

East Central Regional 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

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

Drumheller District: Melanie Nelson (Secretary)

Flagstaff District: Cheryl Holben

Hanna District: Janice Storch (Treasurer), Lois Andrew

Provost District: Lyanne Almberg (Council), Wilma Halvorson, Rod Turner, Sylvia Axley,
Mark Almberg, Kira Axley (Historian), Hannah Turner (Historian), Sherrill Morrell

Stettler District: Jimilee Ayotte, Melody Swaren (Key Leader), Lee Carothers,
Amanda Shephard (PEAC)

4-H Branch: Yvonne Yaremicio

Date: Friday, November 18, 2016

Time: 5:30 supper, 6:15 meeting

Place: Coronation Community Hall

1. Call to Order: 6:16 p.m.

2. Pledge: Steven Kerr

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

4. Approval/Additions to the Agenda: Sheri/Janice moved for approval of the agenda as submitted. Carried.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (April 15, 2016): Melanie/Sylvia made a motion to adopt the minutes as circulated. Carried.

6. Correspondence:

- a. Scholarship Recipients- Brandon Butt, Shayla Derr and Aaryn Lynham sent individual thank you letters to the region for receiving regional scholarships.
- b. WRLF 2017- Request for \$100 silent auction item for WRLF 2017 from the Fundraising Committee.
- c. Leaders' Conference 2018- Letter from Alesha Hill regarding the planning, roles and responsibilities of the East Central 4-H Region for Leaders' Conference 2018.
- d. Casino Advisor- Request from Kathleen Jones to hire her as East Central 4-H Region Casino Advisor in 2018.

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7. Business Arising From the Minutes:

a. Casino Update, Advisor:

- The East Central 4-H Region worked the Jackpot Casino on September 13 & 14, 2016. Almost everyone worked a double shift. * Note for next casino that we get volunteers earlier so we are not seeking out workers at the last minute.
- Amanda/Steven made a motion to renew Kathleen Jones contract as our Advisor for the next casino date in 2018. Carried.

b. Leaders' Conference 2018 – invitation at WRLF

- Discussion held to increase the Leaders' Conference Committee from 10 to 12 members so each district has 2 members on the committee. Janice/Wilma made a motion that the Leaders' Conference 2018 Committee consist of 12 members instead of the recommended 10 and that the Region will pay for the costs of the extra 2 members. Carried.
Leaders' Conference 2018 Committee-
Coronation- Carole Tkach, Sherri Kerr
Drumheller- Melanie Nelson. Melanie will find another member from the Drumheller.
Flagstaff- Cheryl Holben will send out an email to find committee members from Flagstaff.
Hanna- Janice Storch said Hanna District will discuss it at their district meeting and email their committee members.
Provost- Wilma Halvorson, Rick Cromarty
Stettler- Melody Swaren, Amanda Shephard
- Idea for theme was Back to the Basics. Location- Back at the Radisson, Edmonton. More information to follow at the April meeting.

c. Consumer Decision Making-

- Regional Consumer Decision Making Workshop/Judging was cancelled in April of 2016 due to lack of interest. We want to promote this event so we can send 4-H members to Denver.
- The Region would like the Districts hosting Regional Consumer Decision Making and Regional Multi Species Judging to consider incorporating both events in one day.
- Regional Fun Day will be having only Consumer Decision Making Workshops in the morning sessions before swimming in an effort to promote CDM.
- Yvonne is available to help any districts write scenarios and reasons for Consumer Decision Making events.

d. Hormel Purchase-

- Yvonne did not make the Hormel purchase due to cost. Each hormel costs \$50 and would need to be shipped from the US.
- Alternate ways to get what we need are through Apps. Yvonne has used the E Judging App. Some concern was voiced on the use of apps and the need for wifi to use them. Some of the facilities used for judging events do not have wifi access.
- Suggestion that 4-H Alberta get an app licensed for all 4-H Clubs to use. Yvonne will look into the further use of apps.

