

Highlights from Council Meeting

November 28 & 29th, 2009

The Alberta 4-H Council had an excellent meeting on November 28 & 29th at the Battle Lake Centre. Once again we met over two days because of a long agenda and a computer workshop Saturday morning.

We would like to thank all the regions, districts, clubs, and individuals who took the time to consider our survey regarding the minimum age of Alberta 4-H members. We had considerable feedback and unanimously passed a motion to leave the age of Alberta 4-H members at 9 to 21. In addition we had interest from several clubs in the pilot project and have agreed to a 3 year pilot that will allow clubs to try out underage members and provide feedback to a committee of Council that will continue to monitor the success of underage 4-H members in Alberta.

Susann is well underway to getting the Leaders Screening done. She has looked at all the forms received so far and is in the process of sending out letters to those who are complete. Information will be a little slow getting back to General Leaders due to registration hold ups but Leaders themselves should have letters of approval very soon. Thanks to Susann for her hard work in getting this done quickly and back to leaders so that they can get on with their year.

Council worked on Saturday morning on Quickplace. Council members feel much better about the process of sharing information through this secure website. The site will speed up our members who are on dial up because they will not need to download all our reports and committee information through email rather it will be on the secure site to open and read. I look forward to this all coming together and helping us to solve some of our communication problems.

A reminder that our address is: **Alberta 4-H Council**
Site 7 Box 1 RR 1
Westerose, AB TOC 2VO

Susann will collect the mail at that address and distribute to where it needs to go as quickly as possible.

The Branding session hosted by MAC (Marketing Advisory Committee) provided us with information that the committee is considering and will use as they continue their work to promote 4-H. Stop by their site at Leaders Conference to enjoy a MAC attack! Look to the future to see what else is in store for marketing Alberta 4-H. Anyone with ideas and feedback please feel free to contact MAC through the above address we are interested in hearing from you.

Our next meeting is to be held March 26th and 27th at the 4-H Centre.