

East Central Regional 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Coronation District: Carole Tkach (President), Sheri Kerr (Vice President), Hugh McLarty, Maureen Black (Treasurer), Jody Perry, Karen Mouly

Drumheller District: Melanie Nelson (Secretary)

Flagstaff District: Tracy Dietrich (Council), Bernard McGowan, Laura McGowan, Janet Niehaus, Kara Niehaus, Caroline Boddy

Hanna District: Juanita Wagstaff, Heather Brown, Grace Scheler, Lois Andrew (Fun Day)

Provost District: Lyanne Almberg (Council), Wilma Halvorson, Rod Turner (BAC), Kira Axley (Historian), Jay Hager, Candace Boxma

Stettler District: Jenna Watson, Melody Swaren, Amanda Shepherd (PEAC)

4-H Section: Yvonne Yaremcio

Date: Friday, November 15, 2019

Time: 6:30 meeting

Place: Coronation Community Hall

1. Call to Order: 6:28 p.m.

2. Pledge: Kira Axley

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

4. Approval/Additions to the Agenda: Heather/Hugh moved for approval of the agenda with additions added. Additions- 10. d. Reports- Add Learning Day.
10. e. Letter to Council re: Two Leader Rule

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (March 29, 2019):

Melanie adopted the minutes as circulated. Seconded by Melody. Carried.

6. Correspondence:

No correspondence

7. Business Arising From the Minutes:

a. East Central Scholarship Fund- Carole reported. Balance of Scholarship account as of September 30, 2019 \$51,736.11. See white sheet.

Carole reported on behalf of the Scholarship Committee. Three \$750 1st year scholarships and three \$500 2nd year and beyond scholarships were awarded. The recipients have been sent to the Foundation and will be announced soon.

b. Communication Judging Workshop: Carole reported.

Judges requesting workshop to review rules and for consistency.

Discussion:

- the region should host a workshop

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- online learning piece (webinar). Lois said that Cameron is working on a communications piece on how to plan a public speaking event.
- Yvonne will contact Cameron re: communications webinar.

c. **Fundraising: Tracy reported.**

- New fundraiser being offered. Vesey Seeds (Canadian national fundraising initiative).
- 35% goes to the club.
- Orders would need to be in by December 20, 2019.
- Talk to Tracy if your club or district is interested.

8. **Treasurer's Report: See the attached reports, purple sheet for the general and casino accounts.**

a. **General account-** Maureen reported.

As of September 30, 2018 the account balance was \$10693.84.

As of September 30, 2019 the account balance is \$11846.73.

We have an outstanding cheque #32 paid to the Stettler District for \$1020.67.

- Regional dues are \$5/member and will be invoiced on December 15 and are due January 15, 2020.

i) **e-Transfer-** Maureen reported.

- At this time we would need two people to accept e-Transfers for deposits.
- Nicole at ATB will investigate further to see if two people accepting e-Transfers is absolutely necessary.
- East Central Region would need a email address that would be passed on to each treasurer.
- Yvonne had several requests for e-Transfer for camp registrations. We would need to make sure attendees referenced the camp they were attending in all e-Transfers.

Sheri/Juanita made a motion that East Central Region sets up an e-Transfer account for deposits only, with 2 of 3 signers accepting e-Transfers. Carried.

b. **Casino account-** Maureen reported.

As of September 30, 2019 the account has \$3685.20.

Outstanding cheque paid to Caroline Boddy has cleared the account.

The funds from the casino were just received \$21743.20.

Casino account balance as of November 15, 2019 is \$25428.40.

Maureen adopted her financial report as presented. Seconded by Hugh. Carried.

c. **Alumni Account-** No report

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

- Bank balance of \$12251.23 as of October 31, 2019.
- Carole noted that committees cannot have separate bank accounts and the horse account would need to become a sub committee of ECR.
- Amanda/Bernie made a motion to have the Horse Committee vote to become a sub committee of the East Central Region. Carried.

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e. Fun Day Financial Report- Lois reported.

- Bank Balance of \$8984.62 as of September 30, 2019.
- \$2000.00 given to the ECR camps leaves a balance of \$6984.62 as of November 15, 2019.
- See attached report, pink sheet.
- Lois proposed that we spend down the Fun Day account and give \$2000.00 to the ECR camps until we have a balance of \$2000 in the Fun Day account.

ECR will have sub accounts for the Horse Committee and Fun Day with each doing their own books. Books must be audited annually and financial statements presented to ECR Council.

