

**Northeast Regional 4-H Council**  
**Thursday, April 11, 2019**  
**Lakeland College – Vermilion AB**  
**General Meeting – 6 pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by President, Colette McBride at 6:25 p.m. following establishment of Zoom meeting connection. In the absence of the Secretary, Vice-President Carmen King volunteered to record the minutes.
2. 4-H Pledge – Hannah led the Pledge.
3. Recognition of Voting Delegates – A sign up sheet was circulated and Zoom meeting participants were confirmed.
4. Approval of Agenda – There was one addition to the agenda, Regional Volleyball added at the request of Deanna Krys.  
MOTION: Jodi Dahlgren made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Terry Huculak. All in favour, motion carried.
5. Minutes from January 12, 2019 – The minutes of the meeting had been circulated for review.  
MOTION: Shannon McNalley made a motion to approve the minutes as circulated. Seconded by Carmen King. All in favour, motion carried.
6. Correspondence – Two Thank You cards received from scholarship recipients were read by Colette.  
*Attachment #1.*
7. President's Report – Colette read her report. *Attachment #2.*
8. Treasurer's Report – Shauna reviewed the report and answered any questions. *Attachment #3.*  
MOTION: Shauna made a motion to adopt her report as read. Seconded by Jennifer Jacula. All in favour, motion carried.
9. 4-H Regional Specialist Report – Shelly Ann – No report, Shelly Ann not present due to the impending provincial election.
10. 4-H Council of Alberta Report – Lyndon reported. *Attachment #4.*  
All key leaders and leaders will need to complete the Commit to Kids training in the future; membership fees are collected by clubs on behalf of the Foundation, 3 clubs are just paying now, membership fees cannot be withheld and must be submitted when collected; council is responsible for 2020 Leader's Conference.
11. District Reports – *See attachments #5 – 12.*
12. Committee / Position / Special Reports
  - 12.1. NE Beef Committee / BAC – Harold M. reported. *Attachment #13*

The Beef/Heifer show will be held at the St. Paul Ag grounds on June 8<sup>th</sup>, show starts at 10:00

a.m. Entries are needed to ensure the show will be successful. The budget has been set at \$2000. The next meeting regarding the Beef/Heifer show will be April 29<sup>th</sup> via teleconference. BAC – Currently working on budget, tentative meeting in July. A Beef Learning day is not planned. Hannah confirmed the Holden Heifer show is set for June 22/23, 2019.

12.2. NE Horse Committee / PEAC – Vicky not present, no report.

12.3. NE Sheep Committee / SHAC – Deanna reported. *Attachment # 14.*

A Newsletter was sent out, Deanna will confirm that all clubs with sheep projects received it. Provincial sheep show is July 9-12 in Olds. No Sheep Learning day is planned, if there is interest in this, please let Deanna know.

12.4. NE Life Skills Committee / LSAC – Shauna reported. *Attachment # 15.*

Shauna participated in a conference call with all regions and discussion was held about what should be included, there is a very broad group of projects, wanting to break it down into subgroups. Regions were asked what they have done for Lifeskills projects and what is needed for activities and promotion.

12.5. Moose Lake Camp Committee – No report.

12.6. Promotions – Dechaine family – A new poster has been developed and the order form will be posted on-line.

12.7. Casino (Q1 2020; Vermilion) – Carolyn not present but Colette reported that the next casino will be in Q1 of 2020 and Vermilion/Bonnyville are responsible.

12.8. Historian / Communication – NE Ambassadors – No report.

### 13. Event Reports

13.1. You Be the Judge / Adventure Day – Wainwright District - Shannon reported, report is included in the binder. *Attachment #16.*

The Binder was handed in for the next group and Shannon reminded them to ensure the bookings for the College were done. Deanna felt that, since the dates for You be the Judge and the Provincial Judging competition are known 3 years in advance, the facility should be booked 3 years in advance as well, by the regional specialist. It is also easier for the College to deal with one person.

