

East Central Regional 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Coronation District: Carole Tkach (President), Sheri Kerr (Vice President), Hugh McLarty,
Dianne Elliott, Jody Perry

Drumheller District: Melanie Nelson (Secretary), Koren McDougald

Flagstaff District: Cheryl Holben, Bernard McGowan, Laura McGowan

Hanna District: No one present

Provost District: Lyanne Almberg (Council), Wilma Halvorson, Rod Turner (BAC),
Hannah Turner (Historian)

Stettler District: Jimilee Ayotte, Melody Swaren, Amanda Shephard (PEAC)

4-H Section: Yvonne Yaremcio

Date: Friday, April 13, 2018

Time: 6:30 meeting

Place: Coronation Community Hall

1. Call to Order: 6:36 p.m.

2. Pledge: Hannah Turner

3. Introductions: Everyone stated their name and District or position they were representing.

4. Approval/Additions to the Agenda: Cheryl/Koren moved for approval of the agenda with additions added. Additions- 10.c. Budget- Add Hall Rent.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (November 18, 2016):

Melanie read the minutes from the previous meeting November 17, 2017. Melanie adopted her minutes as read. Seconded by Sheri. Carried.

Carole read the minutes from the Executive meeting and adopted the minutes as read. Seconded by Amanda.

6. Correspondence:

- a. Thank you letters from Winter Camp- 3
- b. Letter from Grace Scheler requesting the region consider having an Intermediate Winter Camp.
- c. Letter from the 4-H Foundation informing the Region that it will be receiving \$1500 in sponsorship from AltaLink.
- d. Apologies from Heather Brown not able to attend the meeting .
- e. Apologies from Janice Storch not able to attend the meeting.

7. Business Arising From the Minutes:

- a. **Leaders' Conference 2018 – Carole reported. The committee held a wrap up meeting.**
- Leader's Conference 2018 held at the Radisson Hotel in Edmonton January 19-21,

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2018 was a success with a lot of positive feedback. The lowest sessions rated 4 out of 6 and requests to bring some sessions back.

- Carole thanked all the volunteers for their help.
- Carole thanked all the districts for providing silent auction items.

b. East Central Scholarship Fund- Carole reported. No recent scholarship report.

- The scholarship fund had \$27439.98 as of December 2016. The region disperses \$3750 annually.
- Carole raised the discussion as to whether or not the region should consider moving the regions scholarship out of the Foundation because the interest being earned is only 3%. We need to consider the things involved to move the scholarship- 1. The region would have to do T4A's. 2. The region may need to hire an accountant to do T4A's and this could be expensive.
- Scholarship Committee- Lyanne, Tracy and Hugh volunteered to remain on the committee.
- Carole will contact Keith @ the foundation and request scholarship reports and at the November 2018 meeting the region can discuss where the scholarship will be held. Carole will send out the report when she receives it.
- Jimilee reported that the T4A's sent out by the Foundation were wrong. If scholarship recipients are over the tax threshold they will be taxed.
- It was mentioned that the foundation does not have the proper software to do the T4A's for scholarships.
- Lyanne requested that anyone sending emails to Bianca re: scholarships should make sure to cc. Leah in all emails.

c. 4-H Fabric- Yvonne reported.

- Still waiting for fabric to arrive. No further update.

d. Bank Account Consolidation- Carole reported.

- Still working on consolidation. Alumni account cannot be found at this time. We will consolidate the other 2 accounts, order cheques and worry about the Alumni account if it shows up.

e. Constitution- Yvonne reviewed the constitution.

- Changes were made to the constitution by the council.
- Yvonne will make changes on the constitution and send out 21 days prior to the Regional Councils AGM in November.
- The Regional Council needs to make a special resolution to approve the constitution at the AGM.

f. Ribbons- Yvonne reported.

- Ribbons were ordered and are now in stock at the Regional Specialist office.
- Yvonne will send out ribbons as requested.

g. Centennial Time Capsule- Carole reported.

- Decision to seal the time capsule by September 30, 2018 and keep it at the East Central Regional Specialists Office. No decision made as to when the capsule should be opened.

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- If clubs, districts and the region have things to contribute send them to Yvonne at the East Central office in Stettler.
- Koren suggested we send out a list of the things that were in the old capsule to give clubs and districts an idea of what to consider putting in the new capsule. Yvonne agreed to catalogue to contents of the old Time Capsule and send it out.

