

San Gabriel Valley 4-H Fair
Board Meeting Minutes – Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023
Conference call (605) 475-3220 Access Code 758600#

2024 Youth Fair Executive Director Lydia O’Neill called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.
Emily Aye 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	Rick Herbert
Sophie Loewner	Jolynn Bottrell	Judy Bakshi	Alexa Rose Ryan-Shirley
Johanna Stewart	Dahlia Bakshi	Jennifer O’Neill	Amber Gomringer
Emily Aye	Jolynn Bottrell	Cordelia La Plume	

Ground Rules – It was decided that we will have the same ground rules for conduct at fair meetings as was used last year so the meetings will go correctly and respectfully.

Minutes Approval – It was moved by Rick seconded by Johanna and passed to accept the minutes of the May 18, 2023 fair board meeting as published.

Treasurer’s Report – Johanna reported that we have, as of Aug. 31, 2023, a current balance of \$8,578.88 in the fair account, with an anticipated reimbursement of \$60.71 to Peter Michel for the fair website domain fee. It was moved by Rick, seconded by Noel and passed to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented.

Old Business –

Slate of Other Directors – It was moved by Rick, seconded by Noel and passed to accept and elect the 2024 slate of directors as follows:

	Adult	Youth
Administration:	Rick Herbert	Eisa Yaaseen
Finance:	Johanna Stewart	Keanna Wills
General Plants & Animals:	Judylynn Pelling	Sophie Kong
Home Economics:	Cynthia Hang	Emily Aye
General & Others:	Christie Beadle	Jonas Beadle
Primary:	Danielle Sevilla	Sara Castiglione
Arts & Crafts:	Jennifer O’Neill	Alexa Rose Ryan-Shirley
Activities:	Jolynn Bottrell	Amber Gomringer
Large Livestock:	Sophie Loewner	Cordelia La Plume
Small Livestock:	Judy Bakshi	Dahlia Bakshi

Fair venue – There was no discussion about a change in fair venue from last year.

Fair Schedule –

The fair schedule was discussed. The schedule worked well last year, so it was decided to follow the same relative schedule as last year – drop off fair entries on April 19 and 20, have entries judged during the week following, have fair activities on Saturday, April 27, including the

fair BBQ, with the entries picked up after the fair that day. Fair entry forms would be due April 1 (postmarked) to Rick Herbert. Following the same schedule as last year, tentatively on April 27 we would like to have in-person activities including showmanship for large and small livestock 8:30-10am, dog show 2-4pm, and other fun activities 10am-2pm.

Fair BBQ – It was thought that the fair BBQ for lunch on Saturday last year went well. No changes were suggested – the flyer was good, the menu choices were good, the pre-signups worked well and having just water to drink was desirable.

New Business

Fair meetings: Sept., Nov., Feb., March & May – It was moved by Rick, seconded by Judylynn and passed to tentatively have the same schedule of fair planning meetings as last year – Sept., Nov., Feb., March and May. If additional meetings are needed, they will be scheduled.

Website Domain Fee - This was discussed during the Treasurer's Report.

Fair Chair positions – Fair chair positions will not be elected this year. The fair directors will select the chairs that they need. In some cases, fair chair duties will be combined as the directors decide will work best for their departments. A youth fair chair should be at least 13 years old as of Dec. 31, 2023. Youth who are interested in being considered for a chair position should contact the fair director. The fair directors are asked to announce who their fair chairs are at the November fair planning meeting. Fair directors are also encouraged to start thinking about judges and clerks for their areas.

2024 Fair Theme – Please bring your suggestions for a theme for the 2024 SGV 4-H Fair to the November fair planning meeting. There were several good suggestions last year. We should look at the ones not chosen for last year and consider them for this year.

2024 Fair Honor Court – NSG and SSG districts should bring their 2024 Fair Honor Court nominations to the November fair planning meeting.

Updating Fair Handbook – It was decided that the SGV Fair Handbook would not be updated this year and that changes would still be put in the 2024 SGV 4-H Fair flysheet.

Clarifications about entries – Last year there was some confusion about fair entries – Beginning 4-H entries, decorated cake entries, etc.. Discussion of clarifications was postponed until our next fair planning meeting in November. We want to try to avoid any confusion this year.

Future possible discussions - Although it was brought up during our 2023 fair evaluation in May, there was no discussion at this meeting about concerns for our fair finances, venue size or attendance.

The next fair meeting is **Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 7:30pm by conference call.**

Adjournment – It was moved by Judylynn, seconded by Rick and passed to adjourn the meeting. The fair meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

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.
- If you want to be a fair Chair, contact the fair director over the position before the meeting.
- Fair directors, bring the names of your Chairs for this year.
- Bring your suggestions for the 2024 SGV 4-H Fair theme.
- Districts, bring your nominations for the 2024 Fair Honor Court.
- Are there any new items or clarifications that should be put on the 2024 fair flysheet?

Respectfully submitted,
Noel Keller