

West Central Regional Council Minutes

January 25, 2017

Lacombe Memorial Center – Lacombe, AB

1. **Call to Order** - Tanya Reist called the meeting to order at 7:04pm
2. **4-H Pledge** - Lead by Amber Conway
3. **Introductions** - Everyone introduced themselves
Districts attending: Camrose, Lacombe, Wetaskiwin, Ponoka, Rocky Mtn House, Red Deer and Yvonne Yaremco from the 4-H Section, Melaine Danielsen from the 4-H Alumini
4. **Approval/Additions to the Agenda**
#10 (b) Public speaking judging workshop
(c) Leader Recognition
Motion: Isabell Stamm moved to approve agenda as amended. 2nd: Chriss Patton, carried
5. **Minutes**
Ellen called to attention that in section 11 – Elections and Appointments, the Casino Committee which had her as the appointed member should not be on the minutes as that committee was dissolves last year.
Motion: Cheryl Elias moved to adopt the minutes of the Nov. 5th, 2016 minutes as amended 2nd: Lisa Hendrickson, carried
6. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. **General Account** – Joyce Winter reported that for the general account from Sept 1, 2016 – Jan 25, 2017 had income of \$12185.00 and expenses of \$10472.04 with a net gain of \$1712.96. Opening balance was \$11466.80 and closing balance is \$13179.76, \$20000.00 which is GIC's.
The casino account had income of \$0 and expenses of \$0. Opening balance was \$359.40 and closing balance is \$359.40.
Motion: Joyce Winter moved to adopt the Treasurer's reports as presented. 2nd: Melanie Danielsen, carried
7. **Reports**
 - a. **District Councils:** District Council Representatives gave their reports.
 - Alyssa Henderson reported that the Lacombe district is hosting a Family Fun Night at the Lincoln Hall on March 25th – 6:30-10pm. Details to follow. This event is open to all in the West Central Region
 - b. **Regional Committee:**
 - **Executive Workshop:** Was cancelled as there was not enough interest to hold the event.
 - **Fun Day:** Lacombe hosting, Feb 18th @ JS McCormick School, Amazing Race theme. Registration deadline Feb 4th. Cost \$5 per person
 - **Grievance:** None
 - **Heifer Show:** Will be held at the Bashaw Ag grounds on June 11, 2017. Yvonne is looking for people from East and West Central beef club to form a combined committee.
 - **Judging:** Wetaskiwin hosts – Multi Species Judging will be held on Feb. 11, 2017 at the Lakedell Arena. 75 members registered. Workshop in the morning, early lunch and classes start at 12:30.
 - **Winter Camp:** March 3-5, 2017, 65 members registered so far.
 - **Light Horse Show:** Held first meeting on Jan 18th. New executive was elected. WC Regional horse show is June 2-4, 2017 this year. They are also going to be doing a horse show and sale this year. Sale date is June 24th in Delburne. Need a minimum of 15 horses to run the sale. Horse must have been used at the Regional Horse show to be able to be sold in the sale.
 - **Presentation:** Red Deer hosts – March 11, 2017, event info TBA
 - **Public Speaking :** Seniors – Ponoka hosts – March 25, 2017@ Ponoka Legion, start time 1pm.

Contact: Joyce Winter – jwinter2968@hotmail.com, speakers info to Joyce by March 18th