8. Treasurer's Report: Yvonne read report the for the general and casino accounts.

- General account- As of March 31, 2018 the account has \$11941.09.
- Casino account- As of March 31, 2018 the account has \$25,272.54.
- Alumni Account- No report
 - The Financial report and casino reports were presented, see attached. Sheri/Bernie made a motion to adopt the reports as presented. Carried.
- Horse Committee Financial Report- Amanda reported.
 - No change. Financials remain the same as the November 2017 report.
- Fun Day Financial Report- Melanie reported.
 - Bank Balance of \$6404.99 as of April 1, 2018.
 - See attached report.
- Appoint auditor for 2017-18 year-
Lyanne/Jimilee made a motion to ask Janice to ask Heather Brown or Heather Peterson from the Hanna District to review the Regional Councils books. Janice to provide a reviewed financial report for the November AGM.

9. Reports

a. Fun Day 2018-

- The day went well but a few recommendations were made for next year.
- Lois will be back next year to run Fun Day.
- Cleavers need supervision and their own stream of activities.
- Districts need to provide 2 sessions and the person providing them by the AGM.
- Each clever kid needs 1 to 1 supervision. Junior/Intermediate members require 1 parent/guardian/leader for every 5 members. Senior members are welcome to attend and participate or assist with sessions.

b. Junior Winter Camp Feb 23-25, 2018- Yvonne gave the report.

- In attendance, 80 4-H members, 10 councillors.
- This was a fantastic group of councillors.
- Circle Square Ranch confirmed booking for February 22-24, 2019.

c. Multi Species Judging & Consumer Decision Making Workshops & Competitions-

- Coronation Judging Day went well. Diane Elliot reported that it would be good if there were more experienced judges. Need for a set standard for all judging days
- Flagstaff Judging Day- Laura reported that they had 33 members attend the workshop and 52 members judge. Judged horses, bulls, ewes, goats, plants.
- Drumheller Judging Day is scheduled for April 22, 2018 @ the Rumsey Agriplex 10 am -

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4 pm.

- Provost Judging Day April 28, 2018- Multi Species Judging- Provost- Czar Lake @10 am for workshop. Judging yearling horses, chickens, yearling heifers, show dogs. Consumer Decision Making class is honey.

d. Regional Horse Committee- Bernie gave the report.

- Next Regional Horse Meeting November 24, 2018.
- Gramma Shirley's Camp is being held on the May long weekend.
- Hanna Prairie Riders Horse Show- May 26, 27
- Rank Riders @ Forestburg June 9 &10
- Tees Rodeo June 16 &17
- Neutral Hills Rodeo June 23 & 24
- Train the Trainer June 16 & 17 (12 riders and 3 instructors)

e. Regional Public Speaking - Melanie gave the report. See attached financial report.

- Sunday, March 25, 2018 @ Morrin School @ 10 am hosted by thevDrumheller District.
- Had 3 rooms (Junior, intermediate and senior) with 32 speakers.
- Finished speeches by 12:00 pm, lunch served @ 12:00 pm, winner presentations were finished by 1pm.
- Carole congratulated all of the winners.

f. Regional Presentations- Cheryl gave report.

- Saturday, March 24, 2018 @ 10 am Flagstaff District hosted at Strome Hall.
- 24 presentations but 1 cancelled at last minute so 23 presentations.
- Carole congratulated all of the winners.

g. Kirby Clarke Memorial Fund- Carole gave report.

- The fund needs to be topped up.
- Carole tried contacting Barb Clarke to see if she wants to continue the fund but was unable to reach her.
- Carole will continue trying to reach Barb. If she does not want to continue the fund the council will need to make a decision as to whether or not to continue the fund.

h. Provincial Beef Advisory Committee (BAC)- Rod Turner gave the report.

- Next meeting in June of 2018.
- The first Regional Beef Meeting was held in December of 2017. Plans are to continue these meetings on an annual basis.
- Policies that were made at the meeting need to be taken provincially when completed.

i. Provincial Equine Advisory Committee (PEAC)- Bernie gave report.

- The committee is holding a conference call on April 17, 2018 for all PEAC members.
- Reminder for leaders to register for "Train the Trainer" event in June.

j. 4-H Ambassadors- Yvonne gave report.