**MOTION:** Deanna Kryz made a motion that the NE Specialist books the facility for both You Be the Judge and the Provincial Judging Competition for 3 – 5 years ahead of time. Seconded by Shannon McNalley. All in favour, motion carried.

13.2. Regional Communications – Minburn District- Lyndon reported. *Attachment #17.*

Comments:

- Presentations need more space, visuals were not able to be seen by the judges.
- Region should perhaps purchase a projector and laptop which would be used for all presentations and could also be used for regional workshops, learning days, etc. Some

thought these items had been purchased in the past. Concerns were raised regarding virus infection from various media sources. Two Hills district reported they have a district laptop and projector and presentations are preloaded. Colette will look into the possibility and will put this on the “wish” list.

13.3. Western Canadian Judging – Shelly Ann not present, no report.

13.4. Spring Fling – Lamont / Smoky Lake – Jaylynn reported. *Attachment # 18.*

Was held April 5/6, 37 participants and 9 junior staff.

13.5. Beef / Heifer Show – Two Hills – Harold M. reported, *Attachment #12* (same as NE Beef Committee)

Will be held June 8<sup>th</sup> at the St. Paul Ag Grounds, show starts at 10:00 a.m.

Colette reminded them that their budget needs to be submitted and reminded everyone that all budgets must be submitted for approval prior to the event.

13.6. Horse Camp – St. Paul – Janice reported, *Attachment #19.*

Budget has been submitted, planning for 50 registrants, have applied for the \$300 UFA funding.

13.7. NE Learning Day 2019 – Wainwright District – Jodi Dahlgren reported that nothing has been done yet as the District just recently learned they were responsible for this. Need clarification of what this day is. Our regional specialist has provided some information and will start a binder for the event. Suggested time frame was late Sept/October to provide information to new/potential members but this is a difficult time of the year to schedule any events. Other possible dates were discussed. Wainwright does not have a District meeting planned until October. Will contact Shelly Ann.

13.8. Fall Fling 2019 – Bonnyville – Cyrstal reported.

Just received the binder today, general comments that binders need to come back sooner so the next group can receive it (apparently binder was handed in earlier but was at the regional office). Bonnyville is aware they are hosting the event and will work on organizing it.

13.9. Trip Report – No reports

## 14. Old Business

- 14.1. 2020 4-H Leaders Conference Draw Winner – The winner of the Registration fee for Leadership conference 2020 was Lacinda George.
- 14.2. District Attendance at Regional Meetings – Colette has not received any comments since the last meeting when Districts were asked to take this back to their groups for discussion, so a round table was held. Most regions reported that everyone is doing their best to try to get to meetings. Some comments made:
- Meetings are too long, are more for information, not many decisions made
  - Members feel it is a meeting more for adults
  - Too many meetings, perhaps only 1 meeting per year is needed
  - Meetings are inefficient, most of it is for information sharing which could be sent by email
  - Restructure the meetings, have some subcommittees
  - Have meetings when decisions need to be made
  - Utilize on-line meetings more
  - Submit committee reports prior to meetings instead of reading them at the meetings
  - Zoom participation was available for this meeting, those that used the Zoom option reported it worked well, appreciated not having to travel, we will have to work out the kinks with not being able to hear very well.

The executive will take these comments under advisement.

## 15. New Business

- 15.1. Approval of Proposed Budget for 2019/2020 – Colette reported that the proposed budget is being presented as a deficit budget. The next casino is in Q1 and realistically we cannot budget for more than \$30,000. Carmen pointed out that we had budgeted \$44,875 for casino this year but only received \$34,491.79 and it is difficult to do an accurate projection as our two biggest expenses, Moose Lake camp and Horse camp, are at the end of the year and, if expenses exceed income, it is too late to do much about it so we may be facing a deficit this year. It was suggested that we get information on average casino payouts for 2018 for comparison. Before the budget was approved, the following items were discussed:
- 15.1.1. Spring Fling 2020 (Wood Buffalo) – travel considerations - last time this event was in Wood Buffalo the region provided a bus, but this is not in our budget for this year. We do not want to restrict the District from hosting events but travel is a consideration. It was suggested that we reach out to them to see if they are able to do it, as the club may not be able to continue next year as they have lost the facility they used. It is better to know now than to wait and perhaps not hold the event. Colette and Shelly Ann will reach out to them in regards to their ability to host the

event. As for transportation, comments were made that bussing is not required, parents can car pool and drive, as they do this for other sporting events.

