

West Central Regional 4-H Council Meeting
April 11, 2018
Lacombe Memorial Center, 5214 – 50 Avenue

Present: Rocky Mountain House, Camrose, Ponoka, Wetaskiwin, Red Deer, Lacombe, Yvonne Yaremciio,
Absent: Alumni, Ambassadors

Christine Patten called the meeting to order, as the president and vice president were absent.

Dillon Marchant led the 4-H Pledge.

Those attending introduced themselves and stated their district.

Lisa Hendrickson moved and Greg Somers seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The minutes had a typo in 8.e, "Synergy", and "Joyce Winter reported for the Finland Exchange". Ellen Bonde moved the minutes adopted as amended; Joyce Winter seconded the motion, which was carried.

Arleen Henderson moved to purchase 4 GIC's of \$5000 each: one cashable, and one each of 1, 2 and 3 years, cashable only on purchase anniversary, as this results in much better interest rates. Travis Casorso seconded the motion, which was carried.

Arleen Henderson presented the treasurer's report, and moved the general and casino report adopted as presented. Cheryl Elias seconded the motion; carried.

District Council Representatives reported on their recent activities. Camrose District is holding a 100th year celebration dance June 9, at the Moose Hall in Camrose. Tickets - \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Lacombe District has a club with a chicken project.

Regional Committees Reports

Fun Day – Ponoka, January 6, 83 attended.

Beef Female Show – Lacombe, June 17 at Central Alberta Agricultural Society grounds, Lacombe.

Multi Species Judging – Camrose, April 14 at Bashaw Ag. Society grounds, 54 members registered.

Winter Camp – March 2–4, 64 members attended.

Horse committee – Held a successful Horse Marketing Clinic Apr. 7, 2018. Horse Sale cancelled due to low registrations.

Presentations – Rocky, problems with districts in submitting participants names to organizer.

Public Speaking – Sr. - Red Deer; some organizational problems,

- Int. – Wetaskiwin; Quote/Reference sheets were not handed in.

Discussion followed: we need workshops and better information for organizers. Regional Event binders need to be returned and available to help people new to planning events. More webinars could be developed. Chris Patten will take these comments to the 4-H Council of Alberta.

AB 4-H Alumni - Yvonne Yaremciio reported that the Alumni Senior Ski trip went well, with more members than other years taking part.

Regional 4-H Specialist & 4-H Section Reports

4-H Night at the Rebels had 700 tickets sold, which is up from previous years.

4-H Selections will be at Olds College on May 4-7. The theme is "Focus on the Future". There are 114 applicants, up from 80 last year.

Summer Camp registration opens on May 15.
Nominations are open for the Hall of Fame.
4-H Council of Canada has some large scholarships available.
NW Territories Agricultural Development Tour camping trip needs leaders to chaperone.

Provincial Reports.

Ambassadors – no report.

Beef Advisory Committee - meeting soon.

Equine Advisory Committee – very informative Levels 1-3 Clinic for leaders held at Olds.

- a webinar for security in buying horses is being developed.

Canada/Japanese Exchange – Ellen Bonde reported 3 students going to Japan this year, one each from Alberta, Toronto and Nova Scotia; 8 students are arriving from Japan, 2 host families finalized, 2 in progress, and 4 students still in need of families for Jul. 24 to Aug. 18.

Finland/Alberta 4-H Exchange - Joyce Winter reported that 2 Alberta 4-H members are travelling to Finland this year and 2 Finnish members are coming to Alberta for a month this year. Both host families are in place.

4-H Council of AB & 4-H Foundation of AB

Chris Patten reported that the 4-H Council of Alberta's AGM is May 14-15. There will be a fee increase to \$120 per member, which will be in place for the next 2 years. There will be a review after that to see if a further increase is warranted. Webinars are available on Scholarships, Cleaver Kids. Scholarship applications are simpler to fill out now. The 4-H Store has many 100 Anniversary items, and new stock available.

Old Business

Tanya Reist, Ellen Bonde and Alyssa Henderson will complete a Bylaw review.

New Business

Budget items for 2018-19 were discussed.

Dates were entered into the 2018-19 Program Plan. Please send any other dates set for Regional Events to Yvonne.

Int. & Sr. Public Speaking will be the same day, Mar. 23, 2019.

Arleen Henderson, Chris Patten and Cheryl Elias volunteered for the Regional Scholarship Committee.

Ellen Bonde presented a revised Record Book Marking Guide, developed by Penny Pals and Ellen Bonde because of requests from Rocky District leaders. Due to the time, Ellen asked representatives to read it over and send their vote to Yvonne by May 1 so if approved, it can be implemented at the Nov. 3, 2018 Record Book marking day.

Greg Somers asked if the \$10 Record Book gift cards prizes could be from 4-H sponsors such as Peavey Mart. Everyone agreed.

Dillon Marchant moved the meeting be adjourned.