

**San Gabriel Valley 4-H Fair**  
**Board Meeting – Thursday, Sept. 17, 2020**  
Conference call (605) 475-3220 Access Code 758600#

2021 Youth Fair Executive Director Ema Straser called the meeting to order at 7:35p. Ema led the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge.

**Roll Call and Quorum Check** – Attendance was taken and it was determined that a quorum for the meeting was present.

Those who attended the conference call included:

Noel Keller	Dee Keese	Judylynn Pelling	Patrick Kam
Ace Yeck	Joanna Stewart	Danielle Sevilla	Efrin Sevilla
Ema Straser	Sara Castiglione	Rick Herbert	Nikki Yunker
Sophie Loewner	Lisa Loewner	Jolynn Bottrell	Peter Michel

**Meeting Ground Rules** – It was decided to continue the same ground rules as last year, as follows:

1. Respect other people’s opinions
2. Be open-minded
3. No personal attacks
4. Listen to others
5. Have one speaker at a time
6. Encourage youth participation
7. No cross talk
8. Help keep the meeting on schedule.
9. Welcome newcomers
10. Keep the goals of the 4-H program in mind.

Dee emphasized that we all need to be caring, loving people willing to get along with each other.

**Minutes Approval** – It was moved by Jolynn, seconded by Rick and passed to accept the minutes of the May 21, 2020 fair board meeting as published.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Joanna reported that there were expenses of \$1,357.41 for awards and \$35 for the fair website, resulting in a current balance of \$12,068.53. It was moved by Rick, seconded by Nikki and passed to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented..

**Old Business** – none

**New Business**

**Combine Beginning 4-H projects with Primary projects**

After some discussion, it was moved by Noel, seconded by Sophie and passed for this year at the fair to judge the Beginning 4-H entries in the same area as the Primary entries are judged. This would transfer the Beginning 4-H entry responsibilities from the General & Other Projects area to the Primary area. No changes would be done on the entry numbers this year. The Beginning 4-H entries would just be processed in the Primary area. This will be evaluated after the 2021 fair to see how this worked and if this transfer should be continued.

**2021 SGV 4-H Meetings** – With everyone having busy schedules, having fewer fair planning meetings during the year was again discussed. It was moved by Sophie, seconded by Patrick and passed to re-implement last year’s fair planning meeting schedule of having fair planning meetings in the following months: September, November, February, April and May. The meetings would be the third Thursday of the month. To accommodate this schedule, we will again need to change when we do some of our planning, such as all fair details should be decided

by the February planning meeting, the names of nominations for the fair court should be brought by districts to the November meeting, we should decide the fair theme at the November meeting, etc.. We will continue to have our meetings by conference call due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

**Fair Venue** – Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions and no knowledge of what will be happening during the next year with restrictions, it was moved by Judylynn, seconded by Rick and passed to table the discussion and the decision of the fair venue and schedule until our next planning meeting. In anticipation of us using the relatively same facilities as last year and to not miss out on getting the facilities, Dee has already made an application to use Ernie Howlett Park and a local school for the 2021 SGV fair. If the restrictions are removed, we would hopefully then be in a good position to get the facilities approved for the fair if we want them. Dee mentioned that her home could be a backup location for the fair if needed. We need to make a decision about the fair venue and the schedule by the February fair meeting. We anticipate that the fair would be run around the time of the weekend of April 23, 2021.

**2021 Fair Details** –We need to review the power point entry submission policy for fair entries. Power point entries required extra time to judge, but were very helpful for livestock entries. We may need to be creative in our submission options. Go back to your clubs and get some ideas about what submission options would be helpful. Di LaPlume and her husband offered to create a video of fair entries for the 2020 fair, but the offer came too late to do then. Should we consider a virtual gallery (video) of fair entries for this year? Bring your ideas about the fair activities and schedule of events to the next fair meeting in November. Please be as specific and detailed as possible in your suggestions. The details of the 2021 SGV 4-H Fair that are needed for advertising the fair need to be decided by the February fair planning meeting. All the entry information and forms need to be updated for 2021 and sent to Peter Michel by February so the fair website can be ready for viewing at the time of the County Judging Day event, Feb. 27.

#### **Nominations and Election of Directors for 2021 SGV 4-H Fair -**

It was moved by Noel, seconded by Sophie and passed to elect the following as 2021 SGV 4-H Fair Youth and Adult Directors:

##### Executive Directors:

Youth – Ema Straser                      Adult – Dee Keese

##### Assistant Executive Directors:

Youth –                                      Adult –

##### General Plants and Animals Directors:

Youth - Ace Yeck                              Adult – Judylynn Pelling

##### Home Economics Directors:

Youth – Erin Murdoch                      Adult – Marjorie Rodriguez

##### Arts and Craft Directors:

Youth – Lydia O’Neill                      Adult – Jennifer O’Neill

##### General and Other Projects Directors:

Youth – Sophie Loewner                      Adult – Lisa Loewner

Primary Projects Directors:	
Youth – Sara Castiglione	Adult – Danielle Sevilla
Small Livestock Directors:	
Youth – David Contreras	Adult – Isela Briseno
Large Livestock Directors:	
Youth – Julia Brown	Adult – Dixie Yeck
Activities Directors:	
Youth –	Adult – Jolynn Bottrell
Finance Directors:	
Youth –	Adult – Mary Lash and Joanna Stewart
Administrative Directors:	
Youth – Nikki Yunker	Adult – Rick Herbert

We did not elect people for Youth Activities, Youth Finance, Youth Assistant Executive Fair Director and Adult Executive Fair Director. Bring nominations for these positions to the next fair planning meeting when there will be an election for these positions.

Adults and youth who want to be 2021 fair youth and adult chairs should contact the Fair Director for the position they want. The 2021 Fair Directors are asked to bring the names of their Chairs to the next fair planning meeting. At this time, there is no election planned for fair chairs.

**Fair Honor Court** – Both NSG and SSG districts can nominate up to three youth for the 2021 Fair Honor Court. The districts need to bring the names of their Honor Court nominees to the next fair planning meeting.

### **Fair Handbook and Policy & Procedures Manual**

It was agreed that there would be no changes made to the SGV 4-H Fair Handbook and the Policy & Procedures Manual for this year. All changes to the latest Handbook and the Manual would appear in the 2021 Fair Flysheet.

**Adjournment** – It was moved by Rick, seconded by Sophie and passed to adjourn the meeting. The fair meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

The next fair planning meeting is **Thursday, Nov. 21, 2020 at 7:30pm by conference call.**

Reminders for the next meeting:

- Read the minutes of this meeting and be ready to vote on approving/correcting them. Please send any corrections to Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com).
- Look at the meeting agenda on the website and be prepared.
- Bring specific ideas for making the 2021 fair great – fair schedule, activities, etc.
- Bring ideas for a 2021 fair theme
- Bring nominations for the open fair director positions
- 2021 Fair Directors should bring the names of their 2021 Fair Chairs (youth and adult)
- Districts should bring the names of their Honor Court nominees

\*\*\*\*\*If you cannot attend this meeting, please send your ideas and suggestions to Ema and/or Dee before the meeting so your ideas and suggestions can be presented.

Respectfully submitted,  
Noel Keller