

**NORTHWEST 4-H REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 19, 2011
VILLENEUVE HALL**

1. President Sid Livingstone called the meeting to order at 9:40 A.M. with a quorum.
2. Michele Weitzel lead the 4-H Pledge.
3. Introductions were made.
4. Additions to the Agenda – None
5. Michele Weitzel read the minutes of the November 20, 2010 meeting.
Moved by Geraldine Hoffman, 2nd by Shelly Ann Dodgson that the minutes be adopted as read. Cd.

Business arising from the minutes:

Casino Funds – The funds as of January 23, 2011 are \$16,002.94. Looking for ideas on how to spend the funds.

Shelly Ann Dodgson suggested purchasing more projectors for the 4-H Key Members to use in their districts when doing presentations to groups. It was stated that we should notify all of the districts of the equipment that is available for them to use. Velma Collins recommended that a list of the available equipment be compiled and sent out to all of the districts. It was also recommended that districts share equipment.

6. **Treasurer's Report** by Grace Huisman.
Moved by Grace Huisman, 2nd by Donna Zons to accept the financial report as presented. Cd.
7. **Executive Report:** Sid Livingstone reported that our region has an opportunity for a qualified person to be a representative on the NW Marketing Advisory Committee. The Leader Award trips were selected. The districts need to provide judges names to the hosting clubs in a timely manner. The importance of communications when planning an event. See attached report.

Moved by Sid Livingstone, 2nd by Bertha Kasbohm to accept the Executive Report as presented. Cd.
8. **4-H Regional Specialist Report** – Jocelyn McKinnon reported that our region is up in membership by 97 members which makes the NW Region with 1,201 members. Thank you to the 4-H clubs. Twenty members have applied for Provincial Selections. 2012 Leaders Conference will not be held at Red Deer Lodge due to the snow collapsing the conference room area. The Leaders Conference will be held at the Radisson Inn on Calgary Trail. A lot of volunteers have offered their services. The main committee consists of 10 volunteers and their will be several sub-committees. LTCS dates have been changed to June 29 to July 3.

Westlock District is having a 4-H scholarship information session March 26th starting at 1:00 pm at the Clyde Community Hall. See attached report (green)

Moved by Jocelyn McKinnon, 2nd by Velma Collins that the 4-H Regional Specialist Report be accepted as presented. Cd.

9. **Provincial Council Report** – Helen Andrews will be attending the next meeting this week.

10. **Committee Reports**

- **Beef** – report given by Jacob Onyschuk that the NW Beef Learning Day was held on January 22nd in Clyde with 40 members attending. The committee is presenting planning Focus on 4-H Beef show.

Moved by Jacob Onyschuk, 2nd by Shelly Ann Dodgson to accept the Beef Report as presented. Cd.

- **Horse** – Theresa Bauman, new chair had nothing to report on at this time.
- **Lifeskills and Other Animals** – given by Donna Zons that the committee is working on adjusting the marking sheet for the record books depending on the project. It was recommended to move the Vet Sciences to the small animals. Lifeskills Fair will be hosted by Yellowhead in 2011 and Barrhead District in 2012-2013.

Moved by Helen Andrews, 2nd by Velma Collins to accept the Lifeskills report as presented. Cd.

- **Judging** – Dana Zadunayski reported the deadline is April 1st. Encourage everyone who attends to fill out the evaluation sheet as this information is very valuable for the planning committee. Each club to bring 2 door prizes at \$10 each. See you on April 16th. See attached report.

Moved by Jacob Onyschuk, 2nd by Bertha Kasbohm to accept the Judging report as presented. Cd.

- **Focus on 4-H** – Velma Collins that the dates are July 7-10 at Barrhead. This will be the 13th year. Focus is looking for volunteers. Inviting everyone to come out. The deadline for registration is May 15th. The Focus on 4-H information has been posted on the 4-H website.

Moved by Velma Collins, 2nd by Jackie Blahun to accept the Focus on 4-H report as presented. Cd.

Recommendation: Changing of the dates should be left up to the Focus on 4-H committee.

- **Summer 4-H Camp** – by Jocelyn McKinnon – Junior Camp – August 16-10 at Camp Mackinicholea and Intermediate Camp – August 8-12 at Camp Lessard.

Moved by Jacob Onyschuk, 2nd by Amanda McGregor to accept the Summer 4-H Camp Report as presented. Cd.

- **Scholarships** – by Jocelyn McKinnon reported that there were 28 applications received. There was a challenge with the selection committee. Grace Huisman recommended to distribute the additional funds from the Safety scholarship be distributed to the other applicants.

