

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN ALBERTA 4-H REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, December 12th, 2009

1. Call to Order by President Nina Conners
2. Pledge led by County of 40 Mile
3. Introduction of self around the Boardroom table
 - Lethbridge: Andy Pittman, Margaret Zmurchyk
 - Cactus Country: Wendy-Ellen Nittel
 - Newell: Nina Conners, Arlene Good
 - Warner: Shari Wehlage, April Brower
 - County of 40 Mile: Irene Harty, Shari Wehlage
 - Cardston: Marion Van Sluys, Tina Folsom
 - Staff: Ginny Smith
 - Taber: Bob Wallace
 - Vulcan: Marie Logan
 - Pincher Creek: no representation
 - Willow Creek: no representation
 - Provincial Council: Mark Sayers
 - Foundation: Marie Logan
4. Approval of Agenda:
 - Add-- Scholarship Committee Report, Provincial Multi Judging, Request/Question from Margaret Zmurchyk, and add Provincial Council to elections.

Nina Conners moved the Agenda be accepted as amended. Margaret Zmurchyk seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Minutes of the Saturday, October 3rd, 2009 Meeting
 - Wendy-Ellen Nittel moved the Minutes of the October 3rd, 2009 Meeting be accepted as circulated. Marie Logan seconded. MOTION CARRIED.*

6. Review of Actionable Items from Saturday, October 3rd, 2009 Regional Council Meeting

WHO	TASKS TO BE COMPLETED	COMPLETION DATE
Marion Van Sluys	Leader's Conference Silent Auction Gift	Leader's Conference
Regional Council	Replacement for Martin Puch on Provincial Council	December meeting
ALL DISTRICTS	Regional Communication Forms	March 20
ALL DISTRICTS	Capping of number of guests at Regional Communications.	December meeting
Regional Council	MNP Posters	TABLED until MAC has finalized 4-H branding
Nina Conners	Letter requesting change to 'Judging Date' and a more centralized location.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wendy-Ellen Nittel	Update constitution where applicable and bring forward amendments to Regional Council for approval if warranted.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> December meeting
ALL DISTRICTS	Volunteer committee members: Do not need to attend Regional Meetings.	December meeting
April Brower	Educational definitions of: Vocational, Trade, Technology, Diploma, Degree and Certificate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> December meeting
Ginny Smith	Purchase plastic sleeves for lanyards	Before Leader's Conference

7. Treasurer's Report - Marion Van Sluys (Copy of report as Attachment)

- a) Bank Account Balances: Bus. Custom Plan: \$11,594.30
 Bus. T Bill Savings: \$39,070.23
 Flexible GIC: \$ 1,180.52 - matures July 2010 .2%
- b) Outstanding Cheques total \$180.00

Marion Van Sluys moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Shari Wehlage seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

Marie Logan moved that Meri Van Maarion and Arlene Good be reimbursed their \$175 fees by the Regional Council for their leader award trips. April Brower seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

Mark Sayers moved that Regional Council pay Andy Pittman mileage to Key Leader's Conference/Workshop. Bob Wallace seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

April Brower moved to purchase a \$50 gift certificate/card for Brenda Pollock for auditing the Council's financial books. Marion Van Sluys seconded. MOTION CARRIED.



Arlene Good moved that the Region purchase a laptop computer up to the value of \$850 for the Regional Secretary. Marie Logan seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

Margaret Zmurchyk moved that Regional Council pay South Region Leader's Conference attendees who request reimbursement \$50.00 unless they have been compensated by any other organization. Andy Pittman seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

Marie Logan moved that leaders attending Leader's Conference in January 2010 receive a free Regional Lanyard. Margaret Zmurchyk seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

Bob Wallace moved that Marion Van Sluys and Ginny Smith temporarily allocate the Regions funds. Mark Sayers seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Correspondence - Secretary Wendy-Ellen Nittel

-  Request from Meri Van Maarion for reimbursement of \$175 registration fee (funds not covered by Province) for attendance at National 4-H Conference in Toronto.
-  Thank you cards or letters were received from:
 - * Jesse Wall and Emily Wall
 - * Ruth Schuepbach
 - * Jesse Baron
 - * Janay Doenz
 - * William Gray
 - * Trelena Maloff
 - o Colton Baptie

