

Northwest Regional 4-H Council Annual Meeting

November 18, 2017

1. Call to order at 9:33 by Leslie Majeau
2. 4-H Pledge was recited
3. Introductions were made
4. Approval of the agenda no additions. **Bertha Kasbohm moved the agenda as accepted. Anna Smart seconded. CARRIED**
5. Minutes were read from the March 11, 2017 meeting. **Lorna Punko moved the minutes as read. Colleen Prefontaine seconded. CARRIED.**
6. Executive Meeting Report/Recommendations
  - a. Regional communications judges names to Stacy by January 15
  - b. Frosty Fun – recommended we host it as a 1 night junior camp
  - c. Purchases from casino account suggestions: new 4-H flag, flag pole holders, mic stand and speakers
  - d. Regional calendar presented
  - e. Silent Auction item for Leaders Conference
7. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Opening balance of general account: \$31,806.34 income \$59,899.24 expenses \$64,519.00 Closing balance. \$27,186.58
  - b. GIC \$10,524.38
  - c. Books have been reviewed by two separate parties and accepted
  - d. **Lindsey Grover adopted her report as presented. Bertha Kasbohm seconded. CARRIED**
  - e. **Bertha Kasbohm moved to reinvest the GIC money + the interest for 18 months or into whatever gives us the best interest rate in January when it comes up for renewal.**
    - i. Discussion on clarity for interest rate options
    - ii. Might want to have a time limit as to how long the money is locked in for
      - a. Motion was defeated
  - f. **Bertha Kasbohm moved to re-invest the \$10,000 of the original GIC investment into an 18 months GIC and the remainder gets moved into the regular NW regional account. Donna Zons seconded. CARRIED**
8. Casino report
  - a. Current balance is \$9,360.70. We have not received funds from the July casino.
  - b. Raffle account is at \$3997.49 but there are expenses that haven't cleared yet, once they do the balance will below close to 0.
  - c. **Colleen Prefontaine moved her report as presented. Kathleen Linder seconded. CARRIED**
9. Committee Reports
  - a. Beef:
    - i. Beef learning day was a success will be holding it again this year.
    - ii. Focus numbers were down.
    - iii. Regional recorded book competitions to be discussed.
    - iv. **Jocelyn Toronchuk moved her report as presented. Joyce Kelly seconded. CARRIED**
  - b. Horse:
    - i. Horse has had a good year.

- ii. Horse show was a great success and was held with the Focus on 4-H show.
- iii. Horse Play was well attended as well. Looking for a new space to hold it for next year.
- iv. **Sonja Shank moved her report as presented. Joyce Kelly seconded. CARRIED**
- c. Lifeskills:
  - i. Had a wonderful year.
  - ii. Sheep committee held an, "Ewe Eat" workshop. Suggestions that it should be opened to all projects.
  - iii. Regional Fair was in Thorhild and was a successful day. Bench show was also a huge success. Next regional Fair Apr. 7 in Thorhild.
  - iv. Focus on 4-H in Leduc was well attended although the drop in numbers were low due to the location of Lifeskills events. There were no sheep or goat at Focus. The Canine show was well attended.
  - v. Lifeskills were marked and the winners will be announced later in the day.  
**Leona Petherbridge moved her report as presented. Sue Starr seconded. CARRIED**
- d. Judging:
  - i. Last year there were lots of kids and went well. Held at Barrhead seniors drop in and arena.
  - ii. A new chair is needed and new committee members
  - iii. Date is in April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 in Barrhead
  - iv. **Lindsey Grover moved her report as presented. Fay Sperling CARRIED**
- e. Focus on 4-H:
  - i. Sid absent on his behalf Sonja presented
  - ii. 190 members attended and 160 adults
  - iii. Lots of positions open on the Focus Committee
  - iv. This year Focus Show balanced. Cost of Focus is more than any realize. The \$55.00 member barely covers the meals never mind the rest of the cost of attending.
  - v. **Sonja Shank moved her report as presented. Joyce Kelly seconded CARRIED**
- f. Scholarship:
  - i. There are scholarships that are not applied for so get your members to put your applications in.
  - ii. Through help of the foundation selecting scholarship winners have been made easier.
  - iii. **Donna Zons moved her report as presented. Dorothy Carlson seconded CARRIED**
  - iv. Northwest Regional Scholarship committee is Bertha Kasbohm, Mel Clark, Colleen Prefontaine, Dana Zadnyski and Kathleen Linder
- g. Camp Mac– Stacy Murray
  - i. We need at least 40 members to run the junior camp. We had 43 members this year.
  - ii. We will only be running a junior camp program for the summer of 2018
  - iii. We are in need of camp councilors to help run the junior camp. We need 5 councilors from our region to run this camp.
  - iv. Encourage your senior members to attend Councilor in Training to become a councilor.