Moved by Grace Huisman, 2nd by Donna Zons that we allow the Safety funds be transferred to the other scholarship applicants. This will only apply for this year only due to the lack of applications received for the safety scholarship. Cd.

Leslie Majeau suggested that leaders should be notified if these scholarships are not being applied for prior to the deadline. There are leaders available to assist members with the essay writing when submitting scholarship applications.

Moved by Bertha Kasbohm, 2nd by Leslie Majeau to accept the scholarship report as presented. Cd.

- **Communications**

NW Presentations – West Half – Kevin David reported on behalf of Parkland District. See attached report.

NW Public Speaking – West Half – by Grace Huisman was held at the Barrhead United Church, set up worked well with lunch being served downstairs. Speakers were excellent. We had a young panel of judges. The judge's names came late.

Pat Pedersen commented that the deadline for communication judges of January 10th is too early and perhaps we should consider adjusting this deadline. The executive did discuss changing the deadline.

It was also suggested to offer a how to judge Public Speaking and Presentations as a session at our next NW Learning Day.

Moved by Leslie Majeau, 2nd by Pat Pedersen those districts that do not submit judge's names for the communication competitions by the set date will be fined \$100 effective immediately. Members will not be penalized. Cd.

- **Frosty Fun Weekend** – 67 4-H members and 10 counsellors. Caleb Corcoran and Brian Huisman reported on the icy conditions but the weekend was a positive experience for all. The weekend was based on the "Survivor Theme". Overall Frosty Fun weekend was a success and the facility is already booked for 2012.

Moved by Grace Huisman, 2nd by Leslie Majeau to accept the Frosty Fun Weekend report as presented. Cd.

- **Pins Report** – Jocelyn reported that there are approximately 80 NW pins left. Looking for something new to offer.

Moved by Bertha Kasbohm, 2nd by Geraldine Hoffman to accept the pin report as presented. Cd.

- **Casino** – reported previously
- **Provincial Council Report** – Alex Hoy reported that the helmet ruling for the equine is being finalized. The Cleaver Kids pilot project is going well, there are a few hitches with projects. This project was to introduce kids into 4-H.

Moved by Helen Andrews, 2nd by Leslie Majeau to accept the Provincial Council Report as presented. Cd.

New Business

1. **NW Marketing Advisory Committee** – Jocelyn McKinnon reported that each region has been asked to submit a qualified person to represent the NW Marketing Advisory Committee. The committee meet a couple of times a year/conference calls. The committee is to promote 4-H to leaders and members. If you are interested, please let us know and contact Jocelyn McKinnon. You must be a registered leader. Some marketing background would be an asset.
2. **Northwest Region Plan for 2011-2012** – Sid Livingstone reviewed the proposed program plan (see attached schedule). Focus on 4-H 2012 – TBD. We need to check on the Provincial Beef Show dates. We need to work together when planning these event days. Leslie Majeau commented that we need to come together and need input from everyone.

Moved by Grace Huisman, 2nd by Velma Collins that the proposed Program Plan for 2011-2012 be accepted as presented. Cd. 1 opposed.

Communication Deadline for submission of Judges names

Moved by Shelly Ann Dodgson, 2nd by Jacob Onyschuk that we change the deadline submission for judges names for the Regional Communications Competitions to February 1st. Cd.

NW Learning Day

Moved by Bertha Kasbohm, 2nd by Dana Zadunayski to accept the NW Learning Day District hosting rotation with the change of 2014 to Drayton Valley District instead of Yellowhead. Cd.

3. **Leader Awards/Trips**

Congratulations to the following Northwest 4-H Leaders:
UFA 4-H Alumni Volunteer Service Recognition Award – Jessica Verbeek, Morinville
Montana 4-H Leader Forum, Montana – Jenny Patriquin
Alberta Northwest Territories Agriculture Development Tour – Jackie Blahun

4. **Create a Leader Award for Northwest Region** – Jocelyn McKinnon reported that there are a lot of leaders who do a lot within their district and region. Perhaps our region would like to consider some type of recognition i.e. Wall of Recognition. Leslie Majeau asked if there would be an area to put this wall of honour. Donna Zons maybe some type of

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special recognition to our leaders at the local area and recognize them at the regional level.

It was suggested that everyone do some brainstorming in their districts and table this until the November meeting. Please forward your ideas to the Executive. Criteria will need to be set up and a proposal presented. Everyone was asked to take this back to their clubs and districts and forward your ideas to the regional council.

5. Annual NW Regional Meeting – 9:30 am – November 19, 2011 at Villeneuve Hall.

6. Adjournment – Bertha Kasbohm adjourned the meeting at 12:25 pm.

Grace was given.

Lunch was served.

Followed by committee meeting for Beef, Horse and Lifeskills and Other Animals.