

Northwest Regional 4H Meeting

November 22, 2008

Villeneuve Hall

President Dorothy Carlson **called the meeting to order** at 9:38 am. The pledge was recited.

The **agenda** was presented. There was one addition under business arising from minutes. Hall of Fame.

Rick Haltiner moved the agenda be adopted as amended. Bertha Kasbohm 2nd. Cd.

Dana Zadunayski read the **minutes** from the March 15, 2008 general meeting. She moved her minutes be adopted as read. Bertha Kasbohm 2nd.

Treasurer's Report

a/ The financial statement fro 2007-2008 was presented. Revenue was 34,054.74

Expenses: 38,187.81

Loss of 4,152.81

b/ Regional fees were discussed and Crystal Chittack moved that fees for 2009-2010 remain at \$13.00 for each member Helen Andrews 2nd. Carried.

c/ Joanne read the financial recommendation from the Council Finance Committee. Since that meeting we have received a budget request from the Focus Committee. Colleen Prefontaine stated that request will be dealt with a council meeting.

Leslie Majeau moved to accept the financial recommendations from the council. Bertha Kasbohm 2nd. Carried.

Corine Verbeek made the motion that Joanne Borle apply for grant money from the foundation for the 2008-2009 year. Nadine Hawkins 2nd. Carried.

Helen Andrews moved that the books for 2008-2009 be audited. Joyce Kelly 2nd. Carried

d/ Joanne then presented the budget for the Casino account. That account sits are \$16,037.56. These funds must be spent with in the next 18 months. Flossie Boddell moved that the proceeds from the casino fundraiser go to the purchase of laptop computers, software, bags, for the Regional Council President, Secretary, and Treasurer, new flag poles, bags for second place winners in Regional Competitions, the printing of more Award Certificates, a new base fro the Senior Public Speaking Trophies, two more scanners and a printer for Judging. Any remaining funds will be used to host workshops and programs within the region. Helen Andrews 2nd. Carried.

e/ Joanne Borle presented the budget for the 2008-2009 year.

Gordon Fuhr questioned the insurance rates that the members are paying. It was suggested that the provincial council reps explore that issue at next week's council meeting. Corine Verbeek discussed that the original purpose of the safety grant was to cover cost increases for members. We now use these funds for scholarships and safety fund grants to those clubs that apply and qualify. The \$1.00 per member fee covers the scholarships but the safety grant applications. Leslie Majeau suggested that we have the safety committee and council meet to revisit the name and sue of the Safety Fund and return with recommendations for the March General Meeting.

Flossie Boddell moved that we accept the proposed budget for 2008-2009. Betty Jack 2nd. Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Coleen Prefontaine presented the problem with this years Hall of Fame entries. She is requesting a letter be written to provincial council from each of the affected districts- Sturgeon and Westlock. And from Regional Council stating our displeasure with these years' criteria for selection, and stating how we would like to see it done in the future. She needs these letters by Friday.

Leslie Majeau moved that each district and regional council send letters to cover our concerns. Bertha Kasbohm 2nd. Carried.

8. Dorothy Carlson presented the.

The executive are looking **Regional Executive Report** forward to another successful year. We have some positive feedback about our regional camps. We are hoping that the new proposal on paying the communication judges will help to tweak the interest in being judges. We encourage all leaders and members to watch their calendars for upcoming deadlines.

8. Jocelyn McKinnon presented the **4-H Regional Specialist** report.

She recognized the Key Leaders and Key members present at today's meeting and thanked them for their dedication to the program. She proudly announced that Kayla Getzinger won the national speaking competition in Toronto recently, and we send along our congratulations to Kayla on this outstanding achievement. The upcoming Regional Fair for Lifeskills was discussed as was the new cell phone recycling program. Jocelyn stated that Bruce and Henry are still busy working with sponsors at the provincial level, and that there will be addresses accompanying our check, hopefully in January.

10. **Provincial Council Report** – Colleen Prefontaine

They are having the meeting next Saturday and she will bring both our question about insurance and our letters about the Hall of Fame to the meeting.

F.C.C. food drive was not as successful from 4H point of view as they hoped. They will be revisiting this in the future.

Golden Clover application for Tire Recycling has once again been submitted.

MAC is presently working on a promotional video aimed at retaining members.

Leader Screening is now being done under contract by Vanessa Goodman.

We are encouraged to apply for exchange trips

Please remember to follow the proper chain of command when dealing with problems within 4H. Any issues at club level must try to be dealt with first by the club, then district, then region. Please do not go straight to the province, or the problem will not be dealt with.

- Colleen Provincial moved her report as presented.