9. Alumni Report - Snowfest—Ginny has tried to contact Rita Leask but has not received an answer back from Rita. Ted Andrew has also not been in contact with Ginny. (More information in Snowfest Committee Report.)
10. Regional Specialist Report (Rob Smith) (Ginny gave a brief report in Rob's absence.)
- 🌿 Remind members applying for Selections that the deadline is January 15.
 - 🌿 In addition, the deadline for applying for 4-H Summer Jobs is January 15.
 - 🌿 There will be a bus for Senior Member's Conference.
 - 🌿 A bus will start in Lethbridge for Leader's Conference.
 - 🌿 Rob congratulates the leaders of our Region for the numbers planning to attend Leader Conference 2010.
 - 🌿 Janet Kerr has a proposal to host Mini SALTT conferences: possibly one will be held in Strathmore on March 13.
 - 🌿 Tiffin Conference is Thursday, January 21 (for information only) Meat Industry: 'Sell It For What It's Worth'
 - 🌿 Alberta 4-H Centre Price List for 2010 (Attachment)
 - 🌿 Lethbridge Community College's Agriculture Program is looking for Alumni. Have them contact LCC.
 - 🌿 University of Alberta Agriculture Department is interested in starting an Alumni. Have them contact U of AB
 - 🌿 361 4-H Clubs registered online this year. This is up from 105. A possible session at Regional Learning Day could be how to register a club online.
 - 🌿 ATCO Contest to win a trip to the Olympics was included in the Dec 3 Email Blast.
11. Provincial Council Report - Representatives Mark Sayers, Martin Puch (Attachment)
12. Foundation Report - Marie Logan (Attachment)
13. District Reports (Attached as One)
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| Lethbridge (2) | Cactus Country (1) | Newell (No report) |
| Warner (No report) | Willow Creek (1) | County of 40 Mile (1) |
| Taber (No report) | Cardston (No report) | Vulcan (1) |
| | | Pincher Creek (No report) |
14. Committee Reports
- a) Communications
- Ginny had forms with each District's responsibilities and the Districts in attendance received their forms. Each district needs to give a Communications contact name.

Bob Wallace moved that if no contact information (name) was given by December 16, then by default, Key Leaders are the Communication Contact for that particular District. Mark Sayers seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

ALL DISTRICTS NEED TO KEEP TRACK OF THE IMPROMPTU TOPICS THEY HAVE USED IN THEIR COMPLETION AND TO FORWARD THEM TO THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE.

Regional competitor's guests will be determined when the room sizes for the competition are available.

Bob Wallace moved that cash prizes (\$50, \$40, \$30) be given to the first three Communication placers. Judges will receive \$50. All other volunteers (members, tellers, timers, room monitors be given a \$10 Tim Horton gift card. Prizes and 'thank you' to be cash or check at the discretion of the Regional Treasurer. Mark Sayers seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

Arlene Good moved that Marion Van Sluys make "Thank you" cards for Regional Communications. April Brower seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

April Brower moved that we adjourn for lunch. Andy Pittman seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

Nina Conners called the meeting back to order after lunch.

Mark Sayers moved that we pay the meal amount plus a \$50 gratuity to the cook. April Brower seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

b) Livestock: (Livestock Attachment)

BAC report

Light Horse Committee report

Regional Heifer Committee (No report)

Resolution to go forward to Provincial Council:

Coaldale equestrian requested the additional categories (Ride and lead, Thread the Needle, Big T Race and Ribbon Race) be approved as events for 4-H members. These events are currently not included in the list of approved rodeo events. The 4-H program / Alberta 4-H council will assume no responsibility for injuries or insurance claims relating to non-sanctioned events. These categories have been included in previous Southern 4-H regional Horse Show and the 4-H invitational Jackpot Gymkhana. The regional horse committee approved the furtherance of this request to PEAC.

The Regional Council supports the Horse Committees Recommendation.

c) Regional Camp

Mark Sayers moved to leave Elkwater Summer Camp fees at \$115 for Juniors and \$125 for Intermediates. Margaret Zmurchyk seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

Shirley Jago will again cook for the summer camps, which will be held July 7-10 for Juniors, and July 11-15 for Intermediates. Camps will take place at Camp Apistotoke (Elkwater Boy Scout's Camp).

A discussion was held as to whether or not a bus or another means of transportation should be supplied for summer camp. The idea was tabled.

d) Alberta 4-H Magazine

Ginny's articles are appearing in the magazine. Thank you Ginny!

e) Regional Fun Day and Learning/ Regional Celebration

There were roughly 120 people in attendance. April Brower made a duotang with the information from this year's workshops. There were many positive comments about the day.

f) Multi Species Judging (Report attached)

g) Hurricane Hockey

Forms have been sent out. New contact again this year. There are only game tickets—no food vouchers this year. Should we do it next year?

h) MAC report - Elaine Cutforth (Attached)

Poster ideas (from MNP) will be tabled until MAC has completed branding.

i) Snowfest

Still unable to contact Rita Marie Leask. Dates are February 12, 13, 14. Ginny has been doing a lot of the legwork. (Thanks Ginny.) Wendy-Ellen Nittel volunteered her services if needed as she lives close to Elkwater.

j) Scholarship Committee (Attached)

All Club leaders need to ensure that all member diaries are handed in and marked each year.

