

**San Gabriel Valley 4-H Fair
Board Meeting – September 21, 2017**

at Mary Lash’s home (9497 E Foster Road, Downey, CA 90242)
Conference call (605) 475-3220 Access Code 758600#

The meeting was called to order at 7:36pm by soon-to-be elected Youth Executive Director Ashlyn Spaziano. Ashlyn lead the American and 4-H pledges.

Roll Call and Quorum Check – An attendance sheet was passed around and it was determined that a quorum for the meeting was present and/or on the conference call. Attendees were asked to indicate their email address and phone number on the sign in sheet. The meeting Ground Rules were posted on the wall.

Those who attended this meeting included the following:

Noel Keller	Kiran Ekanayaki	Rick Herbert	Marina Krishmar
Mary Lash	Marjorie Rodriguez	Niki Yunker	Alexandra Mullen
Ashlyn Spaziano	Johanna Stewart	Sepali Ekanayaki	Judylynn Pelling
Betty Mullen	Dee Keese	Wesley Rich	Leila Nuryan

Those who attended the meeting on the conference call included:

Debbie Treadwell	Victoria Rosenfield	Camille Norczyk	Conner Treadwell
Alexa Sutter	Marie Sutter	Julius Treadwell	Joanna Cao
Michelle Sylvest	Bob Sylvest	Danielle Sylvest	Megan Okamoto
Phil Sutter	Jill Okamoto		

Election of SGV 4-H Adult and Youth Executive Directors –

It was moved by Dee, seconded by Rick and passed that Ashlyn Spaziano be elected as the Youth Executive Director for the 2018 SGV 4-H Fair. It was moved by Rick, seconded by Dee and passed that Betty Mullen be elected as the Adult Executive Director for the 2018 SGV 4-H Fair.

Minutes Approval – It was moved by Rick Herbert, seconded by Wesley Rich and passed to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2017 fair board meeting as published.

It was moved by Rick Herbert, seconded by Wesley Rich and passed to accept the minutes of the May 18th fair board meeting for reference with the following notations and corrections:

- A quorum was not present at the meeting so no voting can be considered valid. A note needs to be added to the minutes to indicate that none of the motions/voting at the meeting were valid and need to be reconsidered at the next fair board meeting.
- Minutes of April 13th fair board meeting were not discussed or approved
- Correction of several names such as Urishmar, Karen, Norezyk, Layla, etc.

Treasurer’s Report – Instead of reviewing the Treasurer’s Report for the May 18, 2017 fair board meeting, the information from that was included in the Treasurer’s Report for this fair meeting. Mary reported we had a starting balance of \$14,596.34 as of the end of April 2017. Expenses included \$16.50 for a plaque, \$6 for bank fees and \$149.98 for web site fees to Peter Michel. Money was received for the pizza fundraiser by Greenleaf 4-H Club. The current balance for the fair account as of August 2017 is \$13,969.77. It was moved by Johanna, seconded by Judylynn and passed to approve the Treasurer’s Report and file it for audit.

Meeting Ground Rules – The fair board meeting ground rules were reviewed. It was moved by Noel Keller, seconded by Wesley Rich and passed to have 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.

Old Business

Fair Venue – There was much discussion on having the 2018 SGV 4-H Fair at the Chino Fairgrounds or at Ernie Holwett Park and Rancho Vista Elementary School Auditorium. Betty mentioned that she had inquired about reducing the cost of using the Chino Fairgrounds. A letter could be written to the Chino Fairgrounds board requesting a reduction in the fees or perhaps no fees. It was learned that some events are held there without fees charged. Betty mentioned that Riverside and San Bernardino County clubs have expressed interest in participating in the SGV fair if it is held in Chino. Dee mentioned that the charge for using the Rancho Vista Elementary School would be about \$800.00. Factors that have prompted consideration for a change in the venue to the Palos Verdes Estates area include the high cost (\$2,500) of using the Chino Fairgrounds, the possible hot weather in Chino, the food available at Palos Verdes Estates locations, and the closeness of the Palos Verdes Estates area to a large group of 4-H members and the ease of getting large animals to the fair for that group. It was mentioned that Keith Nathaniel would need to approve the change in location of the fair. It was moved by Dee Keese, seconded by Wesley Rich and passed that we change the fair venue to Ernie Howlett Park and Rancho Vista Elementary School Auditorium for the 2018 SGV 4-H Fair, pending approval by Keith Nathaniel. Dee will contact Keith for the approval. All the details of using these new locations will be worked out at our future meetings.