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e. **East Central Scholarship Fund-**

- Carole had a discussion with Laverne Klimec and the fund has \$11000-\$12000 left after the 2016 scholarship funds are dispersed. The region disperses \$3750 annually.
- Suggestion made that the region has Laverne Klimec send out an annual statement.

8. **Treasurer's Report:**

- a. General account- As of September 30, 2016 the account has \$16471.93.
- b. Casino account- As of September 30, 2016 the account has \$4548.86.
 - The Financial report and casino reports were presented, see attached. Lea/Cheryl made a motion to adopt the report as presented. Carried.
 - We did not receive the refund for fabric.

9. **Reports:**

a. **4-H Council of Alberta- Lyanne Almberg gave the report. Report attached in the 4-H Alberta Monthly Scoop.**

- In an effort to get information to all members and leaders and go paperless all information from council will be in the monthly scoop sent via email.
- Leader screening due December 15. Still working on fixing all leader screening problems.
- Cleaver Kids need to be following the rules set out by 4-H Alberta. 1:5 ratio must be maintained.
- 4-H Odds and Ends will no longer be sent out. Instead regional news will be in the Monthly Scoop. Also you will get Regional Blasts via email for region specific information.
- Regional Gathering will be held January 14 and 4 members from each district are expected to attend.
- Club, District and Regional Constitutions need to be sent to the 4-H Council of Alberta. Send them to Yvonne so she has them on file.

b. **4-H Foundation of Alberta- Yvonne Yaremicio gave the report. Report attached in the 4-H Monthly Scoop.**

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

- Takes place February 24-26, 2017 at Circle Square Ranch, Halkirk. Registration Deadline January 15, 2017.
- Looking for councilors and staff.
- Need male staff/councilors.
- Starting to get camper applications.

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

- Held January 7, 2017 at the Stettler Middle School.
- 4-H members need to preregister this year by January 3, 2017. Registration information will be sent out by Yvonne and Lois.
- Consumer Decision Making will be the only sessions in the morning from 9:45-10:45 other than swimming. Swimming from 11-12. 12-1 Lunch, Afternoon- craft sessions, 3-4 Ice Cream Social. Adult app session.
- All 4-Her's must be tested and be in the Stettler swimming book if they want to swim in the deep end.
- 6-9 year olds need adult supervision in the water.

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- This is Lois's last year to coordinate this event.

e. Multi Species Judging Workshops & Competitions- See orange sheet.

- February 20, 2017- Multi Species Judging-Flagstaff-Killiam.
Hosted by the Iron Creek Beef Club.
- April 23, 2017- Multi Species Judging- Drumheller- Rumsey Agriplex.
- April 23, 2017- Multi Species Judging- Coronation- Veteren
- April 29, 2017- Multi Species Judging- Provost- Shorncliffe Lake

f. Regional Horse Committee- Amanda Shepard gave the report. See attached report.

- Next meeting will be held November 26 at 10 am @ Gus Wetter School in Castor.
- Need to have representation from all horse clubs in the region or your members will not be able to attend Regional Events.
- Gramma Shirley's 2016 was well received. 2017 in planning stages but Kubota will not be providing sponsorship due to slowing economy.
- Rodeo dates for 2017 will be set at the Regional Horse Meeting.
- Amanda is planning a Hippology Day for East Central.

g. Colour Me Green/Ambassadors-

Colour Me Green Report circulated by Aaryn Lynham. See attached report.

- Colour Me Green 2016 was a very successful event with over 200 in attendance.
- Attendees came from as far away as Lethbridge.
- Colour Me Green 2017 will be held in conjunction with Fever @ Olds.
- The Ambassadors will be continuing the Helping Hands for the Holidays so if clubs want to donate they need to take donations to the 4-H Regional office by December 9. See attached poster for more details.

h. Regional Public Speaking -

Sunday, March 26, 2017, Hanna District hosts.

