements (continued):**

- Chickenque: Chickenque 2023 will be held on May 7.
  - Each member is obligated to
    - Buy 2 tickets (more available if you want)
    - Each member must make (1) homemade cake ( 2 layer or angel food cake, no pies, cupcakes this year)
  - If 80% of a club's members sign up to work the event then the club will receive \$100 back to the club.
  - There will be a t-shirt contest, poster contest, and parade this year.
  - Clubs are welcomed to have a booth at the event.
- 4-H Camp: Information on dates/cost will follow at the next CCC meeting.
- Sonoma County Youth Poultry Showdown will be 3/20/23 and is a County event.
- CCC is seeking a President & Treasurer. Elections are in May 2023.

**T-Shirt Committee Report:** Hannah Van de Mark and Clay McDonell gave an update on the new t-shirt design. A special thank you was given to Madeline Smith & Stephanie Wang as their designs were merged together to create this year's new t-shirt. An announcement that it will be cheaper if we buy a larger quantity of product. Further details will follow regarding order forms and cost.

**Project Report:** Camille Maddocks reported on details of the Leadership Project; what they do and what she has learned while in the project.

**Old Business:**

- Bonnie Russell Larrain updated our club on Presentation Day that was 2/4/2023. Our club had a spectacular turnout. Madeline Smith & Austin Smith were 1st year club members who were courageous to participate and succeeded with great accomplishment and high marks. It was Camille Maddocks & Abbey Casey's first year participating in addition to our experienced presenters, Clay McDonell and Quinn Craven-Pittman; all succeeded in high marks.
- Leo McDonell spoke of the Cloverdale Citrus Fair. The fair dates are on 2/17-2/20.

**New Business:**

- Joey Harriman and Lenore Ryan spoke about the Apple Blossom Parade and the interest of the club in participating in the parade and showcasing our club projects. The parade is April 29th and we welcome all members/families to participate.
- Clay McDonell spoke of Elections which will take place at our April meeting. Clay welcomed all youth members to be open to taking on responsibilities and tasks and running for an office that may interest them. Clay welcomed members to come and ask questions to the Executive Board.
- Wilder Larrain announced Fashion Revue and suggested everyone should try something new and participate or you can attend and see what it is all about.

**Program - 4-H Camp Song:** Quinn Craven-Pittman taught and led the club youth and families in a camp song called "Pinto Breen" that 4-H Campers learn at camp.

**Prize Bin:** Camille Maddocks announced that members could get a prize if they had a birthday in February, helped with Goat Treecycling fundraiser or participated in Presentation Day.

**Announcements:**

- Lenore Ryan announced that she will no longer be reminding Dog Project members of meeting dates/times.
- Beth Craven announced that there is room within the Outdoor Adventure/Camping project.
- Ron McDonell announced that our club is looking for a coordinator to take on organizing The Gravenstein Apple Fair Parking. It is a great event that raises money for our club and we are concerned about losing the opportunity if we don't continue to participate. We need one adult to take on leading/organizing the parking. Maria Casey, our current organizer has been doing it for many, many years and it is time for another to take up the task. Maria is available to guide and teach the new person but will be unable to be at the event.

**Next Meeting At:** Sebastopol Center for the Arts    **Date:** 3/8/2023    **Time:** 6:00pm

**Adjournment:** The business meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by Wilder Larrain.

**Date:** 2/14/2023    **Signed:** Camille Maddocks for Abbey Casey