Conference Calls every other meeting -

Possible meeting format and schedule change – Due to low attendance at most of the fair board meetings this year, Dee Keese suggested that we consider having fewer meetings next year and try using conference calls for the meetings. The current calling in for the meeting system does have some difficulties. When thinking about this, it was suggested that we should also consider other remote meeting formats which could include face-to-face possibilities. When are the key points during the fair planning when we should have meetings? We will discuss this further at our next fair meeting.

New Business

Fair Court nominations from districts – Bring the district nominations for SGV 4-H Fair honor court to the November fair board meeting.

Fair Theme – Bring ideas for a fair theme to the next meeting.

Nominations and Election of 2018 fair remaining adult and youth directors –

It was moved by Dee Keese, seconded by Rick Herbert and passed to close the nominations. Debbie Treadwell and Marina Krishmar were both nominated for Adult Arts & Crafts Director – Marina was elected by vote of those present and online. Jill Okamoto and Alexander Nunley were

both nominated for Youth Arts & Crafts Director – Alexander was elected by vote of those present and online. With no further multiple nominations for any positions, it was moved by Judylynn Pelling, seconded by Rick Herbert and passed that the remaining Youth and Adult Director nominations be accepted by acclamation. This resulted in the following 2018 SGV 4-H 4-H Fair positions:

Assistant Executive Directors:

Youth – Michelle Sylvest Adult – Dee Keese

General Plants and Animals Directors:

Youth - Kiran Ekanayake Adult – Isabel Alaniz

Home Economics Directors:

Youth – Andrew Nunley Adult – Marjorie Rodriguez

Arts and Craft Directors:

Youth – Alexander Nunley Adult – Marina Krishmar

General and Other Projects Directors:

Youth – Wesley Rich Adult – Patrick Kam

Primary Projects Directors:

Youth – Julia Brown Adult – William Brown

Small Livestock Directors:

Youth – Rebecca Klose Adult – Shannon Penicks

Large Livestock Directors:

Youth – Lucia Brown Adult – Jamie Siner

Activities Directors:

Youth – Georgia Pike Adult – Amy Thornberry

Finance Directors:

Youth – Leila Nuryan Adult – Mary Lash and Johanna Stewart – Co-Directors

Administrative Directors:

Youth – Alexa Sutter Adult – Judylynn Pelling

Some motions to be processed from prior meeting

It was moved by Judylynn, seconded by Dee Keese and passed that we approve the following three motions made at our prior board meeting:

- 1) Best Youth Director and Best Youth Non-Director awards should be chosen by a special committee the last day of the fair. (had been moved by Judylynn and seconded by Kiran)
- 2) The fair sweepstakes trophy should be renamed “The Lewis Family Sweepstakes” trophy in honor of Mary Lash’s father and family who started this fair. (had been moved by Dee and seconded by Victoria)
- 3) Camille Norczyk should be given a special award for being an “exemplary director” for the SGV 4-H Fair. (had been moved by Victoria and seconded by Dee)

Adjournment – It was moved by Dee Keese, seconded by Rick Herbert and passed to adjourn the meeting. The fair meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm.

The next fair board meeting is **Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 7:30pm**
at the home of Mary Lash.

Reminders for the next meeting:

- Read the minutes of this meeting and be ready to vote on approving/correcting them.
- Bring nominations for fair chair positions – both youth and adult.
- Bring ideas for the 2018 SGV 4-H Fair theme.
- Bring ideas for which fair board meetings could be online or eliminated during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Noel Keller