

East Central Meeting Minutes

Scholarship Presentation- 6:15-7:15 pm given by Laverne Klimec the 4-H Foundation Scholarship Coordinator.

Attendance:

Coronation District: Wendy Coppock, Hugh McLarty, Carole Tkach (President), Sheri Kerr (Vice President), Amanda Shepherd, Maureen Black, Kurt Heidecker

Drumheller District: Melanie Nelson (Secretary)

Flagstaff District: Caroline Boddy, Shelley Prichard, Laura McGowan, Bernard McGowan

Hanna District: Juanita Wagstaff, Lois Andrew

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

Stettler District: Jimilee Ayotte, Melody Swaren (Key Leader), Lee Carothers (Treasurer)

4-H Branch: Yvonne Yaremcio

Date: Friday, April 15, 2016

Time: 5:30 supper, 6:15 Scholarship Presentation, 6:45 meeting

Place: Coronation Community Hall

Call to Order: 7:20 p.m.

Pledge: Kurt Heidecker

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

Approval/Additions to the Agenda: Jimilee/Hugh adopted the agenda as added to. Additions were- 9. p. Consumer Decision Making and 11. f. Regional Gathering. Carried.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (November 21, 2015): Melanie/Sheri made a motion to adopt the minutes as corrected (there was a date change to Consumer Decision Making April 10 not April 9), Carried.

Correspondence: The 4-H Foundation Scholarship Coordinator, Laverne Klimec wrote a letter announcing the 2015 4-H Alberta Scholarship recipients. The regional scholarship winners are as follows: William Hoover, Lucienne Henry, Katherine Shields, Allison Yates, Brittani Storch and Alex Antos.

Business arising from the Minutes: The ribbons for Judging were order and ready for pick up. Yvonne Yaremcio will pick them up.

Treasurers Report: The general account has \$22,849.51, the casino account has \$5708.96. The Financial report was presented, see attached. Lea/Kurt made a motion to adopt the report as presented. Carried.

Reports:

4-H Council of Alberta- Lyanne Almborg gave report. See attached report. Looking for Cleaver Kids Leaders from each region to join Council Advisory Committee. Leader Screening deadline has passed, leaders who have not completed the screening process will be asked to not continue their role and will be removed from the system. Needs assessment done, it will be one tool used for 4-H planning moving forward. SPARC was officially disbanded.

4-H Foundation of Alberta- Report given by Yvonne Yaremco. See report attached. PennWest not continuing foundation funding.

Junior Winter Camp (February 19-21, 2016)- Report given by Yvonne. \$1750.00 given to Junior Winter Camp from Legacy Fund from the Foundation. The camp consisted of 67 campers and 11 counsellors and staff. We only had 1 male counsellor so Yvonne's husband helped with evening bedtime for male campers. Response was good from campers.

Fun Day 2016 (January 9)- Report given by Lois Andrew. See blue sheet attached. Fun Day attendance increased from 96 in 2015 to 119 this year. Fun Day bank balance \$4586.64. Lois was wondering if all the money should stay in the account or if some could be used elsewhere. Decision made to leave the money in the Fun Day account. 4-H Council is thinking of doing a Travelling Road Show and may come to Fun Day to give sessions. Request to add Scholarship and Diary Workshops to Fun Day.

Multi Species Judging Competitions-

Killam, February 15- Hosted by Flagstaff district. Bernie gave report. 56 members attended. They had 6 classes. They judged rabbits, laying hens, meat goats, moose sheds, market hog, yearling heifers.

Veteran, April 10- Hosted by Coronation District. Hugh/Wendy/Amanda gave report. 34 members attended. 6 senior members, one senior with each group. Classes judged- Beef heifers, ranch dogs, beef steaks, formal table settings, fencing supplies and hay bales. Amanda did a workshop on how to use the Hormel Calculator.

Czar, April 30- Hosted by Provost District at Shorncliffe Lake Hall/4-H Pavillon. Judging Workshop @ 10am. Judging Competition at 1 pm. Judging- chickens, sheep, saddles, beef steers, heifers, welders. Registrations taken by Donna Turner. Lois/Hugh made a motion that Provost's Multi Species Judging Day be added to the Regional budget and the region would pay costs up to \$500.00.

The East Central Judging Team placed second at the Lakeland Judging Day in Vermillion. The team consisted of Dulcie Turner, Laura Smith, Hannah Turner, Danae Chostner.

Oral Reasons Workshops-

Workshops were held prior to the judging competitions at Killam and Veteran. Provost district is looking for a presenter to do an Oral Reasons Workshop at the Judging Day on April 30, 2016.

Regional Horse Committee-

Bernie gave report. Grandma Shirley's Horse Camp will be held on the long weekend in May 20-23. 30 participants registered so far. Funding from foundation. The Camp may be \$200-\$400 short.

Colour Me Green (Ambassadors)-

See attached information sheet. They have raised \$2050.00 in sponsorship money. East Central Region has given \$800.00, UFA \$700.00. Looking for volunteers, to sign up email ambassadors @ colourmegreen4hab@gmail.com.

Regional Public Speaking- March 19, Coronation hosted.

Wendy Coppock gave report. See report attached. The day ran smoothly and wrapped up around 1:30 pm. Total expense were \$1202.98. Recommended to have 18 judges. Host district provides 12 judges and other 2 districts provide 3 judges each. Make sure judges have not judged the same group prior to regionals. Example: A judge who has judged junior speeches at any other level (club, zone, district) should not judge juniors again.

Regional Presentations- March 20, Drumheller hosted.

