

San Juan County 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2024

6:00 PM

WSU Extension Office and online via Teams

Attendees:

4-H Leaders (adult): Adam Eltinge, Angie Shephard, Dana Kinsey, Kathy Morris, Jan Sanburg, Terri Brown, Leslie Neal

WSU staff: Michelle Green

Time	Topic	Minutes
6:15 AM	LCEC comments	Coordinator transition: Welcome to Michelle Green, interim coordinator. Kathy Babbitt moving off-island; treasurer role will transition to Terri Brown. Several club leader transitions (Baking, Cat).
6:06 PM	Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM by Leslie Neal.
6:10 PM	Roll Call & Agenda	Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present. 8 leaders in attendance; 2 in-person and 6 via Zoom.
6:11 PM	Guest Comments	-
6:11 PM	Youth Time	We viewed photos from recent club meetings of Baking Club and Cat Club. Baking Club just did their community service project of donating hundreds of cookies to our hometown heroes: EMS, hospital, police, fire, etc. Cat Club had a session to prepare for fair. The kids practiced their demonstrations and practiced judging.
6:20 PM	Approval of Minutes	The minutes of the February LC meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Jan and seconded by Terri. Majority pass.
6:21 PM	Treasurer Report	June treasurer's report will be made available at the July meeting. LC spend during the last quarter has been primarily towards fair ribbons and print materials.
6:22 PM	WSU Updates	Our new interim coordinator, Michelle Green, introduced herself to the council. Michelle provided updates on the 4-H program, highlighting recent activities and upcoming events. This introduction led to a conversation where LC members shared feedback and suggestions, resulting in a productive discussion.

6:30 PM	Discussion	<p>Highlights of contributions from that discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Animal Project Hosting Idea: Observation by Adam that pandemic-driven land purchases in the islands resulted in land that was previously used for agriculture going fallow. Can we reach out to new landowners or Land Bank to connect 4-H youth with landowners willing to allow their use of land for 4-H projects? Terri noted that the Rissers have regularly offered animal hosting for island youth. Others are likely to support. * Collaboration with Local Organizations: Can we align our program offerings to make sure we're bringing new opportunities to the youth? For example, sailing/sports/art are well-covered by other organizations. Where can we focus our efforts? Group consensus that agriculture should be prime focus or other activities not offered on-island. Adam offered that Island Rec does an annual community needs analysis and works to coordinate offerings. Other groups to work with include: Island Rec, the Grange, Master Gardeners, Family Resource Center and others to be identified. * Community Funding Sources: Jan noted that the youth would benefit from our doing more outreach to encourage funding and community support for our 4-H programs. Could support things such as animal purchases and hosting expenses. Leslie/Michelle suggested social media outreach campaign for after Fair. Michelle: Farm Bureau offers funding resources also; she will see what is available. * 4-H Staffing: Group discussed the desire for stability in 4-H staffing. Noted the absence of a county extension agent for several years and turn-over in coordinator role. How to advocate for the state to prioritize funding for our county? Suggestions of: letter-writing campaign, petition. Can we seek financial support from county? (Faculty position is state funded, coordinator is county/WSU). Also, the issue of hiring on the islands -- applicant needs to be independently wealthy to buy a home here. Makes hiring hard.
7:00 PM	Committee & Clubs	First spring dog show was June 2nd. Fun event, successful. It's been a busy time in all the 4-H clubs as the school year comes to a close.
7:01 PM	Old Business	-

7:02 PM	New Business	<p>1) Fair working committee: We are making steady progress with fair preparations. On track on all fronts. We appreciate our volunteers and would love to have more to share the fun. If interested, please reach out to Michelle, Leslie, or Terri. You can view our progress and see where you might fit in here: <see link to action tracker below></p> <p>2) 2024 4-H Fair schedule: The fair schedule is nearly complete. Several minor adjustments are still needed, such as: Friday 1-2 PM making sure that all youth can do both rabbit/cavy/poultry and still make the large animal round robin. We will also make a few minor adjustments on the Sunday 4-H schedule. See working fair schedule for details. <see link to schedule below></p> <p>3) 2024 4-H Fair Book: The near-final version of the 2024 4-H Fair Book has been posted to the WSU website. Please review the book and provide feedback. We will vote to adopt at the July LC meeting. <see link to fair book below></p> <p>4) Motion to change fair book name from 4-H Exhibitor's Guide or Premium Book to "4-H Fair Book". Motion passed.</p> <p>5) Motion to approve shift of equestrian ruleset from Horse Contest Guide PNW to the new 4-H Equine Program Rule Book. Motion passed.</p>
7:42 PM	Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

- Helpful Links:**
- Fair-prep Action Tracker** https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1eQKweKbD6qGY0-L_oL3y99ANAQ4NsIEKLG-TKvHWE9Y/edit?gid=0#gid=0
 - 4-H Fair Schedule** <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EkpD2V28VLDXGmo4qqqrif8MGKJJ02inmHksjWEuWVU/edit>
 - 2024 Fair Book** <https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2054/2024/06/2024-4-H-Fair-Book-updated-as-of-June-21-rev.docx>
 - WSU 4-H Website:** <https://extension.wsu.edu/sanjuan/4h/helpful-links-and-documents/>
 - 2024 4-H Calendar** <https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2054/2024/01/SJC-4-H-Deadlines-updated-1-31-24.pdf>

Respectfully submitted by Leslie for Katie.

Proposals Considered

Topic 1	Naming change for fair book
Made By	Terri Brown
Seconded By	Jan Sanburg
Purpose/Background	Naming change for fair book from 4-H Exhibitor's Guide or Premium Book to "4-H Fair Book".
Existing Policy/Context	In formal use, we would switch to 4-H Fair Book. We can informally use any of the existing names for this document, such as Premium Book or Exhibitor's Guide.
Motion	I move that we change the formal name to "4-H Fair Book" in all of our documentation. We can informally use any of the existing names for this document, such as Premium Book or Exhibitor's Guide.
Discussion Points	Minor wording update in the motion text above, to reflect full name as "4-H Fair Book".
Vote	Motion Passed

Topic 2	Horse Rules Update
Made By	Trisha Arnott
Seconded By	Jan Sanburg
Purpose/Background	Proposal to approve shift from Horse Contest Guide PNW to the new 4-H Equine Program Rule Book.
Existing Policy/Context	Updated Guidelines: The new 4-H Equine Program Rule Book provides the most current guidelines and standards, ensuring that our program aligns with the latest practices and safety protocols.
Motion	I move to approve the transition from the current Horse Contest Guide PNW to the new 4-H Equine Program Rule Book for all equine-related activities, contests, and events within the San Juan County 4-H program.
Discussion Points	
Vote	Motion Passed