

West Central Regional Council Minutes

January 27, 2016

Lacombe Memorial Center – Lacombe, AB

1. **Call to Order** - Isabell Stamm called the meeting to order at 6:39pm
2. **4-H Pledge** - Lead by the council members
3. **Introductions** - Everyone introduced themselves
Districts attending: Camrose, Lacombe, Wetaskiwin, Ponoka, Rocky Mtn House, Red Deer and Yvonne Yaremciio from the 4-H Office
4. **Approval/Additions to the Agenda**
#10 (b) Program planning 2016-17
 - (c) WC Regional 100th Anniversary Celebrations
 - (d) Regional Dues**Motion:** Chris Patten moved to approve agenda as amended. 2nd: Tanya Reist, carried
5. **Minutes**
Motion: Penny Pals moved to adopt the minutes of the Nov. 7th, 2015 minutes as circulated 2nd: Paytten Fankhanel, carried
6. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. **General Account** – Joyce Winter reported that for the general account from Sept 1, 2015 – Jan 27, 2016 had income of \$13909.00 and expenses of \$10141.72 with a net gain of \$3767.28. Opening balance was \$8506.75 and closing balance is \$12274.03, \$20000.00 which is GIC's.
The casino account had income of \$0.78 and expenses of \$22.39 with a net loss of \$21.61. Opening balance was \$14630.81 and closing balance is \$14609.20.
Motion: Joyce Winter moved to adopt the Treasurer's reports as presented. 2nd: Susanne Fankhanel, carried
7. **Reports**
 - a. **District Councils:** District Council Representatives gave their reports.
 - Alyssa Henderson reported that the Lacombe district is hosting a Family dance at the Lincoln Hall on March 18th – 6:30-10pm. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. This event is open to all in the West Central Region
 - Chris Patten reported that the Multi Species judging that Wetaskiwin district was hosting February 13th, has been cancelled as there was not enough interest.
 - b. **Regional Committee:**
 - **Executive Workshop:** Was cancelled as there was not enough interest to hold the event.
 - **Fun Day:** Rocky Mtn House hosted, Jan 16th @ the Collicutt in Red Deer. There were 122 registered and 87 people showed up. It was a great day and there was lots of positive feedback.
 - **Grievance:** None
 - **Heifer Show:** Will be held at the Bashaw Ag grounds on June 12, 2016. Plans are well underway.
 - **Judging:** Red Deer hosts – Multi Species Judging will be held on Feb. 27, 2016 at the Benalto Ag grounds, registration opens at 9am with judging to start at 9:45am sharp.

- **Light Horse Show:** Held first meeting on Jan 19th. New executive was elected. WC Regional horse show is June 3-5, 2016 this year.

- **Presentation:** Wetaskawin hosts – March 12, 2016 @ Moose Hall – please get districts presentation numbers to Chris Patten by March 1st.

- **Public Speaking :** Seniors – Lacombe hosts – March 19, 2016@ Lincoln Hall, start time 1pm.

Contact: Arleen Henderson – neen.hend97@gmail.com

Intermediates – Camrose hosts – March 20, 2016 @ New Norway Hall – start time 1pm. Contact: Tanya Reist – tanyareist@gmail.com

c. **4-H Alumni Club:** Yvonne Yaremci reported

- Senior Ski Trip is March 4-6, 2016 to Panorama. Open to all seniors in the Province. There will be transportation with designated pick up location. Registration is available online and a link will also be sent in the Odd & Ends email.

d. **Regional 4-H Specialist:** Yvonne Yaremci reported

- **Rebels 4-H Night:** February 13th, 2016. 780 tickets have been sold, there are limited number of tickets still available. Contact Yvonne.

- **Winter Camp:** Feb. 26-28, 2016 – 52 junior members registered

- **Consumer Decision Making:** Will be held on Jan 31, 2016. There are 14 members registered. It is still the hope to get this to a provincial level.

