

East Central Regional 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Coronation District: Carole Tkach (President), Steven Kerr, Jeremy Burkinshaw, Maureen Black, Sheri Kerr (Vice President), Hugh McLarty

Drumheller District: Melanie Nelson (Secretary)

Flagstaff District: Tracy Dietrich (BAC)

Hanna District: Janice Storch (Treasurer), Lois Andrew

Provost District: Lyanne Almberg (Council), Rod Turner (BAC), Rick Cromarty, GerriLynn Cromarty, Sylvia Axley, Kira Axley (Historian), Hannah Turner (Historian)

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

4-H Section: Yvonne Yaremcio

Date: Friday, March 31, 2017

Time: 5:45 supper, 6:30 meeting

Place: Coronation Community Hall

1. Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge: Hannah Turner

3. Introductions: Went around the table saying our name and District or position representing.

4. Approval/Additions to the Agenda: Hugh/Sheri moved for approval of the agenda with additions added. Additions- 8.c. Casino Distribution of funds; 9. i. Any funding left from Regional 100 Year Celebration- Drumheller District requesting funds if any is left over; 12. c. New projects; 12. d. Contacts. Carried.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (November 18, 2016): Melanie/Janice made a motion to adopt the minutes as circulated after 1 correction was made on page 3, 8. b. (We did receive the refund for fabric). Carried.

6. Correspondence:

- a. Scholarship Recipients- Katelyn Smith, Shayla Schilling and Aaryn Lynham sent individual thank you letters to the region for receiving regional scholarships.

7. Business Arising From the Minutes:

a. Leaders' Conference 2018 –

- Leader's Conference 2018 will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Edmonton January 19-21, 2018.
- Carole thanked everyone for their participation at WRLF with East Centrals Hee Haw invite to Leaders' Conference 2018.

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- Committee meeting on April 4, 2017 @ 5:30 pm Coronation Hall to plan for conference.

b. **Consumer Decision Making-**

- Drumheller District is hosting a Regional Consumer Decision Making on April 20, 2017 @ Morrin School from 1-5 pm. Cost \$5. Deadline to register is April 12. Call Melanie @ 772-0000 or email- tmnelson@netago.ca

c. **East Central Scholarship Fund-**

- The scholarship fund has \$36311.24. The region disperses \$3750 annually. Seven scholarships were given out last year.
- Discussion held re: East Central Region choosing their own scholarships in order to make East Central 4-H members eligible for Alberta scholarships.
- Tracy/Janice made a motion to move East Central Regions scholarships out of the Alberta Scholarship process and have the East Central Region choose it's own scholarship recipients.
- Carole asked for 3 volunteers to form the scholarship committee. Lyanne Almberg, Tracy Dietrich and Hugh McLarty volunteered to form the committee.
- Carole will contact Bianca @ the Foundation regarding the changes to the scholarships and send her the names for the selection committee.

d. **Program Grant from 4-H Foundation of Alberta-**

- East Central received \$2568.00 from the Foundation for the Regional Heifer Show. Discussion held that this amount is not needed for the heifer show and the need for funds for other programming.
- Rick/Melody made a motion that East Central ask the Foundations permission to redistribute the AFSC portion of the heifer show grant to member programming. Carried.
- Carole will ask the foundation if the some of the grant money can be redistributed for member programming. Carole will email the Foundation asking if the \$1685 AFSC portion of the grant can be used for Junior Winter Camp and the remaining \$1000 of the Kubota portion go towards the heifer show.
- The question was also raised as to whether the Dow AFSC grant money was going to be distributed for Winter Camp. Carole will include this in her email.

e. **4-H Fabric-**

- We have 2 metres of the old fabric left.
- Yvonne talked to Janet about ordering batik 4-H fabric with the new logo. The region would have to purchase 500 metres @ \$9.00/metre. It will take 6 months to receive.
- Discussion held that if we purchased fabric now we could sell it at Leader's Conference 2018.
- Tracy/Steve made a motion to purchase 500 metres of fabric with the new logo. Carried.

8. Treasurer's Report:

a. General account- As of March 31, 2017 the account has \$24,470.59.

b. Casino account- As of March 31, 2017 the account has \$28,138.31.

- The Financial report and casino reports were presented, see attached. Janice/Lois made a motion to adopt the report as presented. Carried.
- Janice reported that the GIC matures on August 26, 2017.

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- GerryLynn/Jeremy made a motion to put the GIC \$3746.85 back into the general account when it matures on August 26, 2017. Carried.

c. **Casino Distribution-** refer to the purple sheet.

- Discussion held with regards to redistributing casino funds from the 60% Scholarship and 40% programming/dues to 30% Scholarship and 70% for programming and dues. This would help cover programming deficits due to lack of sponsorship from the Foundation and will continue to maintain the annual scholarship disbursements.
- Lois/Rick made a motion to redistribute the casino funds using 30% for scholarships and 70% for programming and dues. Carried.