9. Reports

a. District

- Coronation- Sheri reported. Having a meeting next week. 4 beef clubs
- Drumheller- Melanie reported. 25 4-H members, 8 cleavers and 3 clubs this year, 2 beef and 1 multi club.
- Flagstaff- Tracy reported. 7 clubs (4 beef, 1 horse, 2 multi); 1 new club in Lougheed this year; 1 beef club has 46 members.
- Hanna- Juanita reported. 4 clubs (3 beef, 1 horse). Swine project continues. Shortage of seniors. Four members are doing multi species judging with Brooks this year.
- Provost- Wilma reported. 3 clubs, all multi clubs. Having a Executive Workshop December 14, 2019 and Christmas Party December 21. Hosting Multi Species Judging April 25, 2020.
- Stettler- Melody reported. 2 horse, 4 beef & 1 multi club. Stettler has already had their first district meeting.

b. Intermediate Winter Camp November 22-24, 2019— Yvonne reported.

- Camp to take place next week at the Pathway Centre.
- 23 intermediate members registered and 6 Councillors.
- Sessions will include: fire building, Camp fire pie alamos, tye dying, round table discussions, Key Note Speaker (personality colors).

c. Fun Day 2020- January 4, 2020. Lois reported.

- Letters went out to Ag Societies.
Deadline to register Dec.20. Late registrations at the discretion of Lois.
- Stettler District is doing the food. Dietary issues are to be addressed by attendees (must bring their own food).
- Registration forms will be emailed to clubs next week.
- Hugh will see about driving the bus.
- Lunch was lasagna, caesar salad and bread sticks made by the Stettler District.
- Each district must provide 2 sessions and send the session information to Lois by December 10.
- Sessions need to be an hour long. If it is a short session, providers must have something to keep members busy in the room. Members cannot leave the session until 5 minutes before the end of the session.

d. Junior Winter Camp- Yvonne gave the report.

- Circle Square Ranch February 21-23, 2020.

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- Deadline to register for campers is January 15.
- Registration deadline for councilors is December 15, 2020.

e. Multi Species Judging & Consumer Decision Making Workshops & Competitions- Carole reported.

- 1 Multi Species Judging/CDM competition in the region for continuity to improve the quality of judging members going forward to provincial, national and international competitions. Regional Multi Species Judging competition to be held June 20, 2020, the day before the ECR Heifer Show.
- Tracy asked districts to promote judging, as she has heard that some districts do not think judging is important.
- Lyanne suggested asking members who are champions to do judging workshops. We need to educate the membership on picking the best animal/product.
- Yvonne asked if we might want to do more workshops in the region to get members interested. Maybe we need to do a revamp of "Lets All Judge" to promote judging.
- Hugh suggested educating leaders on judging.
- Lois suggested having an adult judging session at Fun Day.
- Kira suggested holding the Provincial Multi Species Judging in July instead of August. This is a suggestion made by many 4-H members.
- Carole suggested using money from bursary to send members to provincial programs. Carole also wondered if we could put names forward from the region to go on to provincial judging trips, in the event that Provincial Multi Species Judging does not take place.
- Provost Judging Day April 25, 2020- Multi Species Judging/CDM @10 am for workshop. Free lunch. Judging @ 1 pm. Event is completely sponsored.

f. Regional Horse Committee- Bernie gave the report. See report white sheet.

- Next Regional Horse Meeting November 30, 2020.
- All horse clubs are to have representatives at the November meeting.
- Leaders from WCR are asking if their members can attend ECR horse events and show.
- WCR members can be invited to participate in events.
- Only ECR members and leaders can attend and vote at ECR Horse Committee meetings.
- Tees club is WCR and needs to attend West Central events and meetings.
- The committee needs to have bylaws and a constitution to include the things noted above.

g. Regional Beef Committee- Rod gave the report. See grey sheet.

- Regional beef heifer Show held in Coronation on June 16, 2019 was a success.
- All districts had members in attendance at the Heifer Show
- Next Year's show will be held on June 21, 2020.
- Regional Beef meeting is set for December 4, 2019 in Coronation to plan for next year.
- Carcass program was a pilot provincial program last year. The goal is to improve the program.

h. Regional Public Speaking -

- Saturday, March 21, 2020 @ 10 am hosted by Stettler District, location TBD.
- Jimilee is the contact.

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- Drumheller and Hanna to provide 3 judges each and Stettler to provide the last 12 judges. Send to Jimilee by January 31.
- Budget of \$1200 for Public Speaking. District must send in receipts for reimbursement.
- Cameron will be doing a communications webinar.
- Things to note:
 1. If a member belongs to more than 1 club they can choose to make a different speech for each club and compete in both clubs.
 2. If members choose to do so they can compete in their club in Public Speaking and Presentations.
 3. If a member who belongs to 2 clubs they can choose to do the same speech at both clubs. They can only be placed or advanced in the club that they participate in first when using the same speech or presentation.
 4. All speakers must hand in a reference and quote sheet before every competition. If you have no quotes note that on the sheet. You must list all references.

i. Regional Presentations-

- Sunday, March 22, 2020 @ 10 am and Provost District is hosting. Location TBD.
- Sylvia Axley is the contact.
- Coronation, Flagstaff and Provost to provide 3 judges each by January 31.

