

## East Central Regional 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

### **Attendance:**

Coronation District: Carole Tkach (President), Sheri Kerr (Vice President), Hugh McLarty, Maureen Black, Jody Perry, Christine Fischer

Drumheller District: Melanie Nelson (Secretary), Andi Morlock

Flagstaff District: Tracy Dietrich, Bernard McGowan, Laura McGowan, Angela Nienaus, Charlene Sutter

Hanna District: Janice Storch (Treasurer), Haley Powell, Jace Powell

Provost District: Lyanne Almberg (Council), Wilma Halvorson, Rod Turner (BAC), Hannah Turner (Historian), Kira Axley (Historian), Sylvia Axley, Shane Dempsey

Stettler District: Melody Swaren, Amanda Shepherd (PEAC)

4-H Section: Yvonne Yaremcio

**Date:** Wednesday, January 9, 2019

**Time:** 6:30 meeting

**Place:** Coronation Community Hall

**1. Call to Order:** 6:35 p.m.

**2. Pledge:** Carole Tkach

**3. Introductions:** Everyone stated their name, district or position they were representing.

**4. Approval/Additions to the Agenda:** Sylvia/Hugh moved for approval of the agenda with additions added. Additions- 9. o. Reports- Add Leader Recognition Night.

**5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (April 13, 2018):**

Lyanne adopted the minutes as circulated. Seconded by Bernie. Carried.

Melanie/Tracy moved to amend the March 31, 2017 minutes, (#11. Budget). Carried. The motion should have read the following:

Janice/Sheri made a motion that regional dues remain at \$5.00 a member. Carried.

**6. Correspondence:**

a. Thank you letters from Intermediate Winter Camp- 10

b. Thank You letters from East Central Scholarship Recipients- 4

c. Letter from Aaryn Lynham with a cheque of \$800.00 to refund the regions buy in for Colour Me Green.

d. West Central 4-H Alumni requesting sponsorship for their annual West Central 4-H Senior Ski Trip.

e. Apologies from Lois Andrew not able to attend the meeting .

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### 7. Business Arising From the Minutes:

#### a. East Central Scholarship Fund- Carole reported. No recent update on scholarship account.

Lyanne reported on behalf of the Scholarship Committee. See attached report.

- Received 24 applications. Sixteen 1st year and eight 2nd year and beyond. 3 \$750 1st year scholarships and 3 \$500 2nd year and beyond scholarships were awarded.

#### b. 4-H Fabric- Yvonne reported.

- Yvonne showed everyone present the fabric and brought fabric to sell.
- Some sales of fabric have been made.
- Yvonne commenced discussion re: the region selling fabric at Leaders Conference. It was decided to sell fabric at the conference.
- Yvonne asked for volunteers to cut fabric at Leaders Conference. Sylvia and Wilma volunteered.
- Yvonne asked for a volunteer in the region to take orders and distribute fabric. Sylvia volunteered. Contact phone # for Sylvia Axley 780-857-2094.

#### c. Bank Account Consolidation- Carole reported.

- Carole reported that the Alumni account is still lost.
- Sheri/Janice made a motion to consolidate the 2 accounts from Stettler and Castor (casino and general) to one bank and move them to Coronation.
- Paperwork signed by all executive following the meeting.

#### d. Constitution- Carole asked if anyone had any further questions on the constitution.

- Changes were made to the constitution by the council at the April 13, 2018 meeting.
- Tracy/Janice moved to approve the constitution as amended at the previous Regional Council meeting. Carried.

#### e. Centennial Time Capsule- Yvonne reported.

- Hugh suggested to open the time capsule in 2030 and keep it at the East Central Regional Specialists office.
- Yvonne will get a suitable container to store the Time Capsule contents.

### 8. Treasurer's Report: See the attached reports, green sheet and white sheet for the general and casino accounts.

a. General account- As of September 30, 2018 the account balance was \$10693.84.  
As of January 2, 2019 the account balance is \$ 12600.52

b. Casino account- As of September 30, 2018 the account has \$4726.17.

c. Alumni Account- No report

- Regional dues are \$5/member and were invoiced on December 15 and are due January 15, 2019.
- The general and casino reports were presented by Janice. Janice/Hugh made a motion to adopt the reports as presented. Carried.