9. Reports

a. **4-H Council of Alberta- Lyanne Almberg gave the report.**

- The annual general meeting will be held in May.
- Council is excited for the 100 Year Celebration.
- Strategic Planning is moving forward.
- Moving forward with operations committee.
- If anyone is interested there is a member at large position open, deadline is the end of April.
- Leader's need to be aware of what is going on in your districts and clubs to ensure the code of conduct is being followed.

b. **4-H Foundation of Alberta- Yvonne Yaremciio gave the report.**

- Discussion held about 4-H Discount Cards.
- No one was aware they were being sent out for members to sell.
- The concept was a good idea but the sponsors needed to be different so they could be used throughout the province.
- Yvonne asked everyone to send their comments about the discount cards to Lisa Patzer of the Foundation.

c. **Junior Winter Camp- Yvonne Yaremciio gave the report.**

- The registration deadline was extended and then a large number of applications were received.
- Camp went well on February 24-26, 2017 at Circle Square Ranch, Halkirk.
- In attendance, 72 4-H members, 14 counselors and 3 staff.
- Due to weather tobogganing and horseback riding had to be cancelled. These activities were replaced with archery and hiking.

d. **Fun Day 2017- Lois Andrew gave the report.**

- Held January 7, 2017 at the Stettler Middle School.
- 153 members attended.
- 60% of members did not want to do Consumer Decision Making again at Fun Day.
- Need to find someone to run leather working session.
- Try to run an adult session on the public speaking and presentation rules, (confusion on gimmick and prop, need official judge).
- Change letter sent to Ag Societies requesting donations for Fun Day. Change wording so the funds received can be used for other member programming (Fun Day, Winter Camp, Multi Species Judging, and Consumer Decision Making).

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e. **Multi Species Judging Workshops & Competitions-**

- February 20, 2017- Multi Species Judging-Flagstaff-Killiam.
Hosted by the Iron Creek Beef Club.
Was a nice day with 60 members attending. Even number of juniors, intermediate and senior participants. Will be held at the same time next year.
- April 23, 2017- Multi Species Judging- Drumheller- Rumsey Agriplex 10 am- 4 pm.
Deadline to register April 15. Cost \$5 for lunch. Call Melanie 403-772-0000 or email- tmnelson@netago.ca. Judging steers, heifers, horses, dogs, seed and hay or sheep.
- April 23, 2017- Multi Species Judging- Coronation- Veteran @ 10 am Workshop and 1 pm Competition. Cost \$5.
- April 29, 2017- Multi Species Judging- Provost- Shorncliffe Lake @ 10 am. Lunch provided. Judging horses, chickens, consumer decision making.

f. **Regional Horse Committee- Amanda Shepard gave the report.**

- Gramma Shirley's Camp is being held on the May long weekend. Maximum participants 35. Register with Jimilee Ayotte.
- Rodeo dates for 2017 were set at the Regional Horse Meeting. Hanna- May 27, 28; Gooseberry (Neutral Hills)- June 10, 11; Sedgewick- June 17, 18; Tees- July 8, 9.
- Hippology Day April 8, 2017 in Coronation @ the Lions Hall for East Central horse members. Cost \$10. Register with Amanda Shepard.
- Horsemanship Clinic in Killam April 15.

g. **Regional Public Speaking - Janice Storch gave the report.**

- Sunday, March 26, 2017 @ 10 am Hanna District hosted at JC Charyk School.
- Had 3 rooms (Junior, intermediate and senior) with 11 speakers in each room.
- Finished speeches by 11:30 am, lunch til 12:20 pm, winner presentations were finished by 1 pm.
- Carole congratulated all of the winners.

h. **Regional Presentations- Sheri Kerr gave report.**

- Saturday, March 25, 2017 @ 10 am Coronation District hosted at Veteran Hall.
- 18 presentations and 20 presenters.
- Half of the presentations were done in the morning, lunch (beef on a bun), followed by the last 9 presentations.
- Presentations to winners and finished by 3:30 pm.
- Carole congratulated all of the winners.

i. **Leader Recognition Night- Sylvia Axley gave report.**

- Provost District hosted the event at Cadogen Hall on January 14, 2017 @ 2 pm.
- 8 leaders attended the Level 1 Leader Training workshop.
- The event went well and everyone enjoyed Ben Crane.
- Sponsorship funds for the centennial event have not been received from the Foundation. Wilma to follow up with Lisa Patzer re: funding. The region has not been informed the amount of money they will be receiving.
- Drumheller District asked if the region did not use all sponsorship funding for the centennial event if it would be possible for some funds to be made available to the Drumheller District for their Centennial Celebration on June 10, 2017 in Rowley. No further discussion since the Foundation has not dispersed funding.

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j. Award of Distinction- Carole gave report.

- Carole congratulated Lyanne and Owen Almborg on receiving the Award of Distinction.
- Next award to be presented at Leader Recognition Night 2018/19.

k. Kirby Clarke Memorial Fund- Yvonne gave report.

- Yvonne received 4 applications (3 attended AIM and 1 attended CIT).
- Each applicant will receive \$50, which is sent out by the Foundation.
- Jimilee/Janice made a motion to pay all 4 applicants. Carried.