15.1.2. Regional meetings – meals (& times) - The current budget is \$1500, majority of which is for meals and some facility rentals. It was felt that we should be able to find a place to meet free of charge, either with Ag Society or Provincial Buildings, provincial buildings may be preferred as they would also provide the technology needed for Zoom meetings.

**MOTION:** Rhea made a motion to eliminate meals for regional meetings and change the time of the meetings to start after lunch/supper. Seconded by Janice. All in favour, motion carried.

The budget will be reduced from \$1500 to \$500.

Discussion was held regarding use of technology for Zoom meetings. Meetings can be recorded so those unable to attend can listen to the meeting later and this can also be used as an official record of the meeting.

**MOTION:** Shannon made a motion that Zoom meetings can be recorded and used for various purposes. Seconded by Jennifer. Majority in favour, 1 opposed. Motion carried.

15.1.3. Printed NE Regional Calendar – The calendar is a \$2000 expense in the budget and all districts were asked to find out if families and leaders were using them.

Comments:

- Calendars not used, members don't take them when left out
- We all use technology, paper is not needed
- Is available on-line and can be printed from there (would need to be uploaded to our NE region section of the website)
- Could we print a few for those that use it
- Some leaders are using the calendars to verify attendance of members at events and to verify diaries
- Suggest getting pricing on printing for leaders only
- Have it set up so that it can be ordered with club supplies and paid for

**MOTION:** Jennifer made a motion to discontinue printing of the NE calendar and set it up as a PDF on the NE region website with ability to print on demand at cost.

Seconded by Shannon. All in favour, motion carried.

The \$2000 expense will be removed from the budget.

15.1.4. Regional fees – It is being proposed that a regional fee of \$5.00 be reinstated. It was thought that the fee used to be \$10, but the membership fee was not \$120 back then and we want to make sure 4-H is still affordable for families. The \$5.00 fee would

generate \$3,630 in income, using this year's membership numbers.

**MOTION:** Jennifer made a motion to charge a \$5.00 membership fee for 2019/20.

Seconded by Darren. All in favour, motion carried.

**MOTION:** Jennifer made a motion to approve the budget as amended. Seconded by Darren. All in favour, motion carried.

- 15.2. Approval of Proposed Program Plan for 2019/2020 – Based on previous discussion, times for regional meetings will be added.

**MOTION:** Shannon made a motion to approve the Program Plan for 2019/2020 as presented. Seconded by Jennifer. All in favour, motion carried.

- 15.3. Approval of District Rotation Schedule for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 – NE Learning Day was added and the Beef/Heifer show was added for those districts that have Beef projects. There was some discussion whether the heifer show falls under the NE Beef committee. Horse camp is organized only by the hosting district, the horse committee has nothing to do with it. Colette reported that the existing policy reads that the hosting district is responsible, not the Beef committee (policy 5.06 – NE Regional Beef Program Policy).

**MOTION:** Shannon made a motion to approve the District Rotation Schedule for 2019/30 and 2020/21 as presented. Hannah seconded the motion. All in favour, motion carried.

- 15.4. Regional Volleyball – Vermilion River district has volunteered to keep this event on their district rotation but it will remain a regional event.

- 15.5. Lakeland College Bookings – Deanna volunteered to make an outline of how to book facilities at the College and what is included with each room booking.

16. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Saturday, November 2, 2019**

**Time TBA**

**Vegreville Ag Society, Vegreville**