

**Scholarship Committee Report
to the
Southern Alberta 4-H Regional Council
December 5, 2009**

Recommendations were made in the October 3, 2009 report to the Regional Council.

However, due to lack of time on the Chair's part, a follow-up committee meeting was never held.

Therefore, as the outgoing chair, I am making the following recommendations (and the Council can decide what to do):

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

(funds are managed by the Lethbridge Community Foundation)

- 2010 will be the 25th Anniversary of the actual awarding of this Scholarship and some kind of recognition should occur at the Regional Celebration 2010 - Contact: George Hall, Executive Director, Lethbridge Community Foundation 404 – 8 ST S Lethbridge, AB T1J 2J7
Ph: 403-328-5297 ghall@lethbridgecommunityfoundation.ca (The other contact there is Kathryn Ponomar)
- **This fund is currently in a negative balance BUT for next year if you award only ONE scholarship of \$500 you should be back on the positive side.**

- Recommended Change for this Scholarship:

PROGRAM OF STUDY for 2010

- #1 Preference: 1st year Veterinary Med (no PreVet)**
- #2 Preference: Any year Vet Med (No Pre Vet)**
- #3 Preference: Animal Health Tech**

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

2. 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](#))

If the Council agrees to these, I will submit the changes to Jackie Mann at the Foundation for next year's Scholarship forms (as my last duty).

Also, I will ask for a **print copy of the program spreadsheet of the Southern Region Applicants to be sent to member of the South's Scholarship Selection Committee prior to the selection date in 2010.**

3. Newell District is to submit their criteria to the Foundation and I understand that the District is to select their own recipients.

4. Willow Creek 4-H District is in the process of clarifying their Scholarship criteria (as a result of the possibility of non-Willow Creek 4-Hers being awarded Willow Creek 4-H Scholarships).

5. IS THE ALUMNI OPERATING?? If so, then they need to revisit their Scholarship and get all in to the Foundation (Jackie Mann).

6. Did the SA4-H Regional Light Horse Committee decide to keep 1 scholarship @ \$500 or go for 2 @ \$500? If they changed it, then the changes have to be sent to Jackie at the Foundation. Also, in the October report there were some questions that needed to go to the Provincial Scholarship level – Regional Council reps should take them forward or have the Council write a letter or submit a resolution with regards to them (If assistance is required for clarification consult any of the committee members or Rob or Ginny):

a) **Not notified that one of last year's scholarship winners never received her cheque but was listed as a recipient – THEN she reapplied for the same scholarship again – this is how it was noticed since she had stated that she was just going to school for the first time this year.** *We have asked the Foundation to put wording in the letter to the recipients that they must notify the Foundation & the Region if they have extenuating circumstances as to why they cannot use the funds within the academic year it is awarded – if not, they forfeit.*

b) **Verified Diary Points (i.e. Awards – Platinum, Gold, etc or Selections) vs Unverified Points** – At one time, the scholarship applications were weighted heavily on Diary Points. Then, it moved away from that and depended on what the applicants filled in on the required sections. Now, we found an instance where someone filled in Diary Points at the Platinum level BUT never had a diary verified/marked for awards or for Selections. We need to dialogue, as to how this happened and find some medium ground here – members who go to the trouble of filling out diaries and having them verified are not going to be able to compete on a level playing field with those that don't fill out diaries or don't get them verified by a specialist.

Again, I apologize to my Committee for not meeting BUT the last few months have been crazy (never mind this whole year!!).

Thank you to our marvellous 4-H staff – Ginny & Rob - for all their support and guidance over the years.

And a huge THANKS and HUGS to all of my wonderful committee members for the work they have done over the last 2 years and for putting up with me:

Barb Bond, Nina Conners, Martin Puch, Mark Sayers (Pat Sayers), Marion Van Sluys and Myrna Brewin

Respectfully submitted:

**Maryanne V. Sandberg
Chair**

Southern Alberta 4-H Regional Council Scholarship Committee 2008-2009

Resolution from the Southern Regional 4-H Council to Alberta Provincial Council:

Be it resolved that: Southern Regional Council requests that Alberta Provincial Council review the wording on the provincial scholarship application in two areas which are:

- 1. All diary points have to be verified when submitted for scholarships. For example:
 - a. platinum awards and higher are to be verified by the specialist.**
 - b. A signature line for a leader other than a parent beside the diary points.****

- 2. We were not notified that one of last year's scholarship winners never received her cheque but was listed as a recipient- THEN she reapplied for the same scholarship again- this is how it was noticed since she had stated that she was just going to school for the first time this year. We have asked the Foundation to put wording in the letter to the recipients that they must notify Foundation and the Region if they have extenuating circumstances as to why they cannot use the funds within the academic year it is awarded-if not they forfeit .**

Respectfully Submitted:
Mark Sayers and Bob Wallace.
Southern Regional representatives.

Lethbridge and District 4-H Council Report

The Lethbridge District Council met on November 18 at which time elections were held. The executive is now as follows:

President: Margaret Zmurchyk Vice President: Rosie Templeton
Secretary: Leannea Santangelo Treasurer: Brittany Ashley
Regional Council Reps: Margaret Zmurchyk and Elaine Cutforth
Alternates: Rosie Templeton and Pat Sayers

Our District is currently reporting 176 members. The Kreative Kids club is the largest in the district with 41 members and 12 projects. It showed tremendous growth this year with 15 new members. On the other side of things, there is no longer a swine club in our district as there was only 1 member. This member went over to Kreative Kids.