- Judges from Hanna, Stettler and Drumheller.
- Hanna district provides 6 judges. Drumheller and Hanna districts provide 3 judges each.
- Reminder to make sure judges do not judge the same levels. Host club gets prizes.
- Janice/Melody made a motion to change the date of Regional Public Speaking to March 26, 2017. Carried.

i. Regional Presentations-

Saturday, March 25, 2017, Coronation District hosts.

- Judges from Coronation, Flagstaff and Provost.
- Each district gets 3 judges.

j. Leader Recognition Night-

Provost District hosts. Date changed from January 28 to January 14, 2017 @ 2 pm @ Cadogen Hall.

- Workshops (Level 1 Leader Training, Executive Duties, Diaries) from 2-4 pm.
- Cocktails from 4-5 pm.
- Supper 5 pm.
- Awards 6:30 pm.
- Ben Crane 7 pm.

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k. **Award of Distinction Committee- Carole, Lois, Jimilee**

Carole gave report.

- Deadline is December 1, 2016. No applications at this time.
- Need to nominate from districts.
- Extend deadline to December 7, 2016.

l. **Kirby Clarke Memorial Fund-** Yvonne gave report.

- Email with application sent out to all 4-H members who attended CIT, Club Week and AIM.

m. **2017 Regional Celebration Committee-**

Amanda, Austin, Aaryn and Connie are on the committee. Amanda report no plans have been made. Amanda and Connie declined to remain on the committee. Wilma Halverson will take over planning the regional celebration.

- Discussion held about having Regional Centennial Celebration. Ideas were to have a East Central Camp Out, Recognize the centennial at all regional events and hold a Centennial event in conjunction with Leader Recognition Night.
- Mark/Janice made a motion to incorporate the East Central Regions Centennial Celebration with Leader Recognition Night on January 14, 2017 and apply for the Centennial Event Funding from the foundation which is due by January 15/2017. Also invite past 4-H alumni, Hall of Fame inductee's (regional and provincial). Carried.
- Wilma will apply for the funding.

n. **Provincial Beef Advisory Committee (BAC)-** Rod Turner gave the report. See attached report.

- Beef Leader Update was cancelled due to economy, late harvest and WRLF.
- Toured Cargill Plant (noted that several cattle have been noted to have shotgun pellets when slaughtered).
- Entry deadline for Carcass Project is December 1, 2016. Register online, \$50 entry fee.

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

See attached report.

- Meetings were held May 24 and October 21 of 2016.
- PELF had low registration numbers (60 leaders/committee members) but it was still a successful event. 2018 PELF planning will start soon.
- 2016 Equine Extravaganza was cancelled due to low registration. Therefore we cannot send a Equine Hippology Team to Denver in January of 2017.
- The following events were cancelled (Leader Level Assessment Training/Riding and Understanding Levels 1-3).
- Centennial Celebrations were discussed so watch for more details in the future.

p. **4-H Section report-** Yvonne Yaremco gave report. See attached report (purple sheet).

- Yvonne has been acting as Section Director since September 19, 2016.
- Registration for WRLF not quite ready, making sure there are no problems with the system before it goes live online. You should be able to register by Monday, November 21.
- We need volunteers to act as hosts at the 4 hotels for WRLF. (Westin, Marriot, Sutton Place, and Chateau Lacombe).
- District and Regional Council Grant Forms were sent out via email and need to be filled out

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individually for each event you are requesting funding for. Deadline for applications is December 15, 2016 and includes events from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

- Cleaver Kid project must meet the 5:1 ratio (members:leader) and are not to be involved in 4-H projects.

10. Program Plan- Carole reviewed and revised the Program Plan with Council.

See orange sheet. Changes to the plan were made and added.

- February 19, 2016 Multi Species Judging, Drumheller District was changed to April 23, 2017 and will be held at the Rumsey Agriplex 10 am.
- April 23, 2017 Multi Species Judging, Coronation District held in Veteran.
- April 29, 2017 Multi Species Judging, Provost District held in Shorncliffe Lake.
- Regional Public Speaking was changed from April 1 to March 26, 2017.
- East Central Regional 4-H Council Meeting was changed from April 7 to March 31, 2017. Sheri/Janice made a motion to approve the Program Plan as amended. Carried
- Discussion held as to whether or not we should be having pizza at regional meetings due to the economy. It was decided to continue with pizza.