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**d. Horse Committee Financial Report-** Amanda reported. See attached report.

- Bank balance of \$10799.24 as of October 31, 2018.

**e. Fun Day Financial Report-** Melanie reported.

- Bank Balance of \$6775.09 as of September 30, 2018.
- See attached report, pink sheet.

### 9. Reports

#### a. District

- Coronation- Numbers are down. 4 beef clubs, 8 clubs in total. Changed the date of the Beef Show.
- Drumheller- 38 members and 3 clubs this year. See attached report.
- Flagstaff- 6 clubs (beef, horse, multi), down 1 club this year. Member numbers stable. Beef Show 1st Sunday & Monday in June. No Multi Species Judging this year. Host Regional Public Speaking this year.
- Hanna- 4 clubs. Beef Show & Sale June 8, 2019. Hosting a Judging Day in January. Doing a Club to Club Exchange with Ontario.
- Provost- 3 clubs, all multi clubs. 21 steers, no swine, sheep remain, 2 members have chickens. Hosting Multi Species Judging April 27, 2019. Beef Show & Sale June 5 & 6.
- Stettler- 2 horse, 4 beef & 1 multi club. Beef Show and Sale May long weekend. Hosting Regional Presentations.

#### b. Intermediate Winter Camp- Yvonne reported.

- This year the camp was held November 30 - December 2. Next year consider running the camp November 22-24, 2019.
- 38 intermediate members attended and 5 Councillors. that is about 1/3 of the intermediate members in the region. Yvonne was at the camp this year.
- Next year use a similar format but adjust the schedule to include presentations.
- Consider having a mom and dad at camp for supervisors.

#### c. Fun Day 2019- January 5, 2019. Yvonne reported. See report from Lois white sheet.

- The day went well but a few recommendations were made for next year. Deadline to register next year Dec. 15. Late registrations at the discretion of Lois. Cap program at 200 next year.
- 200 signed in, 110 swam
- Group Picture was done at the beginning of the day.
- Hugh drove the swimming bus.
- Lunch was lasagna, caesar salad and bread sticks made by the Stettler District. Lots of food this year. If any dietary issues those are the responsibility of the member.
- Ag Societies donated \$3850.00. Estimated \$2000.00 in expenses.
- Ran some sessions twice (Gaga ball, duct tape wallets etc.)

#### d. Junior Winter Camp- Yvonne gave the report.

- Circle Square Ranch February 22-24, 2019.
- 21 members registered now. Deadline to register January 15.
- Planning meeting with councillors to take place next week..

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### **e. Multi Species Judging & Consumer Decision Making Workshops & Competitions-**

- Discussion held at the executive meeting re: judging clinics. Need to form a committee to look at regional competitions. Tracy, Rod, Hannah, Carole, Amanda and Melanie volunteered.
- Discussion held re: possibly having 1 Multi Species Judging/CDM competition in the region rotating between districts. This consideration should be made because of budget and each region running their clinic so differently. This should be done for continuity to improve the quality of judging members going forward to provincial, national and international competitions.
- Coronation February 9, 2019 in Veteran. Judging steers, feed, sheep, as well as CDM.
- Drumheller Judging Day is scheduled for April 21, 2019 @ the Rumsey Agriplex 10 am - 4 pm. Will need to look at rescheduling since it is Easter Sunday.
- Flagstaff Judging Day- Not hosting a judging day this year.
- Hanna Judging Clinic with Travis Hunter, January 13 @ 11 am at Calvin and Haley Powell's Farm.
- Provost Judging Day April 27, 2019- Multi Species Judging/CDM @10 am for workshop. Free lunch. Judging @ 1 pm. Event is completely sponsored.

### **f. Regional Horse Committee- Bernie and Amanda gave the report. See report pink sheet.**

- Next Regional Horse Meeting November 23, 2019.
- Gramma Shirley's Camp is being held on the May long weekend.
- Hanna Prairie Riders Horse Show- May 24-26 Big Country Rodeo Grounds
- Rank Riders @ Forestburg June 23 @ Castor
- Tees Rodeo June 8 & 9
- Stettler Silver Stars an event in June, possibly 1st or 3rd week, ? June 16
- Neutral Hills Rodeo July 6 & 7
- Hope to host another Train the Trainer in the spring.

