

West Central Regional Council Minutes

January 31, 2018

Lacombe Memorial Center – Lacombe, AB

1. **Call to Order** - Tanya Reist called the meeting to order at 6:33pm
2. **4-H Pledge** - Lead by Council members
3. **Introductions** - Everyone introduced themselves - Districts attending: Camrose, Lacombe, Wetaskiwin, Ponoka, Rocky Mtn House, Red Deer and Yvonne Yaremicio from the 4-H Section, Melanie Danielsen from the 4-H Alumni
4. **4-H Operation Committee Presentation** - presenters were Susann Stone, Executive Director – 4-H Council of AB. Leah Jones, Chief Executive Officer – 4-H Foundation of AB. Diane McCann-Hiltz, Director – 4-H Section Government of AB.

Presentation Highlights:

- The 3 entities are working together in this operations committee to be more efficient
 - The \$140 fee proposed for next year is still under review. It will not go higher, but may be reduced is able
 - The Foundation has an estimated \$750,000 net loss last year.
 - The Foundation is going to be seeking out new sponsors this year and working at securing old sponsor. All sponsors will have a signed contract. There have been past sponsors that have still not paid monies they promised.
 - AltaLink has been secured as the Communication sponsor for the next 2 years. Poster have been handed out and are to be used for the coming 2 years.
 - The Operations Committee is working on a 3-year plan, that will provide stability and knowledge to the operations of the 4-H program for the next 3 years.
 - A list of all the questions and answers asked at the 6 regional presentations will be sent out soon.
5. **Approval/Additions to the Agenda**
 - #10 (a) Letter form Regional Heifer Show Committee
 - #11 (a) Leaders Conference
 - (b) West Central pins

Melanie Danielsen brought to the Council's attention that 8c needs changed from West Central 4-H Alumni to Alberta 4-H Alumni

Motion: Chris Patten moved to approve agenda as amended. 2nd: Lisa Hendrickson, carried
 6. **Minutes**

Motion: Cheryl Elias moved to adopt the minutes of the Nov. 4th, 2017 minutes as circulated 2nd: Melanie Danielsen, carried
 7. **Treasurer's Report**

General Account – Arleen Henderson reported that for the general account from Sept 1, 2017 – Jan 30, 2018 had a net gain of \$901.65. Opening balance was \$28668.73 and closing balance is \$29570.38, \$0.00 which is currently in GIC's.

Motion: Arleen Henderson moved to adopt the Treasurer's reports for the general account as presented. 2nd: Ellen Bonde, carried

The casino account had an opening balance was \$359.40 and closing balance is \$359.40.

Motion: Arleen Henderson moved to adopt the Treasurer's reports for the casino account as presented. 2nd: Chris Patton, carried
 8. **Reports**
 - a. **District Councils:** District Council Representatives gave their reports.
 - b. **Regional Committee:**
 - **Fun Day:** Ponoka hosted, was a great day with great turn-out. They have 83 members attend.

- **Grievance:** None
- **Heifer Show:** Will be held at the Bashaw Ag grounds on June 17, 2018. Tanya R read a letter from Greg Coleman of the Heifer Show committee requesting \$1500 in sponsorship from West Central Regional Council. Discussion was tabled til budget review.
- **Judging:** Camrose hosts – Multi Species Judging and CDM will be held on Feb. 10, 2018 at the Lakedell Arena. CDM workshop and classes in the morning, early lunch and judging classes start after lunch.
- **Winter Camp:** March 2-4, 2018, 65 members registered so far. Theme Winter Olympics
- **Light Horse Show:** Held first meeting on Jan 23rd. New executive was elected. WC Regional horse show is May 31-June 3, 2018 this year. They are trying the sale again for one more time this year. Sale date is June 23rd in Delburne. Need a minimum of 10 horses to run the sale. They have opened it up to any horse that was in the 4-H program (the horse must be have a 4-H record book for it though). The Marketing Clinic is a go no matter what on April 8th in Ponoka.
- **Presentation:** RMH hosts – March 17, 2018, event info TBA
- **Public Speaking:** Seniors – Red Deer hosts – event info TBA

