

Southern Alberta 4-H Regional Council Meeting
Saturday, December 1, 2018 Minutes

1. Call meeting to order by David Bexte at: 10:20 am
2. Pledge led by Cactus Country
3. Roll Call - Representatives introduced themselves and shared a Christmas memory or memorable Christmas gift.

David Bexte	President	Clancy Holthe	Taber
Lorelei Bexte	Vulcan	Marie Logan	Vulcan
John DeGroot	Taber	Jody Miller	Warner
Shirley Elliott	Cactus Country	Wendy-Ellen Nittel	40 Mile
Arlene Good	Sheep ShAC	Adam Schoening	Pincher Creek
Charlene Price	Horse Committee	Cheyenne Smith	Cardston
Marion Van Sluys	Cardston	Vanessa Wever	Willow Creek
Carolyn Robbins	Pincher Creek	Ledean Skiba	Lethbridge
Carri Carroll	Lethbridge	Jeanne White	Willow Creek
Ginny Smith	4-H Specialist	Shannon Andrews	Phone (Newell)
Terry Elliott	Provincial Council	Carolyn Henrickson	Phone (Newell)

4. Approval of Agenda

The following additions were presented:

Policy 8.02 (Remuneration) → Old Business

In-Camera Session → New Business

Kale's Kamp Kids → New Business

Regional Dance → New Business

Regional Key Leader → New Business

Motion: David moved the agenda be accepted as amended. John DeGroot seconded.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Minutes from Tuesday, September 22, 2018 Meeting

Minutes had been circulated with the following errors or clarifications noted:

- i. Under Livestock b/ Regional Sheep and ShAC Report → 2018 dates should be replaced with 2019.
- ii. Under 7 Treasurer's Report - the \$500 from Coaldale and District Ag Society - was earmarked for Farming Smarter 4-H Auction.
- iii. Under 8. Correspondence - was not from "Calgary Region 4-H Silent Auction", but a request from 2019 host region Calgary for the 2019 Leaders Conference silent auction
- iv. Ag Expo booth and the option of hosting a booth - that was based on an email correspondence from Andy Pittman. After discussion it was determined that David was to speak with Andy Pittman/Fee Simple to explain that this might not work for us as not the correct venue to promote 4-H, and to inquire as to other support or involvement possibilities.
- v. We Sweat Green - motion was to indicate funds to go back into the regional account, for potential usage at same program (not specifically earmarked just for this program as that implies holding only for this)
- vi. Cleaver Kids - in 2 places reads:
 - a. "Cleaver Participation will be presented by the committee with clear guidelines on their participations and limitations." (This reads like it is a necessity to include Cleavers in every regional program proposal.)
 - b. "all programs will submit their ability to involve the Cleavers or not, and the expectations from the Committee as to cost and participation". (This also reads as a choice.)
 - c. Both lean to looking like all programs MUST include Cleavers putting emphasis on including - and that has not been mandated by council
- Clarification should be indicated and understood clearly by everyone as it is up to Regional Council as a whole to determine and then to those different committees as some may choose not even to consider Cleavers from the get-go.

MOTION: Wendy-Ellen Nittel moved that the minutes of the Tuesday, September 22, 2018 meeting be accepted as amended. Lorelei Bexte seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Review of Open Actionable Items List from Tuesday, September 22, 2018 Meeting

Open Action and Tabled Items (The following items are from June and September 2018. The June Information was not updated as the Secretary did not receive an updated list.) Highlighted items have been completed to the best of the secretary's knowledge.

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Leaders/Committees with OUTSTANDING RECEIPTS FOR TREASURER	Outstanding receipts are needed by LEADERS WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN PAID for the Treasurer to have the CASINO and REGIONAL FINANCIAL BOOKS audited.
TREASURER Marion Van Sluys	Separate Accounting Records to Council for Income and Expenses for both Casino and Regional Bank Accounts
CACTUS COUNTRY DISTRICT	Payment of 2017-2018 Club Year Regional Dues
Districts & Leaders	Cash outstanding cheques from Regional and Casino Accounts
Shirley Elliott	SnowFest 2018 Written and Financial Reports sent to SECRETARY Wendy-Ellen Nittel. Please send to: wendyellennittel@gmail.com
ALL	Items and buyers for Farming Smarter Auctions