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

- The committee held a conference call and reviewed the projects.
- # of Market steers is down slightly, 25% increase in carcass projects, all other projects were neutral.
- The provincial carcass competition is going well, still working on securing sponsorship.
- Clubs and districts need to follow the code of conduct at beef shows.

m. Provincial Equine Advisory Committee (PEAC)- Amanda Shepard gave report.

- The committee held a conference call in February.
- Poster revisment is being done.
- Still working on leader training for the different levels.
- The committee is making plans for equine at 4-H Fever.
- West Central is planning a horse sale.

n. 4-H Section report- Yvonne Yaremciio gave report. See attached report (green sheet).

- Yvonne is working with lifeskill projects.
- Yvonne will be looking for life skills displays at the Westerner.
- Yvonne will be looking for life skills displays at Fever.
- Yvonne is working with life skill projects and will be looking to form an advisory committee for life skills projects.
- There are 158 archery members this year. There is a need to develop project books for new projects.

10. Program Plan- Set dates for 2017-18 club year.

November 17, 2017- East Central Regional Meeting

November 25, 2017 - Horse Council Meeting

January 6, 2018- Regional Fun Day

January 19, 20, 21, 2018- Leaders Conference 2018, Radison, Edmonton

February 19, 2018- Multi Species Judging, Flagstaff hosting.

February 23, 24, 25, 2018- Junior Winter Camp, Circle Square Ranch

March 24, 2018- Regional Presentations hosted by Flagstaff District

March 25, 2018- Regional Public Speaking hosted by the Drumheller District

April 7, 2018- Provincial Communications

April 13, 2018- East Central Regional Meeting

April 22, 2018- Multi Species Judging hosted by the Drumheller District

April ?, 2018- Multi Species Judging hosted by the Coronation District

April 29, 2018- Multi Species Judging hosted by the Provost District

- Lois/Hugh made a motion to approve the Program Plan for the 2017/18 club year. Carried.

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- It was decided to incorporate Consumer Decision Making into all Multi Species Judging competitions in the 2017/18 program year.

11. Budget- Carole set the budget with council.

Income

District Dues	\$20100.00
Sponsorship from Foundation	\$0.00
Winter Camp	\$7500.00
Fabric	\$4500.00
Casino *	<u>\$5575.29</u>
	\$37675.29

Expenses

Provincial Dues	\$17400.00
Winter Camp	\$12000.00
Fabric	\$4500.00
Public Speaking	\$1200.00
Presentations	\$1200.00
MultiJudging/Consumer	\$1600.00
Kirby Clarke Memorial Fund	\$300.00
Leader's Conference Silent Auction	\$100.00
Horse Camp	\$1000.00
Meetings/Pizza	\$400.00
Leader Recognition	\$750.00
Leader's Conference 2018- hosting	<u>\$2500.00</u>
	\$42950.00

*1/3 of casino funds for programming

- Budget was set. Estimated Income- \$37675.29
Estimated Expense- \$42950.00
Estimated loss- \$5274.71

- Sheri/Maureen made a motion to approve the budget as developed. Carried.
- Janice/Sheri made a motion to increase regional dues to \$35.00/member. Carried.
- Hugh/Rick made a motion to apply for grants available through the foundation as they become available. Carried.

12. New Business-

a. Bank Accounts and consolidation-

- Bank accounts in 3 different towns. Casino account is in Castor, General account is in Stettler and the East Central Alumni account is in Provost.
- Discussion held re: consolidating all accounts to ATB in Coronation. All paperwork could be at the Coronation ATB at the November meeting.
- It was decided to check how many cheques we had for each account before making any changes.

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b. Nominating Committee-

- Carole asked for volunteers to form a nominating committee to find members/leaders willing to take executive positions next year.
- Rick Cromarty volunteered to head the committee.
- Each district was asked to find someone to go on the nominating committee and to contact Melanie with your district representative.
Provost- Rick Cromarty (Chair)
Coronation-
Drumheller-
Hanna-
Flagstaff-
Stettler-

c. New Projects-

- Rick mentioned the need to think outside the box and bring new projects into the 4-H program. He asked if there were any limitations to projects.
- Archery and shooting sports need a certified leader.
- Rick is wanting to have a Go Carting project.
- The Council just reminded that safety was the number 1 consideration.
- The pheasant project is another project that has become very popular.

d. Contacts-

- Carole was asked to have contact information of council members available.
Carole Tkach- President- email- marvin.tkach@gmail.com phone- 403-578-2033
Sheri Kerr- Vice President- email- sheri.kerr@outlook.com phone- 403-575-2555
Melanie Nelson- Secretary- email- tmnelson@netago.ca phone- 403-772-0000
Janice Storch- Treasurer- email- djstorch@netago.ca phone- 403-854-3081
Kira Axley- Historian- email- czarlino@telus.net
Hannah Turner- Historian- email- hannah.turner12@gmail.com

e. Japanese Exchange-

- Jimilee mentioned that the exchange is still looking for families to host Japanese delegates from July 23- August 17, 2017. There are 2 girls and 4 boys left that require host families.
- Maureen Black was interested in hosting a delegate.

16. Adjournment-

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm by Carole Tkach.

Next meeting: November 17, 2017 at 6:30 pm in Coronation. Pizza at 5:45 pm.