Intermediates – Wetaskiwin hosts – March 25, 2018 @ Moose Hall in Wetaskiwin

- c. **Alberta 4-H Alumni Club:** Melanie Danielsen reported, planning for the Senior Ski Trip is well underway, deadline is Feb 2nd. The Alumni worked at Agri-Trade in exchange for sponsorship to go towards the ski trip. The auctioned off a box for PJ Max at Centrium.
- d. **Regional 4-H Specialist:** Yvonne Yaremco reported
 - **Rebels 4-H Night:** March 10th, 2018 - 640 tickets have been sold.
 - **Constitutions:** Clubs and District are asked to provide a copy of your constitution to Yvonne at the Section Office.
 - **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.
 - **4-H Section Staff:** Peace Region specialist has left and the duties will be divided among the remaining Specialists.
 - **Camp Staff:** Looking for camp staff for summer programs, deadline February 20th.
 - Livestock Show and Sale forms due Feb 1st
- e. **Provincial Reports:**
 - **Ambassadors:** Yvonne Yaremco reported – Ambassadors were at Leaders Conference and going to be helping host SMC.
 - **BAC:** Provincial Steer Carcass competition is a go again this year. Deltagenomic is sponsoring a study this year on herds in each region of AB. The Provincial Heifer and Female show will run in conjunction with Synergry again this year.
 - **PEAC:** no meeting til Feb 15th.
 - **International Exchanges:** Ellen Bonde reported for the Japan Exchange, students will be here from July 24-Aug 18. The program is always looking for more host families. Ellen Bonde reported for the Finland Exchange. There 3 students to come from Finland. Looking for host families.
 - **4-H Council of Alberta:** Chris Patten reported, the 4-H Council is taking over the management of the 4-H store, and ribbons.
 - **4-H Foundation of AB:** Yvonne Yaremco reported, watch for Foundation info in the Monthly Scoop.

9. Business Arising from the Minutes

- a. **Budget 2017-18** – Budget was reviewed with the noted changes; \$2000 was added under income for 4-H Sponsorship grants, under expenses the Beef Heifer Show changed from \$3500 to \$3000.
Motion: Ellen Bonde moved to adopt the budget as amended. 2nd: Chris Patton, carried

b. **West Central Scholarship Update** – Chris Patton will contact Bianca to inform her that the WC Regional Council will be taking over the selection of our scholarship recipients. A selection committee will be set-up at the April meeting.

c. **Leadership Recognition** – was a great night. The event was well planned and had a good feedback from all. It was noted that the members really enjoyed getting their platinum Awards of Excellence at the event.

d. **Sobey's/Safeway cards** – Tanya mentioned that the Safeway/Sobeys cards are unable to be divided into 4 cards so they must be shared and passed among the Districts hosting events.

e. **Election – 4-H Council of AB representative** – Melanie Danielsen nominated Lisa Hendrickson, accepted. Ellen Bonde nominates Joyce Winter, accepted. Joyce Winter wins by secret ballot. Melanie Danielsen moved to destroy the ballots.

10. **Correspondence**

a. **Letter from Regional Heifer Show Committee** – the letter was read and address earlier in the meeting.

11. **New Business**

a. **Leaders Conference** – Morena Stamm discussed that the Leaders conference is not geared very well towards young, new leaders. She felt that the sessions were not great this year. She highly recommends that the organizing committee focus a lot more on recruiting and interesting new, young leaders to come to these conferences.

b. **West Central pins** – discussion was had around if the WC Regional Council should look into the cost of pins. The majority voted against the doing pins, our budget does not support extra costs this year. It was suggested the 4-H Council of AB should maybe consider ordering Alberta 4-H pins and sell them thru the 4-H store.

12. **Adjournment**

Chris Patton adjourned the meeting at 9:42pm.

Signed

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