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ALL	Suggestions for judging products for Consumer Decision Making
Kristin Woolf	Email in 2 weeks from June meeting date to determine whether or not there will be an afternoon event/learning component with Regional Recognition October 13th in Taber.
PRESIDENT David Bexte	Proposal for Policy Book(let) based on motions from last 5 years
ALL COMMITTEES	Send 2018-2019 Proposed budgets to Regional Treasurer before September 22nd meeting (Most committees; a few gaps)
ALL COMMITTEES	Submit 2018-2019 calendar dates ASAP. These include Programming and Events
Information from Andy Pittman (David to speak with Andy)	Ag Expo (Lethbridge) and the option of hosting a booth.
Marion Van Sluys	E-transfer option for Regional Program Fees (Work is in progress)
Ginny Smith	Online Registration Option for Regional Programming/Events (May or may not include a fee)
Clancy Holthe	Multi Judging Date and Venue
All Committees	Ability to include (or not) Cleaver Kids in programs. Committee expectations for Cleavers as to cost and level of participation at events is requested.
	TABLED FROM SEPTEMBER MEETING
	2019 Budget Planning
	Regional Constitution Amendments
	Policy Book

**Executive held a conference call to discuss a budget proposal.

**No constitutional amendments had been received in writing.

**Each committee is to decide to include or not include Cleaver's in their programming.

7. Treasurer's Report-Marion Van Sluys (Received at meeting)

The report was discussed with the Council for information and clarification.

Funding Requests:

- a. Judging cards → \$260.40
- b. Ear Tags → \$1207.50

- c. Sheep Show & Sale → \$1200.00
- d. Brenda Pollock (honorarium for year end and audit of books) → \$50.00
- e. Marion Van Sluys (mileage to have books audited) → \$67.90

MOTION: Arlene Good moves to pay outstanding requests from Treasurer's Report. Clancy Holthe seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION: Marion Van Sluys moves the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Marie Logan seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Correspondence - Secretary - Wendy Ellen Nittel

Interfaith Food Bank request → Participation has not been done in the past as it does not include the entire Region.

"Farming for Tomorrow" magazine

Scholarship thank you cards: Nevada Huvenaars, Nicole Wensman, Megan McGlynn, Erica Brost, Kimberly Williamson, Andrea DeGroot, Taylor Wells, Emma Van Steekelenburg, Grace Oswald, Jillanna Hammond, Mark Oswald, Ashley Halvorson, Marc Hermus, Anika Huvenaars, Carmen Brummelhuis, Adriana Van Tryp, and Jessica Crooymans

9. Regional Specialist Report - Ginny Smith

Discussion:

Read 'Scoops' for valuable information

31 clubs confirmed, 19 left; 2 in progress

- 2 new → Turin Sheep and Bassano Beef
- 2 clubs under 8 members → have Cleavers so club is considered viable at this point in time

510 members approved

- Check if member or leader has been in 4-H before. Ensure that there is only 1 profile in the 4-H system.

Utilize the Key Leader in your Districts

10. Provincial Council Report - Terry Elliot

Discussion:

A generalized report has not yet been circulated to Provincial Council Members by Susann Stone. (Terry said it would arrive at a later date.)

December 1st is the registration deadline → Make sure all leaders are screened.

- Call Bernadette for leader screening questions

4-H Store is being run by Provincial Council

- Website has available merchandise
- Any ideas for items to be sold?
- Provincial Council is looking to design a dedicated '4-H Store' website

Selling of cookbooks is being investigated → waiting for a quote to see if they are advantageous to sell.

"Commit to Kids" training → Staff, Council, Key Leaders and West Central leaders are completing at the request of 4-H Canada.

Terry is willing to answer any questions about policy, insurance or screening. If he doesn't have the answer he will find out who has the answer to our questions.

Provincial Council met last weekend and the generalized report will go across the province when completed by Susann Stone.

11. Foundation Report - Marie Logan

Discussion:

Growing Alberta Scholarship posted on 4-H website today. (Scholarship is open)

Thank you evening was held with sponsors

Cciwireless in a new sponsor

12. District Reports (Highlighted districts sent a written report)

Lethbridge

Cactus Country

Newell

Warner

Willow Creek

County of 40 Mile

Taber

Cardston

Vulcan

Pincher Creek

Discussion:

Pincher Creek is hosting a 4-H Dance, December 6th in Pincher Creek from 7 pm until midnight. Doors close at 10 pm.

Warner is including members on their District Council. Members are on the executive.

Members drive the 4-H Organization.

Think outside the box.

13. Committee Reports

a) Communications:

Discussion:

Lethbridge College is booked for March 16, 2019

Registration for members and volunteers is 11 am; Judges to register at 11:30

- b) Livestock BAC, ShAC, PEAC are to be driven by advisory groups which will include the 4-H specialists.

Regional Beef Committee & BAC Report - Carey Kopp/Terry Elliott

Discussion:

BAC Report previously sent.

Light Horse Committee & PEAC Report -Charlene Price/Kathlyn Peltzer

Discussion:

PEAC Report previously sent

Regional Horse Show parents didn't like the Monday to Wednesday show dates in Claresholm

Will try for a weekend→ August 9 - 11, 2019 at the Taber AgriPlex.

Need representations from every club that has a horse project.

Only prizes members receive is through the Regional Horse Scholarship; members no longer are awarded prizes for record books which are still judged at the Regional level.