Recommended Changes from Committee:

Marion van Sluys moves to approve #1: Arlene Good seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

J.P. Ignatius – TX Bar Ranches 4-H Scholarship

- Recommended Change for this Scholarship:

PROGRAM OF STUDY for 2010

#1 Preference: 1st year Veterinary Med (no Pre Vet)

#2 Preferences: Any year Vet Med (No Pre Vet)

#3 Preferences: Animal Health Tech

This will stay true to the original intent of the Scholarship – History in Scholarship Binder

April Brower moves to award only one J.P. Ignatius– TX Bar Ranches 4-H Scholarship next year. Marion van Sluys seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

April Brower moved to update the wording of the Millennium Scholarship. Marie Logan seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

Millennium Scholarship

- Criteria: **Preference given to:**

- 1. Applicants with a minimum 3 years in 4-H**
- 2. 4-H Involvement**
- 3. Vocational/technical programs (non-degree)**

A discussion was held, as there is a need to have the scholarship form revisited around the diary point issue and member's who do not receive their scholarships in the year awarded.

Bob Wallace moved and April Bower seconded the Regional Council Resolution, which will be put forward by our Regional Representatives, Mark Sayers and Bob Wallace. (Resolution attached.) MOTION CARRIED.

k) Souvenir Committee (Price list attached also 4-H Centre Price List.)

LUNCH: CHINESE GIFT EXCHANGE

15. Old Business

a) Review of Constitution (Attachment contains amendments approved at the meeting.)

Article IX. MEETINGS: Add #6. Districts must be represented at 75% of the Regional Meetings in order to be in good standing. TABLED UNTIL DECEMBER 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN ORDER TO RECEIVE INPUT FROM DISTRICTS.

ARTICLE II. AREA

The area of this Council shall be the area known as the Counties of Cypress, Forty Mile Lethbridge, Newell, Vulcan, Warner and the M.D.'s of Cardston, Pincher Creek, Taber and Willow Creek supervised by Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development and Agriculture Education: 4-H Branch Southern Region 4-H Specialist.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

2. Two Alumni member representatives from the Southern Alberta 4-H Region Alumni if it is registered.
5. Maximum of two representatives from the Regional Light Horse Committee elected from that body to report to the Regional Council if it is active.
6. Maximum of two representatives from the Regional Sheep Committee elected from that body to report to the Regional Council if it is active.
7. Maximum of two representatives from the Beef Advisory Council elected from that body to report to the Regional Council if it is active.
8. Any member District must have the permission of Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development and Agriculture Education: 4-H Branch to withdraw from the Regional Council.

ARTICLE X. COMMITTEES**6. LEADER SCREENING COMMITTEE**

- ~~—This committee shall consist of provincially screened and approved leaders from Council—preferably one from each of the Region's Districts.~~
- ~~—(a) To screen the Region's new leaders and those that are eligible to be screened~~
- ~~—(b) All committee members take an oath of confidentiality~~
- ~~—(c) The committee meets as required.~~

ARTICLE XI. APPROVAL BY ALBERTA AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE EDUCATION: 4-H BRANCH

Margaret Zmurchyk moved the approval of the aforementioned amendments brought forward to the Constitution. Bob Wallace seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

b) Committee List (Attachment)**16. New Business****a) Election of Officers:**

President	Nina Conners
1 st Vice President	Bob Wallace
2 nd Vice President	Doug Ashley
Secretary	Wendy-Ellen Nittel
Treasurer	Marion Van Sluys
Historian	Wendy-Ellen Nittel
Reporter	Ginny Smith
Provincial Council	3 rd Year: Mark Sayers
Provincial Council	1 st Year: Bob Wallace
Provincial Council	Alternate: Andy Pittman

April Brower moved to accept the slate of volunteer officers. Arlene Good seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

- b) Provincial Judging: Nina will send a letter on behalf of Council requesting a more central location for Provincial Judging.
- c) Animal Husbandry Building @ LCC is available. Book through Ginny.
- d) Request/Question from Margaret Zmurchyk (Lethbridge District): Can 4-H members sit on Regional Council as representatives?
According to the Constitution, this cannot happen:

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the 4-H Council is to include:

- 1. Two adult representatives elected from each 4-H District Council in the Southern Alberta 4-H Region.

17. Adjournment

Nina Conners adjourned the meeting of the Southern Alberta 4-H Regional Council at 3:40pm. Mark Sayers seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

Next Meetings:

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 24th, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m.