

West Central Regional Council Minutes

Saturday November 22, 2014

Lacombe Memorial Center – Lacombe, AB

1. **Call to Order** - Ellen Bonde called the meeting to order at 10:05am
2. **4-H Pledge** - Lead by the members
3. **Introductions** - Everyone introduced themselves
Districts attending: Camrose, Lacombe, Wetaskiwin, Ponoka, Rocky Mtn House, Red Deer and Janet Kerr from the 4-H Office
4. **Approval/Additions to the Agenda**
#12 (j) Secretary – 1 year term
(k) Provincial Council Rep
(l) Leader Screening Liaison
Motion: Chris Patten moved to approve agenda as amended. 2nd: Holly Trenson, carried
5. **Minutes**
Motion: Holly Trenson moved to adopt the minutes of the April 2nd, 2014 minutes as presented. 2nd: Alyssa Henderson, carried
6. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
Janet Kerr reported that the nomination of Charlie Gould for 4-H Hall of Fame was successful. Charlie will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at Leaders' Conference 2015.
7. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. **General Account - Motion:** Chris Patton moved to adopt the statement for the 2013-14 Financial Year as presented. 2nd: Arlene Henderson, carried
 - b. **Casino Account – Motion:** Holly Trenson moved to increase West Central Scholarships to 6 per year. 1 per district unless there is no applicant in a district and then it can be awarded in another District. A maximum of 6 scholarships will be awarded per year. 2nd: Cheryl Elias, carried
Action: Ellen asked to remind all treasurers to print off notices from the 4-H Foundation in regards to direct deposits from the Foundation for sponsorship. These need to be included with the financials.
8. **Reports**
 - a. **District Councils:** District Council Representatives gave their reports.
 - b. **Regional Committee:**
 - **Casino:** Casino Dates are Dec. 9 & 10, 2014 @ Red Deer Cash Casino. Need 4 people per shift per day. Each district is expected to have a minimum of 2 people.
 - **Consumer Decision Competition:** April 11, 2015 @ Lincoln Hall – still looking for a couple helpers.
 - **Executive Workshop:** November 29th @ Alhambra Hall, 10-2, around 40 people registered.
 - **Fun Day:** Camrose hosts, March 14, 2015
 - **Grievance:** None
 - **Heifer Show:** Held June 15, 2014, was well attended – 33 entries, 34 members (11 from East Central, 1 from Northwest, and rest West Central)
 - **Judging:** Ponoka host – Feb. 7, 2015 @ Calnash Center, Ponoka
 - **Light Horse Show:** 200 members, 250 horses, had an incident with a horse having an aneurysm. This has prompted the committee to form a sub-committee to develop an emergency preparedness plan.
 - **Presentation:** Lacombe host – March 28, 2015 @ Lincoln Hall, 1 pm start
 - **Public Speaking :** Seniors – Wetaskiwin hosts – March 21, 2015@ Reynolds-Alberta Museum,

start time 1pm

Intermediates – Red Deer hosts – TBA

- **Record Book Competition:** marking was held Nov 3, 2014 – prizes have been mailed to winners and winners will be announced on next email from Janet Kerr.

- **WRLF Conference:** Session #1 (Virtual Conference) - January 27, 2015 @ 7:30pm – Lacombe Memorial Center

Motion: Alyssa Henderson moved that all districts must return the Regional event binders to Janet Kerr to be eligible to get reimbursement for the Regional event they hosted. 2nd: Chris Patton, all in favor, carried

Motion: Holly Trenson moved that Districts must have all receipts returned not later than 6 weeks after the District's Regional event, to the Regional Treasurer, otherwise there is no reimbursement to the District. 2nd Caela Henderson, all in favor, carried

c. **4-H Alumni Club:** Janet Kerr reported

- Senior Ski Trip is March 6-8, 2015 to Fernie, BC. Hotels will be book in the near future and price will be set at that time.

d. **Regional 4-H Specialist:** Janet Kerr reported

- **Leaders Award Trips:** looking for leaders to travel to Montana next September/October to Montana's 4-H Leaders forum and to Toronto next November for National 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Conference. Contact Janet Kerr for applications

- **Something To Say:** October 17-18, 2014 – there were 10 in attendance from both East and West Central regions. The members liked combining the 2 Regions.

- **Cleaver Kids Leaders' Conference:** November 28-29 @ 4-H Center. If interested in going registrations may still be accepted. Contact Susann Stone

- **Rebels 4-H Night:** February 14th, 2015. Tickets need to ordered by January 6, 2015

- **Winter Camp:** Feb. 27- March 1, 2015 – looking for staff and counsellors – deadline is December 12, 2014. Camper Deadline is January 16, 2015

- Changes may be seen to Club Week and Selections as Olds College makes changes to their dormitories.