Last years Public Speaking and Presentation hosts need to return planning binders to Yvonne to be updated and duplicated.

j. Kirby Clarke Memorial Fund- Yvonne 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 in the early 90's.
- Bianca talked to Barb Clarke. Barb has chose not to award the scholarship this year. Barb wants to think about its use and is thinking about using it for different scholarships or for camps.

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

See grey sheet.

- Meeting held on October 21, 2019.
- Provincial Beef Heifer Show went well with good attendance. Registration issues will be corrected.
- Provincial carcass project was well received.
- Carcass record books being reviewed to make them easier to complete.
- 4 webinars this year- remaining webinars in January, March and May.
- Provincial MSJ cancelled due to low registration.
- Reviewing Policy 6.05
- New Chair and Vice Chair elected.
- Sub Committees appointed.

l. Provincial Equine Advisory Committee (PEAC)- Bernie gave report.

See report white sheet.

- Last meeting was held November 9, 2019.
- PEAC has created a 3-5 year plan and budget to be approved.

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- There will be a newsletter specifically for horse leaders and members sent out via email in the new year.
- Current PEAC members will remain in place until the new terms of reference are released.
- Calgary Region is opening up their horse show to other members in the province.
- Check out the downloads section of the 4-H website for resources.
- PEAC is looking for a leader to attend one day Equine Learning Day and then plan one in the future.

m. Provincial Science, Arts, Life Skills, Technology and Trade Committee (SALTT) Janet reported.

- Formed in spring.
- Committee meet in person once a year and has 3 conference calls.
- Covers everything except for large animals.
- Assist and enhance these projects.
- Executive is in place.
- Worked on 3 year plan and terms of reference.
- Program for Archery (competative shoot and member/leader submits results).
- Science Day for intermediate members in proposal stage. Yvonne states it is being modelled after Saskatchewan's program.

n. 4-H Ambassadors- Kira gave report.

- Ambassadors attended corporate appreciation event in October.
- Ambassadors are working to find a community service project to participate in.

o. 4-H Alberta Operations Quarterly Report- Yvonne reported. See white sheet.

- This report will be distributed 3 times a year.
- The 4-H store is coming to the Leader Learning Day in Drumheller. Order by November 20 for delivery at Learning Day.

10. New Business

a. Award of Distinction Committee- Carole gave report.

- Carole reminded nominators to make sure to include all information on the application. Submit as much detail as possible. You need to include years of service, committees worked on, etc.
- The Committee will get the guidelines out earlier.

b. Senior Impromptu time change at Regional Public Speaking (2-3 min vs 1-2 min)

- Discussion held re: impromptu time for seniors at provincials being 2-3 minutes and having the region follow the same criteria in order to make ECR members more competative at Provincials.

Amanda/Sheri made a motion that senior speakers are required to do a 2-3 minute impromptu at East Central Regional Public Speak Offs and update the program binder to state same. Carried.

c. Nominating Committee- Carole reported.

All District Councils to have terms of reference.

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We need to elect 1 representative for BAC, PEAC, SALLT in the spring elections. Carole suggested that the region has a nominating committee that organizes members prior to meeting to fill executive positions. We should have one rep from each district for nominating committee.

Lyanne suggesting districts ask their membership.

- i) President- 2 year term.
- ii) Secretary- 2 year term.
- iii) Treasurer- 1 year term
- viii) BAC-
- vi) Historian- 2 year term and 1 year term.
- vii) Social Media- 2 year term.

Juanita/Melody made a motion to table elections until spring at the March 27, 2020 meeting to follow the same timeline as provincial elections. Carried.

d. Learning Day November 23, 2019 in Drumheller at the BCF.

- ECR was approached by the Council, Foundation and staff to be the pilot.
- 150 registered
- Alberta Mentoring Partnership will be attending.
- Each District needs to bring 3 dozen cookies.
- We have ECR leaders and past members as well as senior members.
- Cost kept at \$25.

e. Letter to Council addressing the Two Leader Rule- Letter circulated by Melanie.

- Clubs will be asked to have 2 leaders at project meetings or events next year.
- Leaders are being mandated to complete the Commit To Kids Training by October 2020.
- Carole suggested the region looks into offering Commit To Kids as a Regional Work shop.
- Lyanne reinforced that the Commit To Kids training is important and leaders need to complete it.

Melody/Heather made a motion that East Central Region forward the drafted letter expressing our concerns to Council. Carried.

11. Signing Authority for General Account and Casino Account

This will be done at the March 27, 2020 meeting after the elections.

12. Adjournment-

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm by Carole Tkach.

Next meeting: March 27, 2020 at 6:30 pm @ Coronation Hall.