11. a. **Beef Committee:** Jackie presented. There are new record books for female projects. Members are reminded to transfer last year's heifer into this new book. The committee will be meeting after lunch.

b. **Horse :** Corine Verbeek presented. This group had a very successful clinic with Dave Elliot. Also a good show at Focus. The new Video/DVD will be presented to clubs at the Horse meeting this afternoon.

c. **Lifeskills:** Judy VanHecke read her report. This group too had a good year. A successful fair was held in Nov 2007 at Lindale School, however it is strongly nit recommended to deal with KOLO management for future fairs as they were unfairly billed for expenses. This bill has been paid.

d. **Judging:** Dorothy Carlson presented. This committee is working hard to continually improve this experience for our members. We are sure that if we buy two more scanners and a printer that time will not be an issue in the future. She thanked Dana Zadunayski for all the work she did preparing the cards and paper work for the 2008 competition.

e. **Focus:** This committee is experience some new difficulties. Unfortunately the arena burned down in Mayorthorpe, and this is once again challenging the committee finding a location that can accommodate all the participants. Also due to Provincial Achievement Exams being very late this year, most communities will be holding their graduation ceremonies the weekend that Focus usually occurs. Hence the committee also needs to change the date of the event. Possible choices are July 1st. and 2nd. Or July 3rd and 4th. An informal vote was held to see which date was preferred. It was 14-15 to 9 in favor of the July 3 and 4th date.

Next Focus meeting is January 15th.

f. **Safety Grants:** Bertha Kasbohm presented this report.

The committee gave out \$714.00 in 2007. This year there were 4 applications for Nov 2008. They committee has granted \$125.00 to Gibbons So and So's \$500.00 to RQB and &700.00 to Lobstick Clubs. The next application deadline is Feb 1st.2009.

g. **Camps:** Jocelyn McKinnon and Dorothy Carlson presented.

It was a great year at both Regional Camps. Camp Mac had a waiting list so we a proposing to offer a second week of camp. However camp Mac is not available so we have looked around and found Camp Wohelo on the north shore of Pigeon Lake.

Bertha Kasbohm moved that Camp Mac remain a Junior Camp and run Aug. 18-22 and that the second regional camp, Camp Wohelo be an Intermediate Camp and be held Aug 11-15 . If need be to jostle members to accommodate, the older junior members can be sent to Camp Wohelo. Corine Verbeek 2nd. Cd.

We really need dedicated leaders to form a Regional Camp Committee to ensure that the three camps that the region provides continue to be fantastic and well run camps for our members to attend. Please contact Jocelyn if you feel you could help with this important task.

Please encourage your members to sign up for this year's Frosty Fun, the theme is The Environment of Farm /Rural Home. The regional committee is taking applications from members who have attended LTCS to counsel at this camp.

I. Scholarships:

5 scholarships were given out in 2007. This year there are 7 applicants who fulfilled all the criteria out of a possible 17. These applications are currently under review and will be announced soon. We do need one more person to sit on the Scholarship Committee.

j. **Communications.** Jocelyn gave contact numbers for each.

Presentation – West Half – Joyce Kelly 780 693-2634

East Half – Donna Zons 780 922-3750

Public Speaking West Half – Tracy Hughes 780 984-4231

East Half – Dorothy Carlson 780-785-2506

k. **Pins** Leona Petherbridge announced that \$44.00 was raised in pin sales with a

I. Alumni: no report as this request for 20 more pins from regional office.group in not active at this time.

13. District Report Summaries

Dana Zadunayski read the report from Sturgeon District. The others were presented in written format in the leaders meeting packets.

14. Election of Officers:

Dorothy Carlson thanked those present for the last two years, which she enjoyed serving as president and opened the floor to nominations for Regional President.

Rick Haltiner nominated Sid Livingston. Lynette Blurton 2nd.

Colleen Prefontaine nominated Shelly Reich. Shelly declined

Flossie Bodell moved nominations cease. Bertha Kasbohm 2nd. Sid Livingstone in by acclamation. Bertha Kasbohm thanked Dorothy for her fantastic job on behalf of the entire region.

Dorothy Carlson opened the floor for nominations for Provincial Council Rep. Bertha Kasbohm nominated Colleen Prefontaine, _____ 2nd. _____ moved nominations cease.

Colleen Prefontaine in by acclamation.

Corine Verbeek suggested we look at increasing the term for Provincial Council Representation to a 4 yr term

15. **Leader Recognition:** Jocelyn acknowledged those leaders present and not present who have reached ten or more years of leadership with 4-H and presented those present with their certificates.

Dorothy Carlson called on the Key Members past and present to lead us in Grace.

Dorothy Carlson moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 am

Next meeting March 21, 2009 at Villeneuve Hall.