- Applications are currently being accepted for Leaders' Conference and Selections. Remind those who are applying for Selections to send their Yearly Diaries to the Stettler 4-H Office.

- There will be a change in the format of the Provincial Public Speaking and Presentations Competition this year. It is being held on April 11, 2015 in Olds and they will be combining both the Public Speaking and Presentations on the one day.

e. **Provincial Reports:**

- **Ambassadors:** Photo Contest on Facebook – opportunity to win an iPad mini. Toy Drive for Ronald McDonald House. Drop toys at Regional Office by December 2, 2014

- **BAC:** working on introducing new project material and games. Stacy Murray has joined the committee and will be hosting a series of Webinars. BAC Conference is November 21-23, 2014 and has around 40 participants this year.

- **PEAC:** the new Bit Poster has been distributed to equine Leaders in September. A workshop for Judging English Show Classes was held October 24-26, 2014. It was well attended and had good feedback. Working on setting up a 2 workshops (1 for southern Alberta & 1 for Northern) over the next year on Teaching Levels 1-3 and/or understanding the Assessments. Hosting PELF in 2016.

- **International Exchanges:** Ellen Bonde reported, the exchanges have wrapped up for the

year. Already have interests for Japan exchange for next year. For exchange information an opportunities contact Katelyn Stang (4-H Office), Ellen Bonde (Japan Exchange), Tori White (Finland Exchange).

- **SPARC:** Chris Patton reported, meeting in March cancelled due to illness, had a meeting in summer, set up a Calaway Park event that had to be cancelled and rescheduled to 2015. They are going to have a booth at Leaders' Conference and are working on Members Survey.
- **4-H Branch Staff:** Lexi Hoy (Peace Specialist) is on a 1 year LOA, Alesha Hill is replacing her. Cameron Horner (communication and marketing) is moving positions in June 2015. His position was just advertised and the competition closed November 17, 2014.
- **4-H Council of Alberta:** Chris Patton reported, Leader Screening deadline is December 15, 2014. Cleaver Kids is growing lots, Conference is November 28-29, 2014. The 4-H Council of Alberta Financials are available on the Council website. The 4-H Council of Alberta is responsible for insurance so please ensure you get any and all incident forms to Susann Stone and ensure that Leaders are using the current form. Golden Clover Award did not have a lot of applications this year, so encourage all to submit if applicable. Council is seeking directors at large. Over the next 3 years the 4-H Council of AB's goals are: collaborative agreement, Cleaver Kids, risk management, communication, governance. March 28, 2015 – Regional gathering, March 29, 2015 - AGM
- **4-H Foundation of AB:** Chris Patton reported, Sponsorship should be the same or more this year. But the sponsors would like more return for their investment. (ie) hash tagging them in social media, making sure to thank them in articles in the paper. The Stampeders game was a huge success. 113 scholarships were given out this year. There is a new scholarship that has been added for next year.

f. **Canadian Council Report:**

Janet Kerr reported that Council's website has been upgraded. The Council is looking for Nation 4-H Volunteer Leader nominations. FCC is offering \$500 grants to Clubs, get your application is ASAP. They have been redoing the policy on the 4-H logo use. There may be changes coming to the logo, but will definitely be tightening on the restriction on the usage of the logo.

9. Correspondence

a. **Leaders' Conference Draw Prize** – Raymond Binks requested a silent auction prize from the West Central Region for the Leaders' Conference in 2015

Motion: Chris Patton moved that the West Central Region provide a silent auction item valued at \$100 to the Leaders' Conference 2015. 2nd: Tanya Reist, carried

Action: Holly Trenson will purchase the item.

b. Ellen read a letter from the Minister of Agriculture re the governance of 4-H

10. Budget and Grant Applications

a. **Application for Regional Council Grants - Motion:** Holly Trenson moved that the WCR Council apply for all grants available at Regional level. 2nd: Larissa Woodrow, carried.

b. **Budget & Program Plan for 2014-2015 - Motion:** Susanne Widdecke moved that the program plan be adopted as amended. 2nd: Tanya Reist, carried.

Motion: Chris Patton moved that the WCR Council pays the invoice for the 2 meeting dates of the West Central Light Horse Committee. 2nd: Cheryl Elias, carried.

Motion: Alyssa Henderson moved that the budget be adopted as amended. 2nd: Holly Trenson, carried.

11. New Business

a. **Stakeholder Consultations**, Stettler – June 18, 2014 – Ellen said she was not worried about getting reimbursed.

b. **4-H Council of Alberta meeting** – Sept 13, 2014 – only Joyce Winter requested reimbursement for travel.