Regional Sheep and SHAC Report - Arlene Good

ShAC Report previously sent

July 9-12, 2019 is the Female Sheep Show at Olds

10th Synergy→ should also attend as well

Pheasant - Ginny Smith

Discussion:

Changes forthcoming for next year

Objectives need to be better communicated to members

No guarantee that members will be paid for pheasants released.

David Bexte adjourned the meeting for lunch and a Christmas Gift Exchange at 11:57 am.

David Bexte reconvened the meeting at 12:42 pm.

c) Regional Elkwater Camp

Report previously sent

Discussion:

Looking for avenues to increase attendance at Regional Sumer Camp at Elkwater

- Invite another Region
- Invite Saskatchewan 4-H members who are close to Elkwater
- Montana-South Alberta delegate exchange

MOTION: Adam Schoening moves that 4-H members outside the South Region be allowed to attend Southern Regional Camps with priority given to members from the South Region. John DeGroot seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

d) Consumer Decision Making

Report previously sent.

Discussion:

Need to ensure members know that it is a competition.
 Need a more in-depth workshop → power point possibly
 Email how to do oral reasons
 Open to suggestions for next year's classes

e) Judging

Tentatively set for April 25, 2019 in Claresholm

f) Snowfest (No report sent)

Discussion:

February 19-22, 2019 at Whispering Pines Camp
 Applications have been sent out with one application already received.
 Counsellor application to be sent out at request of leaders at the table as they have interested seniors who would like to counsel

g) Scholarship

Discussion:

Discussed with Treasurer's Report: monies need to be forwarded to the Foundation as we only have monies for one year left in the Centennial and Bursary Scholarships.

MOTION: Marion Van Sluys moves to forward (transfer) \$5000.00 in 2019 and in 2020 from the Casino Account to top up the Centennial/Bursary Scholarships. Lorelei Bexte seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

h) Farming Smarter

Discussion:

VRP Farms donated \$500.00. Clancy commissioned a truck sculpture and showed pictures of the wood sculpture to those in attendance at the meeting.

Hand Threshing will occur Wednesday at 5 pm. Everyone is invited to attend as a Guinness World Record is being attempted.

6 districts are represented by 4-H speakers

Proxy bidding by email or texting?

Would need a dedicated person to proxy bid live auction items.

Clancy Holthe was recognized for ALL THE WORK he does behind the scenes (and in front) to make the Farming Smarter Fundraiser a HUGE SUCCESS for the South Region.)

i) Regional Beef Heifer Show and Learning Day

Discussion:

Saturday, May 18, 2019

Registration Forms will be out in March/April

"Buyers are responsible for animals when sold." Should be placed on all bills of sale

→Balzac Abattoir burnt down. 4-H has no responsibility for these animals. Check what insurance abattoirs have.

j) Regional Horse Show

Report previously sent.

Discussion:

Committee Meeting, January 15, 2019 at 7 pm at Western Tractor in Taber.

Horse Show August 9 - 11, 2019

All clubs with horse projects should have a representative at the meeting.

k) Regional Celebration

Taber is booked for October 19, 2019.

l) Special Events

(We Sweat Green and Glow Golf Proposal discussed under Old Business)

m) Cleaver Committee: Kristin Woolf (No report sent)

14. Lunch - Grace led by Warner, Christmas Gift Exchange (Earlier in minutes)

David Bexte recessed the meeting from 1:34 to 1:42 for the Casino AGM.

15. Casino AGM

16. Old Business

a) Constitutional Amendments

No written amendments brought forward at this time.

b) Funding events - accepting fees, E-transfer option for Regional Program Fees

Discussion:

Marion Van Sluys notified Council that an e-transfer option is available for the Region. Monies may be deposited to this account but no bills can be paid from this account. Money may be transferred from the 'deposit only account' to the 'regular checking account'. The ATB will cancel any fees associated with e-transferring for our Region. An email account has been set up for these e-transfers.

MOTION: Arlene Good moves that the South Region 4-H Council implement the use of e-transfers as a payment option for South Region 4-H programs or events. (Cheques or cash will still be accepted as payment.) Clancy Holthe seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

c) Online Registration option for Regional Programming

Discussion:

Ginny Smith informed the council that there might be a cost for regional usage on the 4-H website.

Meeting next week

d) Cleaver Kids and Regional Programming - participation and budgeting

Discussion:

Each committee to determine whether or not a stand-alone Cleaver component will be utilized in their respective programming.

One Day Overnight Camping idea was put forward. Kristen Woolf would need to be approached with this idea.

e) Glow Golf proposal

MOTION: Shirley Elliot moved that the ambassadors proceed with their Glow Golf proposal. Clancy Holthe seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

f) Policy Book (Tabled)

g) 2019 Budget (Displayed on screen at Council Meeting and attached to these minutes.)