- **Leaders' Travel Opportunity:** looking for a chaperone for the Alberta/Northwest Territories Ag Development Tour. Deadline for application is April 1, 2016. Contact Katelyn Strang for more information.

e. **Provincial Reports:**

- **Ambassadors:** Looking forward to SMC on Jan 30/31, SMC is full. Hosted a successful Toy Drive in support of Ronald McDonald Houses in Edmonton, Red Deer and Calgary.

- **BAC:** Planning is underway for the Heifer Show on June 12, 2016

- **International Exchanges:** Ellen Bonde reported for the Japan Exchange, the program is always looking for more host families. Joyce Winter reported for the Finland Exchange. Looking for host families.

- **4-H Branch Staff:** Yvonne Yaremci reported, the Regional Specialist for the Calgary Region has been advertised.

- **4-H Council of Alberta:** Chris Patten reported, the Council received a donation for Farm Woman of Alberta, who disbanded. It was also reported to note that with the amendments made, Bill 6 will not affect 4-H livestock project because there is no employer/employee relationship. The Regional gathering will be held on April 2nd at Battle Lake 4-H center. Leaders at asked to check on the status of their leaders' screening on the online registration system. If there are issues with leaders screening contact Bernadette @ 780-898-3037. The Golden Clover Award was won by the NW HorsePlay event.

- **4-H Foundation of AB:** Chris Patten reported that Bruce Banks is retiring as COE and his replacement will be Leah Jones. Joyce Winter reported that she recently spoke to Bruce and he said that grant monies should be deposited very soon. District should be getting \$1000 for communication and Regions \$2500.

- **PEAC:** Yvonne Yaremci reported – PEAC is hosting Pelf on Feb 5-7, 2016

- **100th Anniversary Celebrations:** see hand-out

f. **Canadian Council Report:**

Nothing to report

8. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

a. **Bale Tarps – Motion:** Chris Patten moved that the WC Regional Council purchase 1 bale trap to the maximum of \$650.00. 2nd: Joyce Winter, carried. It was discussed of places to put the tarp in the Region. The three choices were: The Westerner grounds, Rocky Mtn Equipment in Red Deer, and The CRE in Camrose. **Action:** Joyce Winter will contact the Westerner, Greg Coleman will contact Rocky Mtn Equipment and Tanya Reist will contact CRE.

b. **History Calendar** – send photos and stories to Ellen, deadline for submission are Feb 28, 2016. A link for the history questionnaire and timeline will be sent by Yvonne. Calendars will be ready for Fall 2016, each 4-h family will get one calendar free, and the calendars will also be for sale for \$20 each.

c. **Winter camp** – Motion: Chris Patten moved that the fees for Junior Winter camp for the 2017 season be raised to \$85.00 per member. 2nd: Tanya Reist, carried

d. **Communication Workshop** – Was a great success, a lot was learnt and great information was presented. It was well attended and the total cost was \$677.59.

e. **Record Book Competition rules/guidelines** – a committee was formed to review the judging guidelines for Regional record book competition. The committee is Chris Patten, Cheryl Elias, Tanya Reist, Ellen Bonde, Yvonne Yaremicio

9. **Correspondence**

a. **AGLC** – casino dates have been moved to the 4th quarter of 2017. It will be at the Red Deer Cash Casino again.

10. **New Business**

a. **Program Planning 2016/17** – Yvonne asked about who decided that dates on the program planning. It was discussed that the Districts hosting Regional events decide those dates (exception communication events, those are held on the same weekend each year) and Yvonne brings the dates for all other Regional and provincial events to do the program planning at the April meeting.

b. **WC Regional 100th Anniversary Celebrations** – a committee was form of: Alyssa Henderson, Arleen Henderson, Cheryl Elias and Isabell Stamm. They will look into booking the 4-H Center at Battle Lake for mid-September – early October 2017. Possible theme is Decades of Games.

Motion: Ellen Bonde moved that the budget be adopted as amended. 2nd: Sylvia Mathon, carried.

c. **Regional Dues - Motion:** Ellen Bonde moved that Chris Patten take the request to the 4-H Council of Alberta that dues be charged on the current year's registrations, not the previous year's. 2nd: Cheryl Elias, carried.

11. **Adjournment**

Isabell Stamm adjourned the meeting at 8:39pm.

Signed

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