Motion: Holly Trenson moved that the WCR Council forward the monies received from the 4-H Foundation of Alberta for expense incurred in regards to the 4-H Governance meetings to Joyce Winter. 2nd: Arlene Henderson, all in favor, carried.

c. **4-H Governance Meeting** - October 8, 2014 – Chris Patten reported on an update from the 4-H Council of Alberta. They have completed a 1 page flowchart of their proposal and it is ready for distribution. Bring all district and club concerns regarding the proposal to the January WC Regional Meeting and Chris will take any and all concerns to the next 4-H Council of AB meeting. The council wants to hear all concern regarding the proposed changes.

12. Elections and Appointments

a. President

Nominations:

Caela Henderson > Chris Patton, declined

Catharina Brosinsky > Holly Trenson, declined

Holly Trenson > Everdine Salomons, declined

Chris Patton > Arlene Henderson, declined

Cherly Elias > Tanya Reist, declined

Ellen Bonde > Beatrix Stamm, declined

Chris Patton > Greg Coleman, accepted

Greg Coleman was declared President by acclamation

b. Vice-President

Nominations:

Chris Patton > Everdine Salomons, declined

Ellen Bonde > Chris Patton, declined

Holly Trenson > Isabell Stamm, accepted

Isabell Stamm is declared Vice-President by acclamation

c. Grievance Committee

- Key leader from each district, Everdine Salomons, Susanne Widdecke

d. Account review Committee

- Holly Trenson and Joyce Winter

e. Casino Committee

- Ellen Bonde, Greg Coleman and Penny Pals

f. Heifer Show Committee

- Greg Coleman and a rep from East Central Region

Motion: Chris Patton moved that the WCR Council ask the East Central Regional Council if they would be willing to support the Heifer Show financially. 2nd: Cheryl Elias, all in favor, carried.

g. Beef Advisory Committee

- Greg Coleman and Cody Coleman

h. Equine Advisory Committee

- Reps are decided by the West Central Light Horse Committee

i. SPARC

- Chris Patton

j. Secretary (1 year term)

Nominations:

Holly Trenson > Penny Pals, accepted

Penny Pals is declared secretary (1 year term) by acclamation

k. **Provincial Council Rep (3 year term)**

- Chris Patton

l. **Leader Screening Liaison**

- Holly Trenson

13. **Adjournment**

Ellen Bonde adjourned the meeting at 2:22pm.

Signed

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		2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget
Income	4-H Foundation of AB - Sponsor Grants	9,000.00	11,040.00	10,000.00
	District 4-H Dues	8,500.00	8,970.00	17,000.00
	Rebels Game	7,000.00	12,500.50	13,000.00
	Wintercamp	5,000.00	5,180.00	5,200.00
	Beef Heifer Show	1,500.00	1,320.00	1,500.00
	Senior Public Speaking	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Intermediate Public Speaking	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Presentations	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Executive Workshop	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Record Book Competition	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Judging Competition	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Fun Day	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Senior Ski Trip	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Something to Say	250.00	300.00	0.00
	Consumer Decision Making	0.00	0.00	150.00
	<i>misc.</i> stale dated cheques	1,500.00	634.48	650.00
	<i>misc.</i> GIC Interest	250.00	232.70	250.00
	<i>misc.</i> Cookbook sales	100.00	130.00	130.00
	<i>misc.</i> Accounts receivable - 539.48 + 25.00	0.00	0.00	564.48
Total		33,100.00	40,307.68	48,444.48
Expenses	AB 4-H Dues	8,750.00	8,750.00	18,320.00
	Rebels Game	7,500.00	13,071.25	13,500.00
	Winter Camp	5,500.00	6,681.32	7,000.00
	Senior Public Speaking	750.00	750.00	750.00
	Intermediate Public Speaking	750.00	686.27	750.00
	Presentations	1,000.00	1,000.00	1000.00
	Executive Workshop	600.00	317.89	600.00
	Beef Heifer Show	3,000.00	2,274.00	3,000.00
	Record Book Competition	200.00	185.78	200.00
	Judging	1,500.00	1,108.65	1,500.00
	Fun Day	1,000.00	274.25	1,000.00
	Senior Ski Trip	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
	Something To Say	750.00	474.42	300.00
	Consumer Decision Making	0.00	0.00	750.00
	Cookbooks Purchased	300.00	0.00	300.00
	Meeting Room Rent	500.00	384.30	1,000.00
	Lunch	200.00	71.40	200.00
	<i>misc.</i> Gifts	150.00	0.00	150.00
	<i>misc.</i> 4-H Council of Alberta expenses (LC)	150.00	0.00	0.00
	<i>misc.</i> P S + Pres. Judging Workshops	400.00	0.00	0.00
	<i>misc.</i> Leaders' Conference donation	100.00	105.00	100.00
	Beef Leaders' Update Silent Auction	0.00	0.00	50.00
	<i>misc.</i> Void cheques/office	500.00	1,117.20	900.00
Total		34,600.00	37,251.73	52,370.00
Net Profit (Loss)		-1,500.00	3,055.95	-3,925.52