**Ventura County EPDC Meeting Minutes**

**September 15, 2016 @ 6:30pm**

**County Office in Ventura**

1. Call to order: 6:41pm.

2. Attendance: Tracy Thomas, Makayla Cozatt, Debbie McNelly, Kate Beckmann and Heather Wray

3. Treasurer’s Report:

* Beginning Balance for 2016-2017 $3,466.40.

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4. Horse Fair:

* Explained to Heather that all groups came together for dinner both nights to get to know each other and have fun. Group dinners were held on Thursday and Friday after classes and awards. Everyone had a great time and all shared delicious food. Thank you everyone for donating to the dinners and your hard work.

* New requirement at Horse Fair: all exhibitors were required to sign a Code of Conduct. This form was available in the show office and you were asked to sign the form when they pick up their show number.
* Silent Auction: Great idea from Debbie to have this Silent Auction. This year at the Fair we had a silent auction in the show office. The board requested that each project donate 2 items to the Auction. The silent auction raised $275.00 towards the awards for Horse Fair this coming year.

5. Nominations for EPDC board 2016-2017. Nominations are closed.

Laurie Bell Tracy Thomas

Debbie McNelly Laura Arana – declined

* No voting for new board members took place at this meeting due to lack of attendance.

6. Santa Rosa Valley hosted garage sale for EPDC funds earning $535.00

7. Fundraising - ideas from all clubs. One suggestion was to have each project collect money from their members instead of organizing an event. Fundraising should be a countywide event with all clubs/projects helping to raise funds for awards at Horse Fair.

8. Horse Fair is not considered a 4H event due to the fact that the show is an open youth horse show. Ideas to change horse show to be a State Classic Qualifier are**:**  1) have a 1 – 2 day horse show for 4H members only, making the show a qualifier for multi counties to attend. 2) Request to add a 4H only class with 5 divisions at the Ventura Youth Horse Show. Suggestions for locations are Pierce College or VC Fair grounds during Horse Fair. Awards at the multi county qualifier will be determined at another meeting. If members/leaders vote to have a 1-2 day show for 4H only then the EPDC board must have help organizing/ runny the horse show. Makayla will talk with Paddy Warner charges of arena/stalls at Pierce College, students running show and other ideas for the possible State Qualifier.

9. All 4H members are able to attend the July Ventura County Horse Show, just remember that the show is not considered a 4H event therefore the show when entered into members record book is considered an outside event not 4H event.

10. Starting in the new project year 2016-2017, Horse Fair awards will be announce and handed out during the 4H Fair awards on the last day of Fair in August. We will announce the date when the Ventura County Fair announces their dates for the 2017 Fair year.

11. Ordering of Horse Fair awards to be done no later than April 2017, so the EPDC budget reflects the purchase of awards during the same project year as earned and received.

12. Adjournment: 7:50

2016-2017 EPDC events

October 23rd Play Day @ Conejo Creek Equestrain Park hosted by Santa Rosa Valley

June 11thth Field Day @ Conejo Creek Equestrain Park hosted by Santa Rosa Valley