

Northwest Regional Meeting

Villeneuve Hall

March 21, 2009

1. & 2. President Sid Livingstone called the meeting to order at 9:50 am. There was quorum. The 4-H Pledge was recited.

3. Introductions were made.

4. There were no additions to the agenda. *Bertha Kasbohm moved that the agenda be accepted as presented. Louise Bulas 2nd. Cd.*

5. Secretary Dana Zadunayski read the minutes from the November Meeting. *Bertha Kasbohm moved the minutes accepted as read, Jason Bulas 2nd. Cd.*

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

Dana Zadunayski read the recommendations from the Regional Executive Council in regards to insurance and the usage of the Safety Fund. Discussion then followed. Jocelyn McKinnon went over the history of the Safety Fund. We currently have \$10000.00 in this fund to help offset the increase of insurance fees to members.

Bertha Kasbohm moved that we accept the Recommendations from the Executive Council

1. *Joanne Borle recommends that each member in 2009-2010 pay a \$10.00 regional fee. One dollar of the fee will be forwarded to Focus on 4-H, one dollar forwarded to Battle Lake and the remaining \$8.00 will be forwarded to the Foundation for Insurance Fees. The Northwest Region will then cover the \$2.00 shortfall for insurance for each member out of the Safety Fund. As of fall 2009 the Region will no longer charge \$1.00 to each member for the Safety Fund.*
2. *Joanne Borle recommends that a similar motion of \$10.00 be charged to each member for the 2010-2011 years and so on with one dollar being forwarded to both Battle Lake and Focus, and \$8.00 be forwarded for insurance. The Northwest Region will continue to cover the insurance shortfall of \$2.00 from the Safety Fund until that Fund has been depleted.*

Louise Bulas 2nd the motion. Motion was carried.

Gordon Fuhr would like to know who pays what to the insurance policy. Do members pay all or does the Foundation pay some? Colleen Prefontaine will take these questions to Provincial Council meeting. Jocelyn McKinnon outlined the different policies that Alberta 4-H has in place and stated that this was a policy taken out with 4-H Canada, not just Alberta 4-H.

7. Treasurer's Report:

Joanne informed the Council that Fortis has not granted Alberta 4-H the money that we expected to receive this year, however, The Foundation has covered that shortfall for this year only. We must remember this when preparing the 2009-2010 budgets.

Income for the year \$22,500.32

Expenses \$ 7,331.40

Casino account presently has \$15,084.95 The computers and other items have been purchased.

Joanne BorLe moved her report as stated. Shelly Ann Dodgson 2nd.

8. Executive Report: Sid Livingstone presented a brief accounting of the last Executive Meeting on Feb 25, 2009

Items discussed were the Insurance increase and Safety Grant, the pay Schedule for the camp cooks this summer, and awarded the Leader recognition trips.

Grace Huisman brought it to the executives' attention that it was wrong for those trips to be awarded at the Feb. 25th meeting when the application deadline was March 1st. It was stated by the Executive and Jocelyn that this was an innocent mistake by all present, and a concerted effort will be taken to make sure it will not happen in the future.

Sid Livingston moved his report as presented. Bertha Kasbohm 2nd. Cd.

9. Specialist Report: Jocelyn spoke on many issues, stating that it is very important that we advertise by word of mouth that 4-H is alive and growing in many areas of our province. She was grateful to those leaders that stepped up to the plate and formed the Camp Committee (George Andrews, Melissa Sanderson and Caitlin Smith.) She also reminded us to get our Senior Members to have their applications in for Key Member by April 30th

Jocelyn McKinnon moved her report as presented. Louis Bulas 2nd. Cd.

10. Provincial Council Report: Colleen Prefontaine presented.

Hall of Fame, our region has received a letter in reply to our discontent over the selection process. Though the letter did not make it clear, the Northwest Region will be sure to submit only one application per year.

Communication policies will be gone over this year by council.

We as leaders were reminded of the importance of going through the correct protocols when dealing with a dispute. We must try to solve problems first at club level, then district, then regional and only finally after those have been exhausted will the problem be addressed at the provincial level.

On Oct 17th, 2009, the Region will be holding as Regional Learners Day. This will be open to both members and leaders with sessions offered on Suicide Prevention, Sexual Abuse (Little Warriors) Level One Leaders Training, Public Speaking and other. This is still in the planning process but more information will be forwarded when available.

There is also a Grooming and Showmanship Workshop being held in Westlock on March 29th, at the Westlock Ag. Barns. This is being put on by the Pembina Cattle

Breeders Association and is open to all 4-H members who are interested in attending.

Colleen Prefontaine moved her report as presented. Samantha Pederson 2nd. Cd.

11. Committee Reports:

- a. Beef – Shelly Ann Dodgson presented the beef committee report. December 13, 2008 there was a Beef Workshop hosted by Westlock and Barrhead Districts. It was well attended and a huge success. The Regional Show Committee had a teleconference and reviewed the rules and schedule. They are currently securing sponsors for the two day event. The rules for this event will be in the application booklets. The Regional Rules for all shows will be reviewed and updated at the committee meeting this afternoon. As of today the books are still not completely marked.

