

Northeast Regional 4-H Council

Saturday, November 2, 2019
Ag Society Conference Room
4753 – 45 Avenue, Vegreville, AB
1:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

- 1.0 Call to Order - President Colette McBride called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
- 2.0 4-H Pledge – Ashlyn Lastiwka led the Pledge.
- 3.0 Recognition of Voting Delegates – Introductions were made and voting delegates were confirmed, including those participating via Zoom.
- 4.0 Additions to Agenda – Leader recognition was added under New Business as 14.03.
- 5.0 Approval of Agenda – MOTION: Terry Huculak made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Tammy Hampel. All in favor, Carried.
- 6.0 Minutes April 12, 2019 – Carmen King (Acting Secretary) – There were no questions/comments regarding the minutes from April 12, 2019 which were circulated. MOTION: Carmen King made a motion to approve the minutes as circulated. Seconded by Denise Warawa. All in favor, Carried.
- 7.0 Correspondence – There was no correspondence received.
- 8.0 President's Report - Colette McBride (as circulated) – The report was circulated with the agenda, no comments or questions were raised.
- 9.0 Treasurer's Report - Shauna Charron – The Treasurer's report was reviewed, we are currently seeing a surplus in comparison to the budget. MOTION: Shauna Charron made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Harold Mulholland. All in favor, Carried.
- 10.0 4-H Alberta Report - Shelly Ann (as circulated) – The report was circulated with the agenda, no concerns or questions raised. Shelly Ann reminded everyone there are new record book inserts for Sheep and Archery. There is an upcoming Archery fun event planned and those interested in the Beef Carcass project need to sign up. Shauna also reported that the SALTT committee is looking for volunteers to review the new inserts for the record books. Please let Shauna or Shelly Ann know if you are interested in doing this.
- 11.0 Special Reports
 - 11.01 Awards of Distinction (No Nominations) – Colette reported that there have been no nominations for the past two years and she asked that we all think about honoring our volunteers by nominating someone. The deadline for nominations is September 1st.
 - 11.02 Promotions – Dechaine family (as circulated) – The current inventory and the order form were included in the District packages. Districts are asked to share with all Club leaders as well. New mugs are being ordered.

- 11.03 Casino – Nov 25/26, 2019 (Bonnyville/Vermilion) – Colette reported that volunteers from Vermilion River/Bonnyville districts need to be confirmed by November 15th. Colette also reminded everyone that the Casino is our major source of income, each District must participate, it is not optional.
- 11.04 Historian / Communication - NE Ambassadors (as circulated) – The Ambassadors circulated their reports. Megan Kryz reported that she went on the trip to California, counselled at SMC and Moose Lake Camp and is also involved with Fall Fling. Ashlyn Lastiwka reported that she is facilitating an Executive workshop on Nov 22nd, counselled at SMC and was involved with several other events. It was suggested that the Ambassadors be invited to encourage other members to participate in District/Regional and provincial events. It was noted that Selections is the same weekend as Highway cleanup and this limits the senior members from participating in both events. Shelly Ann reminded everyone that, if a club has deemed highway cleanup a mandatory club activity, senior members that attend Selections are excused. Districts and clubs were encouraged to invite the Ambassadors and Key members to meetings and other club functions to allow them to explain what activities are available to the members and how to get involved. It was also suggested that we use the opportunity at events such as Spring Fling and Communications to have them do a presentation on 4-H opportunities for intermediate/senior members.
- 11.05 Trip/Program Reports – Leaders/Members –Megan Kryz reported that she had the opportunity to travel to California through Selections. She is also going to Agribition for judging. Shannon McNalley reported that SMC had an increase in participants, probably due to the date change (56 members, 6 from NE region). She felt the program planning was great and she encouraged all to take it back to their clubs and encourage members to attend. Ashlyn Lastiwka reported that she is going to Ottawa on the citizenship trip. Shelly Ann mentioned that they are looking for adult chaperons for all trips, which is open to all leaders and is a great opportunity. Most expenses are covered.

12.0 Regional Event Updates

- 12.01 Heifer Show – Two Hills District, June 8, 2019 (as circulated) – The report was circulated and no questions or comments were raised.
- 12.02 Moose Lake Camp – July/Aug 2019 – The report was circulated. Megan reported that she counselled intermediate camp. Shelly Ann reported that the dates have changed slightly for this coming year, there will no longer be an overlap in camp dates. There was some feedback on the food choices, but overall it was an awesome camp.
- 12.03 Regional Horse Camp (St. Paul) – August, 2019 (as circulated) – The report was circulated, no questions or concerns raised. The camp went very well and had good attendance. The instructors suggested that they receive a t-shirt as well and this will be considered.
- 12.04 4-H Learning Day (Wainwright) – Nov 16, 2019 - Update, Budget Approval – Shannon McNalley reported for the Wainwright District. The information has been circulated, registration is set up on-line. Event will be held at the Wainwright High School Gym. All members and Cleavers are welcome, but

parents must stay with Cleavers. The event will run from 1:00- 4:00 p.m. with rotating sessions. The Ambassadors will be participating. The budget is approximately \$150 for snacks. A formal budget request will be submitted.