Melanie gave report. Held at the Delia Community Centre. Planned for 100 and had 100 in attendance. The day started at 10 am. We had 9 judges. Each district provided 3 judges (Drumheller, Hanna, and Stettler). There were 24 presentations and 26 presenters. 11 junior, 9 intermediate, 4 senior presentations. Due to space we had 15 presentations and broke for lunch, this allowed the other 9 presenters to set up. We had to set up tables for lunch after the first 15 presenters and take the tables down before the last 9 presenter started. This ran smoothly as we had lots of help from members, leaders and volunteers in our district. We served a hot lunch (beef on a bun) the judges commented on how they enjoyed having a hot meal served. We had 15 volunteers to help set up, prepare and serve lunch and clean up. All volunteer families donated a dessert. All presenters were given a certificate of participation. Winners were given certificates and prizes from the 4-H Foundation. Presentations were finished around 2:45. The day ended with the presentations to the winners and this wrapped up at 3:30. We cleaned up and were finished at 4:30 pm.

Expenses- Food \$332.00, Paper Products- \$26.85, Hall Rent- \$175.00, Awards- \$303.30, Judges Gifts- \$160.00, Program Printing- \$80.83.

Total Expenses- \$1094.98

Leader Recognition Night- survey results.

Yvonne gave report. See attached report. Recommendations- 3 & 5 year pins and certificates to be sent to clubs for presentation. 10 years and beyond Leader recognition pins and certificates to be presented at Leader Recognition Night. Leader Recognition Night to be planned on a Saturday in winter months with leader training sessions.

2017 Celebration Committee- Amanda, Austin, Aaryn, and Connie

Amanda gave report. Host event in Czar and maybe combine it with the Colour Me Green Run. Keep the event simple (cake, fireworks, DJ or a band. Recognize past East Central Region Ambassadors and Leaders. Bring memorabilia.

4-H Branch Report-

Yvonne gave report. See attached reports (East Central Regional 4-H Council Meeting, Government of Alberta 4-H Section Update, 4-H Canada Highlights). 4-H Flags are on the website and are available to purchase. Any senior member can attend Club Week. 2017 Provincial Public Speaking will be held in August at the Centennial Celebration. Yvonne made a note that not everyone who ordered pizza for the Rebels Game attended. This is a waste and should we continue to have pizza before the game. We will talk more about this at the next meeting. Also, Yvonne is working on 4-H having more of a presence at the game, possibly having a picture on the ice after the game. Lois/ Lee made a motion that the region cover the cost of supper for the Key Leader Meeting.

Provincial Beef Advisory Committee-

Beef leaders will be receiving an email informing them about the show classes being added at the Provincial Beef Show for the 2017 Celebration. Classes will include a carcass class, yearling heifer show.

Provincial Equine Advisory Committee-

Held in February at the Alberta 4-H Centre, the Provincial Equine Leader's Forum had 50 in attendance. In future the committee would like to train leaders in the fall and hold a meeting in May.

Consumer Decision Making-

April 10, 2016 Consumer Decision Making Workshop was cancelled since only 8 members registered to attend. Provincial workshop and competition will proceed in order to send a team to Denver. Have a Consumer Decision Making and how to use the hormel calculator session at Regional Fun Day. Request for the region to buy 12 new hormel calculators. Lois will buy these with Regional Fun Day funds.

100th Anniversary of 4-H Updates-

Western Regional Leader's Forum will be held at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton from March 16-19, 2017. March 15 Pre Tour and March 19 Post Tour. Looking for sessions. Submit session proposals by June 2016. SMC 2017 will be held at WRLF. Century Fever will be held on the August long weekend 2017 in Olds.

New Business-

Leader's Conference 2018-

Need to form an invitation committee. Carole, Melody, Juanita and Sheri volunteered to form the committee.

Casino Advisor-

Casino dates September 13 & 14 @ Jackpot Casino in Red Deer. Yvonne will be the chair person. Lee/Lyanne made a motion to have Dan Makenna be the regions casino advisor. All forms need to be completed and sent in by June. Need volunteers. If you can volunteer fill out form before you leave tonight. Decision will be made on how to divide casino funds after Carole finds out what is in the Scholarship fund. A conference call will be held to decide how to use casino funds after this information is obtained. ? 60% Programming and 40% Scholarships.

Program Plan for 2016-17- including Regional Council Meetings.

November 18- Regional 4-H Council Meeting @ 6:30 Coronation Hall

January 7- Regional Fun Day @ Stettler

February 18- 4-H Night at the Red Deer Rebels @ 7 pm Red Deer Centrum

February 20- Multi Species Judging @ Killam hosted by Flagstaff District

February 24-26- Junior Winter Camp Circle Square Ranch, Halkirk

March 16-19- WRLF Shaw Convention Centre, Edmonton

March 25- Regional Presentations hosted by Cornation District

April 1- Regional Public Speaking hosted by Hanna District

April 7- Regional 4-H Council Meeting @ 7 pm Coronation Hall

August- Colour Me Green Run ? @ Czar

Council dues for 2016-17-

Dues will remain at \$30/ 4-H member.

Juanita volunteered to go on the Cleaver Kids Council Advisory Committee.

Regional Gathering-

Carole gave report. Good get together that provided some information all leaders and clubs should know. Sign in sheets are needed at all events for insurance purposes. 4-H insurance covers members, leaders and volunteers from the time they leave their home until they return to home.

Yvonne asked how the region wants to select senior members for the Provincial judging quota. Since we have 6 districts the winner from each district plus a1 wild card would move on.

Melanie asked how a district would make a judging and consumer decision making workshop/competition a regional event. Any district can host a regional event . That district needs to supply dates to the regional specialist prior to November to add to the regional program plan.

Meeting adjourned by Carole @ 9:46 pm.

Next meeting November 18 @ 6:30 pm Coronation Hall.