Shelly Ann moved her report as presented. Jason Bulas 2nd. Cd

- b. Horse- Joyce Kelly presented. They are planning a Clinic on April 19th. The Regional Horse Show will be part of Focus and will take place July 3, 4, and 5 in Drayton Valley. The Horse Record Book Competition will change their dates to October to enable books to be marked in the fall rather than in June. Awards will then be presented in November.

Joyce moved her report as presented. Colleen Prefontaine 2nd. Cd.

- c. Lifeskills – Leona Petherbridge presented. They had a successful Regional Fair on Nov. 29, at Lillian Schick School in Bon Accord. With 153 registered participants. There were 154 entries in the bench show. The committee is presently working on all the preparation for Focus on 4-H.

Leona moved her report as presented. Jason Bulas 2nd. Cd.

- d. Judging – Colleen Prefontaine presented the report. Almost all is in place for the Regional Judging Competition on April 18th, 2009 at Keepphills Ranch. Deadline for application is April 1, 2009.

Colleen moved her report as presented. Pat Pedersen 2nd. Cd.

- e. Focus on 4-H – no committee member to make report.
- f. Safety Grants – Bertha Kasbohm presented. Seven applications were received and circulated. The committee met by conference call and a total of \$1825.00 was distributed in February.

Yellowhead 4-H District (\$350.00 – first aid training) Westlock 4-H Beef Council (\$350.00 – EMT for Achievement Day) Knight Riders 4-H Light Horse (\$120.00 Basic First Aid) Strathcona 4-h District Council (\$100.00 Safety Kits) Strathcona Rein Riders 4-H Multi (\$300.00 Safety Kits) New Pine Equine and Multi 4-H (\$365.00 – First Aid Course) Focus on 4-H 9\$240.00 First Aid and safety expenses.)

Since the grants were first available, \$16,313.44 has been granted to 58 applications. This included clubs, councils and committees from 11 districts.

Bertha Kasbohm moved her report as presented. Leona Petherbridge 2nd. Cd.

- g. Camps - Jocelyn reminded us to promote these camps this year as we are trying a new intermediate camp at Camp Wahelo, and we really want to encourage attendance.

Jocelyn moved her report as presented. Lisa Reich 2nd. Cd.

- h. Scholarships - The scholarships have been awarded for the 2008-2009 year. Dana Zadunayski read a thank you note received from Darlene Blanchette, a recipient of the Safety Grant.

Members and former member of the Northwest Region attending all Post-Secondary schools are encouraged to apply.

Recipients for 2008-2009 were:

Northwest 4-H Scholarship - Christina Walker, Redwater - \$500.00

A.P. Tony Lefebvre Memorial Northwest Scholarship - Gina Grabler, Barrhead, \$500.00

Northwest 4-H Safety Scholarship - Rebecca Zadunayski - Westlock \$500.00

Mathilda Gabert - Barrhead \$400.00

Darlene Blanchette - Westlock \$400.00

Thank you to the 2008 committee for their service on this committee. The Regional Executive has written letters of thanks to committee members and new members will be appointed for next year's committee.

Jocelyn moved her report as presented. Jason Bulas 2nd. Cd.

- i. Communications - congratulations to all the regional winners of the competitions. Many suggestions were put forth from the floor to continue make these competitions the fairest and best possible for our members to partake in. It must be stressed that organizing these events is a huge undertaking and must involve many leaders in the host district. All attempts must be made to follow provincial policy. Dana Zadunayski read a thank you note from Dylan Toronchuk for his prize.

Jocelyn moved her report as presented. Bertha Kasbohm 2nd. Cd.

- j. Frosty Fun - Jocelyn reported that this was once again a successful camp for those who attended and counseled. The weather co-operated and all those that attended wished that the time for the camp could have been extended. We would like to thank Barry Carlson who once again led a team of enthusiastic counselors and members on a memorable weekend. Dana Zadunayski presented a thank you from all attending members.

Jocelyn moved her report as presented. Pat Pederson 2nd. Cd.

- k. Pins - Leona reported that few pins had been purchased since November, and that no new pins needed to be ordered at this time.

12. New Business

a. Constitution Review - Jocelyn reported that each district has been given a copy of the bylaws for the Northwest Region to take back to their districts for review. Comments, suggestions should be sent to Jocelyn by Sept. 1st. 2009 either by mail, Fax, or e-mail.

b. Program Plan - Sid Livingstone went over the program plan for 2009-2010. The only item for discussion was the Safety Grant Application Deadline.

Bertha Kasbohm moved that the Northwest Regional Executive Council explore the possibility of continuing to fund the \$3000.00/ year Safety Grant from general revenues. Pat Pedersen 2nd Cd.

Bertha Kasbohm moved that we accept the program plan for 2009-2010 as presented. Louise Bulas 2nd. Cd.

13. Leader Award Trips - the following leaders have been awarded trips for the 2009-2010 year. National Volunteer 4-H Leader's Conference - Dorothy Carlson - Montana 4-H Leader's Forum - Lynne Lyster - Western Roundup Chaperone - Kandi Linder

14. Meeting was adjourned at 11:57 am.