

Calgary 4-H Region Council Meeting
Minutes
February 3, 2010

Chair: President Dwayne Fulton
Recording Secretary: Joanne Gourley

1. Dwayne Fulton called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. at the Airdrie Ag. Building.
2. The pledge was said by all and Lorraine Parkinson's safety moment was about how to choose a car for young adults. She explained that a professional safety check is only \$110.00 and well worth the costs.
4. **Additions to the agenda:** Old Business (f) Funspiel, New business: (g) Donation to 4-H Centre
5. **Minutes of November 4, 2009.** Julie Ulseth made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Lorraine Parkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Sharon Ulrich gave her treasurer's report. Sharon Ulrich made a motion to adopt her treasurer's report as given. Stacy Price seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. **Correspondence:** Joanne Gourley read all thank you cards. There was also thank you letters from Alberta Children's Hospital, Stars and Calgary Stampede for the donations from the Calgary Regional 4-H Council. The 4-H Council also sent a letter regarding the Golden Clover Award and Earl Ziegler's nomination. They encouraged the council to submit Earl's name again for 2010.
8. **Alumni Report:** Julie Ulseth told Rob to suspend this report until further notice due to inactivity of the alumni.
9. **Regional Specialist Report:** Rob Smith reminder everyone that the Jan. 15 deadline for Selections program has been extended to Feb. 15, 2010. They will be having interviews for summer staff during Feb. and he will know who his helper will be at the next meeting. Calgary Youth livestock show is moving to Old's. Beef in 2010, other species to follow. 4-H on Parade has a 4% drop in registration. Rob's email list has reached 980 members and leaders.
10. **Provincial Council Report:** Stacy Price talked about the Gord Bamford CD fund raising opportunity. The disks cost the clubs \$10.00 and they sell for \$15.00. Any club wishing to participate in this fund raiser is to contact the Alberta 4-H Foundation. Stacy's foundation email is Calgary1@4h.ab.ca
 - a. **MAC Report:** report was attached to the agenda. Dwayne Fulton reported that no information had come out on the surveys yet.
 - b. **BAC Report:** Leisa Gallelli reported the draft for the new beef book will be ready for the next meeting. A few clubs will pilot the book for a year before it will go to all clubs.
 - c. **PEAC Report:** Linda Gooch reported the conference is Feb 19 – 21. The first Provincial horse show will be discussed on that week end.
11. **Foundation Report:** Brief discussion on Gord Bamford C.D. Rob Smith will send out information.

12. District & Key Leader Reports:

- a. **Foothills:** Joanne Gourley had the report attached to the agenda.
- b. **Kneehill:** Derek Benedict reported they had hosted the Regional awards in Acme and the district is now working on Public Speaking.
- c. **Mountainview:** Bev Rasmussen had the report attached to the agenda
- d. **Rockyview:** Cheryl Hardy had the report attached to the agenda.
- e. **Wheatland:** Lorilee Dundas reported the last district meeting was on January 20th and have decided to put on a district multi judging clinic this coming fall in Hussar. We will be putting on a district Funspiel on Feb. 18, 2010 for our winter Funday activity. Our spring Funday is tentatively set for the end of March – skiing in Drumheller. Our district heifer show is booked for May 9th in S'more. Public Speaking for our district has started with plans for club speak-offs starting next week. Our key members – Alex Kathol and Marlene Palsson have been very busy doing workshops in public speaking, diaries, and 4-H programs.

13. Committee Reports:

- a. **Calgary Stampede & 4-H on Parade:** Laurie Jacob-Toews reported about the letter from the Calgary Stampede. Letter attached to agenda.
- b. **Communications:** Julie Ulseth reported 2 of the 3 meeting are done. They did a conference call for the January meeting and it worked well. The Regional packages have been mailed out to the districts. Deadline for districts to have results in is March 15, noon. The Regional Communications will be March 20 at Strathmore Civic Centre and the Junior and Intermediates will start at 9 a.m. and the Seniors and Presentations will start at 1 p.m. They are still looking for judges.
- c. **Regional Project Sub-Committee Reports:** Sharon Uhrich reminded everyone that the district posters for display case must be ready for June.
- d. **Regional Fun Day:** Suzon Watkins talked about the plans and the entry forms are out. A reminder that all medical forms must come with the registrations.
- e. **Casino:** Anita Beaudin reported no new date yet.
- f. **Key Member report:** no report.