- v. Some of our senior members have asked if the region would consider assisting or subsidizing the cost of attending CIT as this means a week off work to attend and a week off to council.

**vi. Stacy Murray moved her report as presented. Bertha Kasbolm seconded. CARRIED**

h. Provincial 4-H Council – Dorothy Carlson

- i. Strategic plan was made between council, foundation and branch.
- ii. There is a new 4-H fundraising card. It has lots more on it and looks to be much better
- iii. There are 3 new fundraisers that are available to the clubs. Calahoo Meats, Phil's Fudge, and a shopping card. All 3 will have a portion of funds going to the Foundation
- iv. There will be a presentation today by the operations committee regarding roles of branch, foundation and council and their future plans and goals.
- v. Some centennial events are still wrapping up
- vi. Cleaver kids are \$30 this year
- vii. Leader Screening is due December 15
- viii. Insurance is always being reviewed

**ix. Dorothy Carlson moved her report as presented. Kathleen Linder seconded. CARRIED**

i. Regional Report – Stacy

- i. Regional member numbers were given
- ii. Regional Programming was summarized
- iii. Key Leaders – There are some new ones and there will be Key Leader Cafés
- iv. Selections – we had 19 regional members attend. Award Trips were summarized as to which members were awarded trips and where they are going.
- v. This year we have 96 leaders recognized in the region.
- vi. Winter Weekend – Jan. 27-28 for junior members at Camp Nakamun
- vii. Oil King night – Jan. 3/18 Roger's Place
- viii. Staff changes – There are lots again in 4-H Alberta
- ix. Centennial year summary was presented. WRLF was good, Fever Weekend lots of fun, visiting and reminiscing throughout the weekend.
- x. Constitutions – Club copies to your key leaders, club and district to Stacy.
- xi. ½ of the clubs have been registered. 3 new clubs and 4 that have folded.
- xii. District reports will be emailed out with the minutes.
- xiii. 4-H Alberta is looking at some changes to the current record books. There will be some huge changes coming forward.

**xiv. Stacy Murray moved her report as presented. Melanie Giroux seconded. CARRIED**

10. Business Arising from the Minutes

- a. By-laws – we are looking for 3 people to volunteer to sit on the by-law committee to review our current by-laws.
  - i. Volunteers: Bertha Kasbohm, Colleen Prefontaine, Kathleen Linder
  - ii. Our current ones need some wording corrections.

b. Program plan:

- i. **Colleen Prefontaine moved we accept our Regional Program Plan/Calendar. Leona Petherbridge seconded. CARRIED**

- ii. Make note of the red notations
  - iii. Regional Fair date confirmed for April 7, 2018
  - iv. No date or location for Focus
  - v. Regional meeting location?
  - c. Centennial- Thank you to the clubs and district that planned centennial events
11. New Business
- a. Financial – Lindsey Grover
    - i. Proposed Budget
      1. Executive recommendation that we use \$50/member from casino to help subsidize the cost of junior summer camp
      2. Executive recommendations that we host a 1 day winter camp age 9-12.
        - a. Discussion:
        - b. Camp Nakamun would be \$85.00/member for the 4 meals and camp cost. Would be a Saturday morning to Sunday late afternoon.
        - c. We would need 40 members by Christmas or we would have to cancel and lose our deposit
        - d. Can we have this as a mixed camp junior and intermediate? Becomes a huge age and maturity issue.
        - e. By having a 1 night junior camp may give members more security and hopefully they will register for summer camp.
        - f. We have councilors that have volunteered
        - g. In the future if the program is a success maybe we can make it a intermediate camp again as kids grow.
      3. Executive recommendation that any regional events: horse play, judging, beef learning day etc. be a \$20 registration fee/member to help cover the cost.
      4. Executive Recommendation use the gift cards donated by Safeway to help cover food costs for regional venues.
      5. Executive Recommendation for communications events \$550 for venue, \$250 for food, \$900 for honorariums, \$300 for judges gifts. Discussion about the venue cost of the combined events, why did cost of facility rental decrease? The rental decrease was because last year some wanted to use that for food and because casino pays venue this can't be done.
      6. Executive Recommendation for regional events, horse play, beef learning day, regional judging, sheep/goat learning day have to be self-sufficient.
      7. Executive recommendation – donation to Battle Lake is not sent until we receive their wish list.
      8. Executive recommendation that we purchase, a new 4-H flag, flag stands, mic stand and some speakers. This would be covered by the casino fund.
      9. Executive recommendation that we increase the fee to districts that do not submit judges names for regional communications be increased to \$300/judge.