- 12.05 Fall Fling (Bonnyville) – Nov 22-23, 2019 – Update, Budget Approval – Crystal Dechaine reported for the Bonnyville District. Crystal questioned the income projected in the budget and it was confirmed that the registration fee is \$30 this year. The budget was circulated, total expenses approximately \$3950, income \$1500. They are looking for sponsorship as well. The budget will be amended to reflect the projected income. Shauna requested that two separate invoices be submitted, one for food and one for rental, supplies, etc. as food cannot be paid for from the casino funds. Colette reminded everyone that any overages in the budget are the responsibility of the hosting district/clubs. Shauna reminded everyone that all expenses must be submitted within the current year (up to October 31st) and all receipts must be included with the submission. Shelly Ann reminded everyone that new members can be registered as Guests if the club has not yet completed their registration. Shelly Ann indicated that 11 or 12 members have registered to date, there must be a minimum of 30 registered in order for the program to run. Car pooling is allowed as long as the person dropping the child off and picking them up signs them in and out. Deanna Krys suggested that clubs encourage members to attend Fall Fling as an introduction to camp, a one night camp is a good one to start with, after that they may be ready to attend Moose Lake.

MOTION: Cyrstal Dechaine moved that the budget for Fall Fling be approved as amended. Seconded by Denise Warawa. All in favor, Carried.

- 12.06 Regional Volleyball (Vermilion River) – Dec 7, 2019 – Deanna Krys will confirm the date, but it is usually the first Sunday, which would be December 1st. If a club does not have enough members interested to make a team, teams will be made up so everyone is able to attend that wants to. The Clandonald club is hosting and they will need parent volunteers from each participating club. *** The date has been confirmed as December 1st, 2019.
- 12.07 You Be the Judge (Beaver) – Feb 8, 2020 – This was included just as a reminder to everyone that this event is coming up.

13.0 OLD BUSINESS:

- 13.01 Purchase of laptop/projector – The Executive have discussed the suggested that the region purchase a laptop and projector for use at Communications. It was decided that due to cost and obsolescence, this was not practical and everyone is encouraged to look at borrowing equipment. St. Paul District is hosting this year.
- 13.02 Spring Fling – Wood Buffalo – Colette reported that Wood Buffalo will have quite a large club this year and will host Spring Fling. See attached report. Transportation will be up to participants to arrange.
- 13.03 NE Regional Calendars – Shelly Ann – Calendars will no longer be printed, they can only be put on the website monthly, the file is too large to load the entire document. The monthly calendars can be printed from the website, if anyone wants the entire file, please let Shelly Ann know and she can email it to you for

printing. Shelly Ann will provide contact information for all Districts, with a reminder that District forms need to be submitted to her no later than December 1st at the latest. At the moment Bonnyville, Smokey Lake and St. Paul Districts need key leaders.

14.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 14.01 Nominating Committee – *Three people required to prepare for elections at the AGM. The positions to be filled at the AGM are President, Vice-President, Secretary (1 year term), Award of Distinction Committee (1 member), 4-H Council Rep, 1 rep for each of the following provincial committees: BAC/PEAC/SHAC/SALTT.*

We are looking for volunteers to assist Terry with the nominating committee. Charlene Carey indicated that she has been on the committee 3 times, it is a short time commitment and a good way to get involved with the Region. It was noted that the availability of Zoom participation at meetings may make it easier to find candidates. There are 3 meetings per year plus 3 executive meetings (for those on the executive). Those on the provincial committees will also have committee meetings to attend. Terry explained the process and Connie Steinward and Tammy Hampel volunteered for the committee. Terry will get in touch with them to get organized for the January meeting.

- 14.02 Archery Equipment – The equipment is no longer available to rent for Moose Lake, so we need to look at purchasing our own equipment. We have received two quotes (attached). Shauna confirmed that we cannot use casino funds to purchase the equipment unless we submit a proposal and get approval. Terry Hukulak reported that she has found a sponsor who is willing to purchase the equipment for \$642.00 according to the quote received. The WilliVil Walleye Tournament (Willingdon/Vilna Fish and Game Association) has generously agreed to sponsor the purchase. There were a few questions about the type of bows and the quality of the equipment. One quote is based on Recurve bows, the other is based on compound bows. Recurve bows are easier to store, compound bows are more expensive. Marina Champigne confirmed that the Genesis bows in the one quote are compound bows, she indicated a good quality recurve bow will work as well but she recommended also purchasing bow stringers. Recurve bows have been used to date at camp with some compound bows as well from St. Paul. Carmen questioned who will look after the equipment and where will it be stored. Shelly Ann reported that we do not own any other equipment for camp and storing it at the regional office is not an option. The equipment will need to be labelled as belonging to the NE Region and recognize the sponsorship. The Krys family graciously offered to store the equipment and look after getting it to camp, as long as we also purchase a tote/container to keep it in.

MOTION: Deanna Krys made a motion to purchase Archery Equipment as per the quote from Swamp Donkey for a total of \$642.00 plus a tote/container to store it in and a bow stringer. Seconded by Tammy Hampel. All in favor, Carried.

Once purchased, the secretary will write a thank you letter to the sponsor. Tracy Childs of Imagination Engraving graciously offered to donate engraved labels for the bows. Terry will look after getting the equipment purchased in the next 2 – 3 months.

- 14.03 Leader Recognition – The following leaders in attendance were recognized:
Colette McBride – 10 years
Deanna Krys – 10 years
Jodi Dahlgren – 20 years
Shelly Ann has the remainder of the leader awards and they will be sent out to the Key Leaders.
- 14.04 Vesey's Fundraiser – Lyndon brought the catalogues if anyone is interested. They are due back by December 20th. There are not enough catalogues to give to every member of every club that is interested in participating, it was suggested that the catalogues be copied or scanned into a PDF for distribution to members.
- 15.0 ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, January 11, 2020
Ag Corral, St Paul