### **g. Regional Beef Committee- Rod & Tracy gave report.**

- January 7, 2019 held a zoom meeting. Changed from original date in December.
- 12 leaders/members listened to the meeting.
- During zoom meeting it was decided to try to have a East Central Regional Heifer Show since there are 94 heifer projects in the region.
- Tracy noted they are looking for more volunteers to join the Beef Heifer Show committee. Jason and Haley volunteered.
- During the meeting it was noted that there should be more beef programming for members.
- Yvonne mentioned having Beef Learning Day in Region.
- Tracy announced that Flagstaff will be replacing their Multi Species Judging event with a Beef Learning Event April 12 or 13, 2019.
- Carcass projects remain popular. Questioned if we should have regional or district carcass projects.

### **h. Regional Public Speaking - Charlene Sutter gave the report.**

- Saturday, March 23, 2019 @ 10 am hosted by Flagstaff District, location TBD.
- Cheryl Holden is the organizer.
- Provost and Coronation to provide 3 judges each and send to Cheryl by January 31.
- Flagstaff to provide 12 judges.

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### **i. Regional Presentations- Melody gave report.**

- Sunday, March 24, 2019 @ 10 am Stettler District hosting in Erskine, location TBD.
- No contact yet.
- Drumheller, Hanna and Stettler to provide 3 judges each by January 31.

### **j. Kirby Clarke Memorial Fund- Carole gave report.**

- About \$3500.00 in account.
- Fund was established by the parents of Kirby Clarke, who died in an MVA at 599 and 36.
- Discussion about continuation of the fund. Discussed no further top up by the region and continuing the scholarship as long as funds remain unless the family contacts the region and tops up the fund. Tabled until the March 2019 meeting.
- The Region received 2 applications this year. Kira Axley and Wade Black applied.
- Tracy/Hugh made a motion to pay the 2 applicants \$50.00 each. Carried.

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

- Meeting in November and a conference call in December.
- Committee is trying to get more information down to club level.
- Provincial carcass project continues this year with 35 entries, none from East Central.
- Working on getting committees to take more ownership in budgeting and programming.

### **i. Provincial Equine Advisory Committee (PEAC)- Bernie gave report. See report yellow sheet.**

- Last meeting was held October 13, 2018.
- PEAC is working on a 3 year plan and budget to be approved.
- Next meeting will be in late January or early February to review draft of plan and budget.

### **j. 4-H Ambassadors- Hannah gave report.**

- Jarrett, Quinn and Hannah attended and helped at Fun Day.
- Hannah helped this summer at the provincial heifer show.
- Yvonne reported that Quinn and Sarah will be done their ambassadorship in May. Jarret and Hannah have 1 more year.

### **k. 4-H Alberta-**

#### **i) 4-H Section report- Yvonne Yaremcio gave report. See attached report (yellow sheet).**

- Submission deadline for Spring/Summer 2019 4-H Alberta Magazine is January 18, 2019.
- 2019 Camp Impact report available online.
- Yvonne talked about upcoming provincial programs.
- Recruiting 4-H Camp Staff, applications due January 27.
- Beef Project Webinar January 27 @ 7 pm.
- Red Deer Rebels ticket orders due January 26.
- Need constitutions, bylaws from districts and clubs.
- 32 clubs, 505 members, 109 leaders, 79 cleavers in the region

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### ii) **4-H Foundation of Alberta- Yvonne Yaremci gave the report.**

- Looking for new accountant.
- No news

### iii) **4-H Council- Lyanne gave the report**

- Next meeting in March.
- Council is hiring an administrator 20 hours a week to manage the store.
- Limited number of new products in the store.
- Reminder no ribbons purchased by Council, clubs need to purchase from other sources.
- Leader Screening is going well. Bernadette is also doing registrations and payments.
- Working on moving leaders to volunteer status if they have not completed leader screening.
- For third party insurance you need to allow 2-3 days for processing.
- Purchased license for zoom meetings, to make it easier for members/leaders to attend meetings.

### **I. Leader Recognition- Melanie gave report.**

- Melanie asked for number of tickets sold from districts and reminded that final numbers need to be sent to Melanie by January 12.
- Emmett Sawyer will be the Keynote Speaker.
- Jaydee Bixby the 2005 Canadian Idol runner up will be performing.
- Please encourage recipients to attend.