**10. Bertha Kasbohm moved to accept the recommended budget removing the \$300 cost for the adult horse workshop and adjusting the cost of winter camp. Kathleen Linder seconded. CARRIED**

- b. Elections of Officers
  - i. **Vice President is a two year term. Colleen Whittal nominated Bertha Kasbohm. Kathleen Linder seconded. No other nominations. CARRIED**
  - ii. **Secretary is a one year term. Colleen Prefontaine nominated Jocelyn Toronchuk. Glen Gilman seconded. No other nominations. CARRIED.**
  - iii. **Treasurer is a two year term. Shawna McLaughlin nominated Sonja Shank. Sue Starr seconded. CARRIED**
- c. Motion for signing authority
  - 1. **Colleen Prefontaine moved that any two of the three president, vice president and treasurer have signing authority on the Northwest 4-H Council accounts. Northwest 4-H Council changes signing authority of the Northwest 4-H Council chequeing account at ATB Financial. Removing Barry Carlson and Lindsey Grover to new executive: President Leslie Majeau, Vice President Bertha Kasbohm, and Treasurer Sonja Shank. Helen Andrews seconded. CARRIED**
- d. Other positions
  - i. **Dorothy Carlson moved that we strike two new committees one for grants and fundraising and one for public relations and promotions. Shawna McLaughlin seconded. CARRIED**
    - 1. Rebecca Palmquist, Dannielle Borle volunteered
  - ii. Judging Chair – Glen Gilmore volunteered to co-chair
  - iii. Camp Committee – Dona Zons, Michelle Roy
  - iv. Scholarship Committee – Bertha Carlson, Colleen Prefontaine, Kathleen Linder, Dana Zadnyski, & Mel Clark
  - v. Focus: Following positions need to be filled
    - 1. Chair -
    - 2. Vice Chair -
    - 3. Dance -
    - 4. Lip sync
    - 5. Iron Member
    - 6. Campsite
    - 7. Signage
    - 8. Finance Coordinator – (no money is handled just record keeping of what was sponsored and that it was used for where it was allocated.)
- e. Community opportunities
  - i. Oil kings game is Jan. 3, deadline is December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- f. Hall of Fame nominations – we need to bring names or suggestions forth. **Bertha Kasbohm moved that we submit Anna Meakin’s name from the Westlock district for Hall of Fame. Donna Zons seconded. CARRIED**
- g. Camps
  - i. Junior summer camp is Aug. 15-19 early bird deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup> regular deadline May 15<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Junior winter camp Jan. 27 & 28 Camp Nakamun
- h. Regional meeting – March 17, 2018

- i. **Bertha Kasbohm moved that we hold our March 17, 2018 and November 17, 2018 at the Villeneuve Hall. Sue Starr seconded.**

1. Discussion if we move the meeting around will we get more representatives from the host district.

- ii. **CARRIED 1 opposed**

12. Meeting adjourned at 12:02

Leadership Recognition – Stacy Murray

4-H Grace and Lunch

Alberta 4-H Council, 4-H Foundation and Branch (Operations committee) presentation during lunch.

Different roles of each sector where given, financial reviews and goals were presented, updates were given, fee increase was discussed and a question period.