

**San Gabriel Valley 4-H Fair**  
**Board Meeting Minutes – Thursday, May 18, 2023**  
Conference call (605) 475-3220 Access Code 758600#

2023 Youth Fair Executive Director Sophie Loewner called the meeting to order at 7:32pm. Eisa lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Sophie led 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
Ibrahim Yaaseen	Sophie Loewner	Emily Aye	Lydia O’Neill
Eisa Yaaseen	Danielle Sevilla	Cynthia Hang	Sara Castiglione
Dixie Yeck			

**Minutes Approval** – It was moved by Rick, seconded by Noel and passed to accept the minutes of the Feb. 16, 2023 fair board meeting as published.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Johanna was not present. The Treasurer’s report was postponed until the next fair planning meeting in September..

**Old Business**

**Clarify Primary and Beg. 4H entries**

There was discussion on who could be in a Beg. 4H project and if a member of a Beg. 4H project could be enrolled in another club project at the same time. Noel checked with Charlene on this issue and Charlene said that yes, a member can be enrolled in a Beg. 4H project and another club project(s) at the same time. There seemed to be some differences in how our NSG/SSG clubs handle this. We will discuss this further in the fall and decide if anything should be put in the 2024 SGV Fair flysheet about this.

This year Primary members were only allowed to have entries in the Primary department, even though the fair flysheet and fair handbook may say that some areas are open to all members.

**2023 SGV 4-H Fair Evaluation**

Everyone seemed to agree that the fair went well this year.

**Fair BBQ** – 55 people made advance reservations for the BBQ. There were some walk-ups of some leaders and judges. It was successful. If we do it again next year, we would again want to have advance reservations required so it would be known how much food to buy for the BBQ.

**Home Economics** – Emily reported that everything went well in her department.

**Arts & Crafts** – Lydia reported that everything went well in her department

**Primary & Beginning 4-H** – Danielle reported that everything went well in her departments. Her judges really enjoyed processing the entries.

**Cake Decorating** entries – There was some initial confusion on these entries, but everything was resolved for this fair. Even though the Fair Handbook says Cake Decorating is treated like a Foods item, it was suggested that we state in the 2024 fair flysheet that Cake Decorating will be treated like a craft project and put under Arts and Crafts. This should be further clarified in the 2024 flysheet.

**Fair Finances** – It was noted that we are probably spending more to run the fair than we have income from the fair. In other words, for the last few years the fair has been operating with a

loss. Due to the COVID pandemic we had to go to a smaller venue which didn't have space or health permission for some of our money making opportunities – food auction, concession stand, opportunity table, alum entries, etc. How can we make income and expense for fair be more balanced? Raise the price of entries? Move to a bigger venue? Other ideas? We should further discuss this in the fall.

**Fair Venue** – Should we consider a bigger venue for the 2024 fair? Not knowing what the conditions will be next year, this topic was postponed to the fall.

**Fair attendance by NSG district members** – Due to price of gas and the time required, families are still not interested in driving long distances for events, especially new 4-H families that are unfamiliar with the event. More youth seem to be getting into athletic activities that have competitions/games on Saturday, thus there is a conflict with attending the fair. This all needs to be discussed further.

## **New Business**

**Elect 2024 SGV 4-H Fair Adult Executive Director** - Rick nominated Dee Keese. It was moved by Noel, seconded by Rick and passed that we elect Dee Keese as the 2024 SGV 4-H Fair Adult Executive Director.

**Elect 2024 SGV 4-H Fair Youth Executive Director** – Dee nominated Lydia O'Neill. It was moved by Noel, seconded by Rick and passed that we elect Lydia O'Neill as the 2024 SGV 4-H Fair Youth Executive Director.

We thanked Dee and Sophie, plus all the fair directors for all their hard work, time spent and efforts to make this year's fair a success and a good experience for our club members.

The next fair meeting is **Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 7:30pm by conference call.**

**Adjournment** – It was moved by Noel, 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Noel Keller