## 10. New Business

### **a. Award of Distinction- Carole gave report.**

- Presentation will be made at the 2019 Leaders Recognition Night.
- Janice Hoover is the recipient.
- Carole reminded nominators to make sure to include all information on the application. Many deserving applicants but the applications were not complete.
- The Committee will review the application form and guidelines to make the process clearer.

### **b. Budget 2018-19- Janice/Carole reported. See yellow sheet.**

- Remove Fabric \$4500 from expenses, last years expense.
- Remove West Central Alumni from expenses.
- Janice/Wilma moved we accept the budget with corrections. Carried.
- Tracy/Wilma moved to donate \$200.00 the West Central Alumni from the Fun Day account. Carried.
- **Above motion amended by Tracy/Wilma, "Donate \$200.00 to the West Central Alumni from the East Central Regional Council general account. Carried.**
- Letter sent to Leah Jones requesting the Foundation to inform all levels of 4-H the Foundations sponsorship commitment. Conference call with Carole, Melanie, and Leah. Leah was going to look into the matter and talk with other regions and the Foundation. (All correspondence attached to minutes).
- Lyanne suggested writing a letter addressed to the board of directors of the Foundation, addressing sponsorship and scholarship concerns.
- Tracy/Janice made a motion to send a letter to the Foundation and cc. the board of directors addressing sponsorship and scholarship concerns. Carried.

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### **c. Nominating Committee- Carole reported.**

- i) President- 1 year term.  
Wilma nominated Carole. Carole accepted the nomination.  
Hugh moved nominations cease.  
Carole Tkach will stay for a 1 year term as the 2018/19 President.
- ii) Vice President- 2 year term.  
Lyanne nominated Sheri. Sheri accepted.  
Janice nominated Wilma. Wilma declined.  
Mel moved nominations cease.  
Sheri Kerr elected Vice President 2018/19 for 2 year term.
- iii) Secretary- 1 year term.  
Melanie volunteered to stay on as secretary for 1 year.  
Melanie Nelson is Secretary for 2018/19 for 1 year term.
- iv) Treasurer- 2 year term.  
Melanie nominated Tracy. Tracy declined.  
Janice nominated Melody. Melody declined.  
Carole called for senior member volunteer. No volunteers.  
Maureen Black volunteered.  
Maureen Black elected Treasurer 2018/19 for 2 year term.
- v) 4-H Council of Alberta- 3 year term. Starting May of 2019.  
Sherri nominated Tracy. Tracy accepted.  
Carole moved nominations cease.  
Tracy Dietrich will be the new representative for  
4-H Council of Alberta.
- vi) Historian- 2 year term and 1 year term.  
Kira Axley volunteered for the 2 year term  
Haley will ask Ashlin McCormich if she will take the 1 year term position.
- vii) Social Media- 2 year term. New position 2018/19  
No volunteers.  
Melanie will ask if there are any interested volunteers in the  
Drumheller District.
- viii) BAC- No volunteers  
Yvonne will send out in an eblast .  
Committee member needed to sit on BAC to promote new ideas for the beef  
project. The job requires attendance of 1 in person meeting, 2 conference  
calls and 2 regional council meetings annually.  
All districts to bring forward the need for a new BAC committee member at  
their next district meeting. Need to find new member by March 29, 2019  
meeting.

**Melanie/Sheri made a motion that signing authority be given to the President, Vice President and the Treasurer and that 2 of the 3 must sign all cheques. Carried.**

### **11. East Central Regional Scholarship-**

- Discussion held re: handling of the East Central Scholarship by the Foundation.
- No communication from the Foundation, not receiving annual statements, even after

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- several requests in writing.
- T4's for scholarships were done incorrectly for recipients.
- East Central Regional Council considering taking over the handling of the scholarship.

### **12. Adjournment-**

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm by Carole Tkach.

**Next meeting: March 29, 2019 at 6:30 pm @ Coronation Hall.**

### **Signatures:**

**President- Carole Tkach** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vice President- Sheri Kerr** \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer- Maureen Black** \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary- Melanie Nelson** \_\_\_\_\_