

West Central Regional Council Minuets

Wednesday February 5, 2014
Memorial Center Lacombe

1. **Call to order:** Sylvia Mathon called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm
2. **4-H Pledge:** The pledge was led by everyone
3. **Introductions:** Everyone introduced themselves.
Districts attending: Camrose, Lacombe, Ponoka, Red Deer, Rocky, Wetaskiwin and the 4-H Office.
14 people were in attendance.
4. **Agenda:** Additions- Date was changed from January 27th to February 5th , #6 b. Book Review , #8 a. Available Funding.
Holly Trenson motioned to accept the agenda with the additions and corrections Seconded by: Christine Patten. All in favor. None opposed. Carried.
5. **Minutes:** Motion- Val Townsend moved that the minutes be approved as circulated.
Seconded by: Amy Trenson. All in favor. None opposed. Carried
6. **Business Arising from the minutes.**
 - a) **Bylaws-** Deficient as of yet, we have to send two separate letters one for objects and another for bylaws. Ellen moved a special resolution to adopt the objects as presented at the November 27th 2013 meeting.
Seconded by: Chris Patten. All In favor. None opposed. Carried.
 - b) **Review-** Joyce Winter reviewed the books she found everything in order but there were missing receipts for the regional judging.
7. **Treasurers Report:**
 - a) **General Account** – Ellen Bonde presented the financial statement for September 1, 2013 to January 29, 2014
Corrections: Net Gain not Net Loss of \$ 8,828.49
Adopted by: Ellen Bonde
Seconded by Joyce Winter. All in favor. None opposed. Carried.
 - b) **Casino Account-** Ellen Bonde presented the financial statement for September 1, 2013 to January 29, 2014
Adopted by: Ellen Bonde
Seconded by Joyce Winter. All in favor. None opposed. Carried.

8. Reports:

a) District Councils: District Council representatives gave their reports. Camrose hosted Bull Congress there were 276 people registered including adults.

b) Available Funding: We can use the legacy fund for anything. For Rocky Mountain Equipment the second amount of \$1000 has to be a specified regional event. Rocky Mountain Equipment and Kubota cannot be used for the same event. If there is a sponsor representative make sure that they are introduced and thanked for representing the sponsor. Regional judging committee will use \$1000 that has to be a specified regional event from the Rocky Mountain Equipment and will send a letter to invite a representative to the event. Sponsorship posters were given out to the districts hosting communication events and to the multispecies judging committee.

c) Regional Committees

- I. **Casino-** We have no date yet.
- II. **Executive Workshop-** Finances are organized
- III. **Fun Day, Red Deer hosted Nov. 30** - It was well attended.
- IV. **Grievance-** None
- V. **Heifer Show, June 15 Bashaw TENTATIVE-** Janet got information from the Bashaw agricultural society and the price will be about double of what was paid last year. Not all the budget money was used last year. It was suggested that if there was any information on a cheap facility to contract Janet.
- VI. **Judging, Lacombe hosted February 15** - Consumer decision making information will be posted online on the 4-H website.
- VII. **Lighthouse Show-** Had a successful tack workshop on Jan. 18th approximately 30 people were in attendance. The first committee meeting was held on January 21st. Rules were revised and officers were elected.
President Lori Sierpinski
Secretary Wanda Liddle
Treasurer Tim Belec
- VIII. **Presentations-** Somewhere in Bashaw, no detailed information yet, Camrose is hosting on March 29.
- IX. **Public Speaking**
Seniors- Rocky hosts March 22, at Leslieville Hall no time yet.
Intermediate- Ponoka is hosting, March 23, 1:00 pm at Saint. Margret Church in Rimbey. Contacts are Joyce Winter and Holly Trenson.

- X. **Record Book Competition** – Marking was finally completed on November 23rd. There were twelve members overall who placed.

d) **4-H Alumni- Senior Ski Trip- Canceled**

e) **Regional 4-H Specialist**

- I. **Leader Award Trips-** Looking for one leader to attend the Montana Leaders' Forum in fall of 2014. Email Janet if you are interested.
- II. **Rebels 4-H Night Feb. 15-** Sold 905 tickets from east and west central. And there were 325 tickets sold for pizza. Pizza will be served through the westerner at 5:15, in the frontier room, upstairs on the second floor at the east end.
- III. **Winter camp Feb. 28-March 2-** The packages will go out Feb 6th, there are 76 campers everyone who applied is going, the check will not be cashed till the week of the program.

f) **Provincial reports**

- I. **Ambassadors-** Just finished the seniors member's conference which was successful. They had three people to come in and talk. All three of the speakers commented on how great a group our senior members were.
- II. **Beef Advisory Committee-** Val Townsend reported that they met on the 4th of November. Had really good speakers. Went over mistakes in heifer books, they will have two webinars.
- III. **Diary Review Committee Provincial-** Ellen Bonde reported that at SMC it was told that they still are not out yet. The back page is significantly different it is divided up into many different slots, however you must have a reference. They want you to expand on what you did or how much you did if you gained two points. Makes the members more accountable.
- IV. **Equine Advisory Committee-** Janet Kerr said that they are getting ready for PELF on February 21-23. They have approximately 70 people registered; they have a good program planned. July 9-11 will be the horse classic and synergy
- V. **International Exchanges-** Ellen Bonde reported that they are running with the Japanese exchange they already have a host family and 4 Alberta students. Torri White is still looking after the Finland exchange. The other exchanges are up in the air, they are waiting for further information.

- VI. **Marketing Advisory Committee** – Christine Patten reported that they have had not had a meeting since last February; hopefully they are going to have a meeting in the next few weeks. They are going to have a presentation to the regional gathering.
- VII. **4-H Alberta Branch Staff-** Janet Kerr said that Mark Shand continues to be on the secondment and Katelyn Strang's contract has been extended for six months.
- VIII. **4-H Council of Alberta-** Christine Patten reported that they had a brief meeting on Saturday, they have 4 applicants for member at large. Reviewed the beef policy and it will take effect next year
- IX. **4-H Foundation of AB-** None
- X. **2013-2017 committee–** Ellen Bonde, Janet Kerr and Joyce Winter reported that they have developed a bail tarp program. They will sell bail tarps to advertise and they talked about having a song made by members or professionally. It has however, been stalled. Western Regional Leaders Forum is in March. In August 2017 at the Calgary stampede grounds there will be something big, right now it is called the big bash. They are in the proses of thinking of committees and things they need to organize. If you have an idea that would be great for a big bash let Janet know.

g) Canadian 4-H Council Report- No Report

9. Correspondence

- a) No more busing available as of April 1st, 2014. Unless the regions do it themselves.
- b) Scholarship winners for 2013- Katelyn Godwin from the Rocky District and the club Leslieville Trial trotters. Samantha Sperber From the Ponoka District and the club West Beef. Jennifer Wrubleski from the Wetaskiwin District and the club Lakedelle Light Horse

10. New Business- None

11. Next Meeting- April 2, 2014 Lacombe Memorial Center at 6:30pm

12. Adjournment- Sylvia Mathon moved to adjourn at 8:22pm

Signed By _____ **Date** _____