

**San Gabriel Valley 4-H Fair  
Board Meeting – Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018  
Held at the home of Mary Lash (9497 E Foster Rd., Downey, CA)  
Conference call (605) 475-3220 Access Code 758600#**

Youth Fair Executive Director Nikki Yunker was not present at the start of the meeting so Adult Fair Executive Director Dee Keese called the meeting to order at 7:44p. Dee led the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge.

**Roll Call and Quorum Check** – Attendance was taken and the start of the meeting was delayed until it was determined that a quorum for the meeting was present. It was noted that some of the youth directors from the prior year may now be out of the program and that it might be difficult to have at least 2 youth directors attend the September committee meeting to complete the quorum requirement. Perhaps a change should be made in the fair Manual for quorum requirements for the September fair board meeting.

Those who attended the meeting in person included:

Noel Keller	Rick Herbert	Dee Keese	Judylynn Pelling
Marina Krishmar	Johanna Stewart	Brody Susnjar	Glenys Rich
Kenneth Yunker	Marjorie Rodriguez	Ema Straser	Erin Murdoch
Danielle Sevilla	Efrain Sevilla	Sophie Loewner	Lisa Loewner

Those who attended on the conference call included:

Julia Brown	Kristy Okamoto	Mariela Diaz-Brown	Nicoleene Yunker
Kiran Ekanyake			

**Meeting Ground Rules** – The fair board meeting ground rules were reviewed and discussed. 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.

**Minutes Approval** – It was moved by Rick, seconded by Marina and passed to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2018 fair board meeting as published.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Johanna reported that for the 2018 SGV 4-H Fair there were expenses of \$1,670.85 and income of \$1,491.41, resulting in a loss of \$179.44. The current balance of the fair account is \$13,928.08. It was moved by Marina, seconded by Rick and passed to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented.

It was moved by Rick, seconded by Marjorie and passed to reimburse Peter Michel \$150 for fair website hosting and domain name fees. It was noted that there was a problem getting the agenda out for this meeting. It was decided to ask Peter to sign a contract that he will post fair meeting agendas and minutes on the fair website within 48 hours of receiving the information from the fair executive director and/or secretary. He should submit an invoice for the website hosting and domain name fees when he returns for signed contract about posting information on the fair website and then the requested reimbursement will be made to him.

## **Old Business**

**Fair Honor Court** – It was suggested at our prior fair board meeting last May that we re-evaluate the Fair Honor Court. Should we eliminate the Fair Honor Court from the fair? Should we eliminate the fair basket requirement for Fair Honor Court members? Should we alter the eligibility and duties for the honor court? What is the criteria for selecting honor court members and the King and Queen of the court? It was generally agreed that the Honor Court opportunity should not be eliminated from the fair, but that changes were needed. Everyone was asked to think about it and bring their specific suggestions for the Fair Honor Court to the next fair committee meeting in October. Look at what the Fair Policies and Procedures Manual says about the honor court. The Manual should be updated when it is decided what to do with the fair honor court.

## **New Business**

**Nominations for Remaining Adult and Youth Executive Directors for 2019 SGV 4-H Fair -** With no 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 for the following positions by acclamation. This resulted in the following additional 2019 SGV 4-H 4-H Fair Directors:

Assistant Executive Directors:

Youth – Jill Okamoto                      Adult – Kristy Okamoto

General Plants and Animals Directors:

Youth - Kiran Ekanayake                      Adult – Judylynn Pelling

Home Economics Directors:

Youth – Erin Murdoch                      Adult – Marjorie Rodriguez

Arts and Craft Directors:

Youth – Kenneth Yunker                      Adult – Marina Krishmar

General and Other Projects Directors:

Youth – Glenys Rich                      Adult – Patrick Kam

Primary Projects Directors:

Youth – Efrain Sevilla                      Adult – Danielle Sevilla

Small Livestock Directors:

Youth – Lucia Brown                      Adult – Isela Brisno

Large Livestock Directors:

Youth – Julia Brown                      Adult – Betty Mullen

Activities Directors:

Youth – Sophie Loewner                      Adult – Lisa Loewner

Finance Directors:

Youth – Brody Susnjar

Adult – Mary Lash and Johanna Stewart – Co-Directors

Administrative Directors:

Youth – Hannah Jung

Adult – Rick Herbert

The 2019 fair youth and adult chairs are scheduled to be nominated and elected at the October fair board meeting. Please send your nominations for the chair positions to Nikki or Dee. Nominations will also be taken at the October meeting before the election.

**2019 Fair Details** – There was a brief discussion of the fair details for 2019, but it was decided to continue the discussion at our October fair board meeting after everyone had a chance to think about suggestions they want to make for the 2019 fair. Bring your ideas about the fair activities, schedule of events, a 2 or 3-day fair, fair venue, etc. to the next fair meeting in October. Please be as specific and detailed as possible in your suggestions. It was not yet decided if we would use the same venues as last year for this year or if this year there would be a 2-day or 3-day fair. Dee mentioned that she had submitted requests for permits to use the facilities that were used last year, just in case we wanted to use them again this year. It was suggested that this year we use the same facilities as last year for a 3-day fair because there is not enough time to change venues for this year. It was noted that Southwest College may be available for free. If we want to change the fair venue we need to start earlier in planning it, such as this spring to decide about the 2020 fair venue.

**2019 Fair Theme** – Bring your ideas for a 2019 SGV 4-H Fair theme to the October fair board meeting. The theme ideas will be discussed and then voted upon at the November fair board meeting. Dee mentioned that we could use the same fair logo as last year and just change the dates on it.

**Adjournment** – It was moved by Ema, seconded by Brody and passed to adjourn the meeting. The fair meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

The next fair board meeting is **Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 7:30pm at Mary Lash's home.**

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.
- Look at the meeting agenda on the website and be prepared.
- Bring specific ideas for making the 2019 fair great – fair schedule, activities, Honor Court, etc.
- Bring ideas for a 2019 fair theme
- Send nominations for the 2019 SGV 4-H Fair Chairs (youth and adult) to Dee Keese or Nikki Yunker. The 2019 fair Chairs will be elected at this meeting on Oct. 18, 2018.
- If you cannot attend this meeting, please send your ideas and suggestions to Nikki and/or Dee before the meeting so your ideas and suggestions can be presented.

Respectfully submitted,  
Noel Keller