Discussion:

Might need to rethink prize.

Monetary awards are not presently given at all events.

MOTION: Carolyn Robbins moves to adopt the 2019 budget. Shirley Elliott seconded.

MOTION CARRIED.

h) Policy 8.02 4-H Alberta Fee for Service Policy

Discussion:

This policy has been updated in September

Terry Elliott stated that Provincial Council considers camp counsellors to be resource people

In answer to this Council's question (for the past few years) we can reimburse member's mileage if they counsel at a Regional Camp.

Members or other resource people would have to submit a form to be paid for mileage. (Expense form would need to be formalized.)

MOTION: Lorelei Bexte moves to reimburse counsellor and resource staff mileage for volunteering at Regional Camps as assessed by Camp Committees. Clancy Holthe seconded.

MOTION CARRIED.

17. New Business

a) In Camera (2:30-2:55)

Discussion:

A time to discuss freely

Placeholder on agenda for future meetings

b) Funding events - prize monies

Discussion:

Varying amounts of prize monies: Beef legacy awards are greater than other programming

Might need more consistency

Consumer Decision Making, Multi Species Judging and Communications award \$50, \$30 and \$20 to its award recipients. Horse Committee no longer has monetary compensation for Record Book Competition.

c) Kale's Kamp Kids

Shirley Elliott read a message from the Porteous Family

The Porteous Family will be sponsoring 2 Junior and 2 Intermediate members from the South Region to attend Elkwater Summer Camp each year.

The camp scholarships will go to members who will benefit from the camping program.

A conference call with Mrs. Porteous, Ginny Smith and Bianca Nagy will be held to discuss the parameters of the scholarship.

d) Regional Dance

Discussion: An idea to hold a Regional Dance was put forward. (There was one held in the past at Claresholm.) An 'Event Proposal' should be made and brought forward to Council.)

e) Regional Key Leader

Discussion:

Through discussion it was decided that the Regional Key Leader should be an elected position.

MOTION: Wendy-Ellen Nittel moved that the District Key Leaders elect a Regional Key Leader. Carolyn Henrickson seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

f) Election of Officers

- a. President
- b. 1st Vice President
- c. 2nd Vice President
- d. Secretary/Historian
- e. Treasurer
- f. Southern Regional representative to Provincial Council

MOTION: Arlene Good moves that nominees for each position be restricted to 3 representatives. Clancy Holthe seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

POSITION	NOMINATED BY	NOMINEE	Accept OR Decline
PRESIDENT 1	Arlene Good	Adam Schoening	Decline
PRESIDENT 2	Vanessa Wever Arlene Good	Jodi Scheirlinck	Accept
PRESIDENT 3	Lorelei Bexte	Vanessa Wever	Decline
<u>Arlene Good moved nominations cease. Clancy Holthe seconded. MOTION CARRIED.</u>			
Jodi Scheirlinck acclaimed President			
1 st VICE PRES 1	John DeGroot	Carey Kopp	Decline

	Lorelei Bexte		
1 st VICE PRES 2	Adam Schoening Arlene Good		Vanessa Wever Accept
<u>Arlene Good moved nominations cease. Clancy Holthe seconded. MOTION CARRIED.</u>			
Vanessa Wever acclaimed 1 st Vice President			
2 nd VICE PRES 1	Marie Logan Lorelei Bexte		Adam Schoening Accept
<u>There were no more nominations from the floor. Arlene Good moved nominations cease. Clancy Holthe seconded. MOTION CARRIED.</u>			
Adam Schoening was acclaimed 2 nd Vice President			
SECRETARY/HISTORIAN 1	Vanessa Wever Marie Logan		Wendy-Ellen Nittel Accept
<u>There were no more nominations from the floor. Arlene Good moved nominations cease. Clancy Holthe seconded. MOTION CARRIED.</u>			
Wendy-Ellen Nittel was acclaimed Secretary/Historian			
TREASURER 1	Lorelei Bexte Clancy Holthe		Marion Van Sluys Accept
<u>There were no more nominations from the floor. Arlene Good moved nominations cease. Clancy Holthe seconded. MOTION CARRIED.</u>			
Marion Van Sluys was acclaimed Treasurer.			
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE		Terry Elliott	Year 2 of 3

18. Meeting Dates:

MOTION: The following meeting dates were moved by Lorelei Bexte and seconded by Clancy Holthe. MOTION CARRIED.

March 9, 2019 at 10:00 am

June 13, 2019 at 5:15 pm

September 28, 2019 at 10:00 am

December 7, 2019 at 10:00 am

(Jody Miller volunteered to take notes for the Regional Secretary who will be unable to attend the September 28, 2019 meeting.)

19. David Bexte adjourned the meeting at 3:25 pm.

Next Meeting:

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019 at 10:00 am

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