11. Program Application and Report Form-

Hugh/Lois made a motion to apply for funding through the foundation for all Regional events, Carried. Melanie will apply for funding.

12. Budget- Carole reviewed the budget with council.

- Budget was set. Estimated Income- \$37350.00
Estimated Expense- \$34750.00
Estimated Profit- \$2600.00

Steve/Cheryl made a motion to approve the budget as developed. Carried.

- Membership is down this year. Last year there were 580 members.
580 x \$30= \$17400
- Lyanne brought forth discussion about the possibility of just having one 4-H fee. The idea was well received.

13. Election of Officers-

a. President- Carole Tkach is the incumbent, first elected November 2012.

Cheryl nominated Carole. Carole accepted the nomination. Sherri/Steve moved nominations cease.

Carole Tkach is elected President.

b. Vice President- Sheri Kerr is the incumbent, first elected November 2012.

Sheri volunteered to remain as Vice President.

Sheri Kerr is Vice President.

c. Secretary- Melanie Nelson is the incumbent, first elected November, 2015.

Melanie volunteered to remain as Secretary.

Melanie Nelson is Secretary.

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- d. Treasurer-** Lee Carothers is the incumbent, first elected November 2013.
Wilma nominated Janice. Janice declined. Melanie nominated Cheryl. Cheryl declined.
Treasurer position tabled for members to think about taking the position.
Janice volunteered to do the position for a one year term.
Janice Storch is the Treasurer.
 - e. Historian-** Lowell Nelson is the incumben first elected in November 2013.
Lowell stepped down as historian.
Kira and Hannah volunteered.
Kira Axley and Hannah Turner are the Historians.
 - f. Provincial Beef Advisory Committee-**
Rod Turner and Tracy Dietrich volunteered.
Rod Turner and Tracy Dietrich will be the Provincial Beef Advisory Committee members.
 - g. PEAC-** Amanda will let Melanie know who is on the committee.
Committee Members- Amanda Shephard, Bernard McGowan, Tara Martz
 - h. Kirby Clarke Memorial Selection Committee-**
Carole Tkach and Janice Storch volunteered to form the committee. Email sent out to everyone who attended CIT, AIM and Club Week. Deadline to apply December 1, 2016.
- 14. Signing Authority-**
Wilma/Mel made a motion to change the bank signing authority to the new president, vice president and treasurer.
General bank account is at ATB in Provost.
Casino account is at ATB in Castor.
- 15. New Business-**
- a. 4-H Fabric-**
Discussion held about purchasing fabric before Leader's Conference 2018.
Yvonne will talk to Janet Kerr, since Janet was in charge of fabric in the past.
Yvonne and Jimilee will look into it and bring information to the March meeting.
 - b. WRLF-**
Request for \$100 silent auction item from the fundraising committee.
Sherri/Janice made a motion that the East Central Region purchase a \$100 silent auction item for WRLF.
 - c. Contacts for Presentations and Public Speaking-**
Presentations: March 25, 2017
Contact-
Place-
Coronation District Hosts

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Public Speaking: March 26, 2017

Contact-

Place-

Hanna District Hosts

d. Contacts for Leader's Conference 2018-

Coronation- Carole Tkach

Drumheller- Melanie Nelson

Flagstaff- Cheryl Holben

Hanna- Janice Storch

Provost- Wilma Halvorson

Stettler- Jimilee Ayotte

e. 4-H Foundation Presentation-

Leah Jones the CEO of the Foundation is wanting to do a presentation for the East Central Regional Council. It is a 45 minute presentation.

? having the presentation at Leaders Conference (WRLF).

? having the presentation at Leader Recognition Night.

16. Adjournment-

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm by Carole Tkach.

Next meeting: March 31, 2017 at 6:30 pm in Coronation.