14. Old Business:

- a. **Winter Bonanza:** Rob Smith reported a little less than expected but it will grow. There will be 20 – 25 members plus staff at each winter camp.
- b. **2011 Leader's Conference:** Calgary Region is the host. Stacy Price reported they will need extra volunteers to help at registration tables, etc.
- c. **Level 1 Regional Judging:** Rob Smith reported that the judging packages were available to pick up today. There were 280 members judge and 50 volunteers to help make it happen.

Bev Rasmussen started a discussion on the use of aids in the form of “templates”, pictures, terminology and notes taken during official judges comments. The discussion was if these aids should be allowed and also the discussion that a lot of these members are at the first judging they have done.

Stacy Price made a motion that no resource material be allowed during the judging competition. Suzon Watkins seconded. Motion Carried. The districts were to take back information about the judging CD and binder available to all clubs and members to use before attending the judging competition.

- d. **Underage Youth Program:** Stacy Price reported that the Alberta 4-H Council has approved a three years pilot project for underage youth. There are two clubs in the Calgary Region doing this pilot project. Bergen Multi and Foothills 4-H Sheep Club proposals were sent out with the agenda. Part of the program ask for Regional and District council approval for the underage membership. Discussion followed. Due to the lack of guidelines regarding age of underage members or project guidelines there was a lot of discussion. Julie Ulseth made a motion that the Calgary 4-H Regional Council approve the underage members with the stipulation that any livestock handling must be done with one on one supervision. Sharon Uhrich seconded the motion. Julie Ulseth amended the motion to say "Adult supervision". Motion carried. 8 in favor, 7 opposed.
Dwayne Fulton is to write the letter to the Alberta 4-H Council. Dwayne would like any other feedback to Stacy or himself on opinions on underage youth by March.
- e. **Regional Display Board:** Sharon Uhrich reminded the districts that on June 15 they are to bring their display boards for the display case. Sharon volunteered to work on the display case in March to improve it for now.
- f. **Funspiel:** It was reported that the curling rinks were not full at this time. Any clubs interested are to get their entries in right away.

15. New Business:

- a. **Aggie Days:** Rob Smith reported that Ryan Hodges is co coordinating Aggie Days and Feb. 11 is the deadline for members to entre to help.
- b. **Vitalize Conference:** Sharon Uhrich reported Vitalize 2010 is June 10 -12 in Edmonton this year. It is a very educational conference and leader development funds can cover registration.
- c. **Purchase of 8 Hormel scales for Judging contests:** Lorraine Parkinson made a motion to purchase 8 Hormel scales for the Calgary 4-H Region. Stacy Price seconded. Motion carried.
- d. **4-H Urban Immersion:** Rob Smith presented a report from Kelsey Cartwright. The basic proposal is that each 4-H club that is willing, adopt a child to invite to come to 4-H events and participate. This could include club activities or district and regional activities. "By inviting non 4-H members to experience 4-H first hand we would be showing them what 4-H is but they would also learn to do by doing".
Linda Gooch made a motion we approval the proposal as long as they are 4-H age.
Lorilee Dundas seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- e. **4-H on Parade Clothing:** Lorraine Parkinson showed the type of Wind shirt she is working on for 4-H on Parade. The cost will be between \$30 - \$35. She will have final report at 4-H on Parade meeting.
- f. **Regional Beef Clinic:** The beef clinic was suppose to be on March 21 but since there is a problem with the date, the new date TBA.
- g. **Donation to 4-H Foundation:** Sharon Uhrich made a motion to donate \$5000.00 to the Alberta 4-H Foundation for remodeling the coolers. Stacy Price seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Sharon reported that the West Foothills Multi 4-H Club has disbanded. They sent their club funds to the 4-H Foundation of Alberta with instructions. Calgary 4-H Region and the Rockyview 4-H District was each given \$1820.00 of these funds. The balance was deposited into the Alberta 4-H Legacy Fund.

16. Anita Beaudin adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.