Intermediates – Rocky hosts – April 2· 2017 @ Leslieville Hall

Contact: Bonnie Perreault - crazyhe@telusplanet.net

- **Consumer Decision Making:** April 22, 2017 @ Lincoln Hall, Registration 9am
- **WC Cookbooks:** There are 150-200 books left to sell.
- WC Centennial Celebrations: applied for a grant, cannot get estimates at this time as companies are waiting til farther into the year to make cost estimates
- c. **4-H Alumni Club:** Melanie Danielsen reported
 - Had a Paint Nite Fundraiser at the HideOut in Red Deer last Friday, 43 attended
 - There are Alumni members hosting some workshops the next couple weeks and doing judging at public speakings in the upcoming months
 - Senior Ski Trip is March 3-5 2017 to Fernie BC. Open to all seniors in the Province. There will be transportation with designated pick up location. Registration is available online, there are currently 36 members registered.
 - Next meeting is Feb 8th in Red Deer
- d. **Regional 4-H Specialist:** Yvonne Yaremicio reported
 - **Rebels 4-H Night:** February 11th, 2017. 660 tickets have been sold, there are limited number of tickets still available. Contact Yvonne.
 - **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 Director:** Our new 4-H Section director is Diane McCann-Hiltz
 - Livestock Show and Sale forms due Feb 1st
- e. **Provincial Reports:**
 - **Ambassadors:** Isabell Stamm reported - Hosted a successful Toy Drive in support of Ronald McDonald Houses in Edmonton, Red Deer and Calgary. The Ambassadors are helping with WRLF and Teen Track. Colour Me Green will be held again at 4-H Fever this summer on Aug 6, 2017. Possible memorabilia and they are looking for volunteers to help.
 - **BAC:** 58 Carcasses with 85 members this year. Beef policy review is happening in June 2017. If you have any suggestion inform West Central reps Greg/Cody Coleman. There will be Heifer and Female show held at 4-H Fever in August 2017
 - **PEAC:** last meeting held on Oct 21, 2016. Working on updating and revising the Bite & Biting poster.
 - **International Exchanges:** Ellen Bonde reported for the Japan Exchange, 4 students to go to Japan and 10 students + 1 chaperone to come from Japan this year. The program is always looking for more host families. Joyce Winter reported for the Finland Exchange. There is 1 student to go to Finland and 7 students + 1 chaperon to come from Finland. Looking for host families.
 - **4-H Council of Alberta:** Chris Patten reported, Regional gathering was cancelled due to low attendance. Working on hosting some webinars instead. The Golden Clover Award looking for nominations, deadline is April 1st.
 - **4-H Foundation of AB:** Yvonne Yaremicio reported, watch for Foundation info in the Monthly Scoop. The discount cards have been sent out.
 - **100th Anniversary Celebrations:** Calendars are still for sale for \$20 each, WRLF registration is still open, there are currently 300 leaders and 100 teens registered. 4-H Fever is August long weekend 2017. There are

lots of events planned. To be held in Olds, AB. Looking for 4-H Heritage Families. If you know of families with 3/4/5 generation of 4-Hers please submit there info.

8. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- a. **Grant applications** – 4 grants were applied for - grant for the heifer show was approved, a \$500 grant for Regional multi species judging is still in process. No response for the other 2 grants
- b. **Regional Public Speaking Workshop** – a good success again this year. 44 members attended. Was asked if the possibility of it being a Regional event and other districts host it too.
- c. **Gift for Marguerite Stark** – it is in progress.

9. **Correspondence - none**

10. **New Business**

- a. **Program Planning 2017/18** – a sub-committee of Tanya Reist, Ellen Bonde, Chris Patton and Yvonne Yaremco was formed to review the annual program plan. It was also brought to attention that because the Foundation is changing its fiscal year that Clubs and Councils will need to adjust their program pal and budget approval. This in turns means the date of the AGM may need to be addressed.
- b. **Public Speaking Judging Workshop** – Lacombe District host a public speaking judging workshop for new judges but attendance has been minimal and they are wondering if it would be an even the Region would like to take on to bring in more attendance. It was discussed that next year when the District hosts the event that they open it up to judges in the WC Region to see what kind of response they get. It was asked for Council members to take it back to Districts and get feedback on it.
- c. **Leader Recognition** – It was discussed that West Central Region would again start having a Leader Recognition event. This year there is going to be a Leader Recognition Banquet in conjunction with the Regional Centennial celebration weekend. The Leaders Banquet will be Saturday September 23rd, followed by an open dance. Details to follow. The resurrection of the Friends of 4-H Award was discussed also. **Motion:** Melanie Danielsen moved that the Friends of 4-H Award be restarted and presented at the Regional Centennial Celebration this year. 2nd: Alyssa Henderson, carried.

11. **Adjournment**

Lisa Hendrickson adjourned the meeting at 8:49pm.

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