- Yvonne has resumed the job of working with the ambassadors.
- This is a good group of ambassadors.
- Selections is coming up in May and half of the Ambassadors will be replaced with a new group of ambassadors.

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k. 4-H Alberta-

- i) **4-H Section report-** Yvonne Yaremicio gave report. See attached report (white sheet)
 - Red Deer Rebels Game- 100 families, 700 members in attendance (wore Don Cherry Jerseys)
 - Selections- Theme is "Focus on the Future", 114 members registered
 - Summer Camp Registration is now open online.
 - Leader Chaperone Travel opportunities for NWT tour needed.
 - Monthly scoop sent out beginning of every month.
 - Still looking for constitutions from clubs, districts.
 - 4-H Hall of Fame nominations due August 1.
 - Peace Region specialist position will remain open until the section is able to hire.
 - 4-H Scholarship webinar available on 4-H website.

- ii) **4-H Foundation of Alberta-** Yvonne Yaremicio gave the report.
 - No manager at the 4-H Centre, Meredith is done.
 - Henry Wickman is working on contract til the end of May until Lisa Patzer returns.

- iii) **4-H Council-** Lyanne gave the report
 - Cleaver Kids webinar Tuesday, April 17.
 - Coucil took over selling souvenirs, new products to come.
 - Working on moving leaders to volunteer status if they have not completed leader screening.
 - Operations committee is working hard on strategic planning. Looking into communication to address concerns at regional meetings.
 - Please read club fees email.
 - Council AGM will be held in May.
 - Be sure to pass on any concerns to Lyanne so council can address concerns.
 - Communication (we need to remind ourselves to pass information on to clubs and districts.

10. New Business

a. Award of Distinction- Carole and Yvonne gave report.

- Presentation will be made at the 2019 Leaders Recognition Night.
- Applications deadline is December 15 @ 4:30 pm. Send to Yvonne's office.
- Carole encouraged all present to consider nominating someone from their district.
- Award criteria will be sent out online and posted on the website.
- Make sure to include all information on the application.
- Need 3 people to form the Award of Distinction committee by the November AGM.

b. Program Plan- Yvonne reviewed the Program Plan.

- Refer to Program Plan (yellow sheet).
- Additions and dates added to the program plan.
- Cheryl/Rod moved we accept the Program Plan with the changes. Carried.

c. Budget 2017-18

For the 2018-19 year we need to add

- Hall Rent increase of \$10 = \$120.00
- Leader Recognition \$?
- Regional Beef Meeting \$200.00

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d. Nominating Committee- Carole reported.

- i) President- Carole will stay for 2018/19 for a 1 year term.
Elect on odd years.
Elect 2019/20 for 2 year term.
- ii) Vice President- Sheri's term is finished.
Elect on even years.
Will elect Vice President 2018/19 for 2 year term
- iii) Secretary- Melanie will stay for a 1 year term.
Elect on odd years.
Election for secretary will be for 2019/20 for 2 year term.
- iv) Treasurer- Janice's term is finished.
Elect on even years.
Will elect Treasurer 2018/19 for 2 year term.
- v) 4-H Council of Alberta- Lyanne holds council position.
Election for Council position is May 2019.
- vi) Historian- Hannah Turner and Kira Axley term finished.
Elect even years.
Election for historian 2018/19.
- vii) Social Media- New position
Elect on even years.
Elect 2018/19

e. Intermediate Winter Camp- Carole reported.

- Discussion held re: having Intermediate camp. Fun camp for intermediates.
- Koren/Jimilee made a motion for the Regional Council to sponsor a Intermediate Winter Camp and to form a planning committee with 1 member from each district on the committee.
- Carole called for camp suggestions.
- Jimilee suggested a camp to provide junior councillor preparation.
- Other suggestions (yoga, health focus).
- Education seminar (scholarships, diaries, exchanges).
- Harder sessions (climbing wall, advanced crafts).
- Program to run 1 day and 1 night, Program date November 30, December 1.
- Circle Square cost \$135/person
- ? Camper cost \$150.00 registration fee.
- Melanie will send letter to Grace responding to her request.

Committee Members-

Flagstaff-

Hanna-

Provost-

Drumheller- Koren

Coronation- Jody

Stettler- Jimilee

11. Adjournment-

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm by Carole Tkach.

Next meeting: November 16, 2018 at 6:30 pm @ Coronation Hall.