The District is planning the following workshops:

- An executive workshop for Wednesday Dec.09 from 6:30-9:00p.m. for all member of the various clubs executive.
- A public speaking workshop on January 13
- A level 1 leader training on Feb 6
- District Judging is planned for Feb. 06 from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon (Readymade will host the event with assistance from Green Acres)

Past fun events (corn maze and BBQ following the highway clean-up) were discussed with a view towards revamping things a bit to increase the potential for clubs mixing with each other. Clubs are to discuss this at their meeting.

The date for District speakoffs was set for March 06, 2010 and clubs were reminded that they are responsible for providing the name of at least one judge to the district for this purpose. Also clubs were reminded that we need to fill the judges positions for provincial speakoffs first.

Clubs were reminded to pay their district dues, apply for the government grant and to be sure to send thank you cards to all sponsors of events and 4-H in general. Leaders Conference was discussed and leaders were encouraged to apply for funding from there various Ag Societies around as many are willing to fund leadership conferences and thus individual who apply could get reimbursed.

Motions to Regional Council:

1. That provincial judging be moved from Vermillion to a more central location.

Messages to Regional Council:

1. Good job on the Regional Celebration.

Elaine Cutforth

South Regional Report from the Lethbridge District Submitted by Margaret Zmurchyk

We are proud to announce that we have 176 members in our district. We have gained many new members in the multi and canine clubs. Unfortunately, we have lost some members due to the folding of the swine club. This is very unfortunate because it comes with meaning of the decline in a sector of agriculture, which in turn affects us all!

This past summer, a few keen members from our district put together a float, hoping to go from one small town to the next. Due to time restrictions, they were only able to attend the Coaldale's parade. It is a hope that the float will be ready earlier next year, and that we will have more members willing to help out, so that we can go out a promote 4-H and all the wonderful things it has to offer.

To promote learning for our members, our district will be having several workshops. There will be a Executive workshop (so that all executives learn their proper roles), a Public Speaking workshop (pretty self explanatory), a judging workshop, and also a Leader 1 Training workshop. These will all be held within the next two months.

The district has asked me to pass along a comment. It brought forward a concern regarding Vermillion hosting events. Some members of the district felt that Vermillion is too far to go for some events. They are requesting that some of the events be hosted in more of a central location (for example Olds).

Lastly, the district would like to send a huge thank you to all the organizing committee of the Regional Celebration. They felt it was a wonderful evening, great meal and ceremony. But they really appreciated all the hard work that went into the afternoon activities for the members, and thought it was much better than usual. Comments heard from members are that they too were very impressed with the afternoon. However many did say that in the sessions, if you want the members to get really excited about something like public speaking, or judging, then when giving a workshop, the presenter must be really excited too! Thank you again, for all the hard work.

Cactus Country Key Leader Report - Regional Meeting -December 2009

Without a doubt, the focus of this report will be the highlights of the National 4-H Conference in Toronto, November 4-8. When I landed in Toronto, I was alone and did not see anyone waving a green flag. After picking up my luggage, I looked around and saw small clusters of people and immediately, I could identify the 4-H leaders/members. For five days, approximately fifty leaders were able to network, share information and ideas and visit the Toronto area hotspots. I always marvel at how little I know, even after eighteen years as a leader. Discussion groups - both formal and informal- provided us many opportunities to build friendships with leaders. We all have common interests and common values. We saw regions where funding was quite restricted and I was happy to be in a 'have' province. Our paid staff, the volunteer base and the opportunities in our province are second to none. The Maritime Provinces have clubs with varied projects, from potatoes in PEI to outdoor recreation clubs in Newfoundland. I met leaders who have challenges such as bears sitting on their haunches eating in cornfields in New Brunswick, and cougars eating sheep projects in British Columbia. I was amazed at how little I know about some of our fellow Canadians. I am confident that I could travel across Canada with my new

address book and would be welcome in the homes of all the delegates. This truly is an opportunity of a lifetime and I would recommend this trip to all leaders.

Our annual Color Night was held in Irvine, hosted by the Saddles and Spurs Lighthouse Club, on November 21. There were almost three hundred people who attended to celebrate the past years achievements. Awards were handed out at 7 pm and the meal followed at 9. Many district members stayed and danced well into the night. This is an evening that allows members to congregate in a stress free setting where they can relax and socialize without any competition or show complicating their fun.

Our district lost a past member in a tragic car accident last Friday. Tyler Gustavson, 21, was hit while trying to run for safety from a multiple car pile up on the QEII. 4-H will be well represented at his memorial celebration on Sunday.

We are well into our year and the next big event is our district judging workshop which will take place on December 19. Last year we had almost fifty members participating. Members have a variety of items/animals to judge. We are pleased that a new leader has taken on this project and set the learning stage for our district members.

Best of the season to everyone in the region. Have a safe and happy new year.

Submitted by Meridith Van Maarion

Key Leader - Cactus Country District

WILLOW CREEK 4-H DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

December 2009: Submitted by Carol High

District dues in Willow Creek are \$15/member
 Clubs – 7 (down one club – South Country Judging Club)
 3 – Horse 3 – Beef 1 – Sewing / Crafts / Canine

Our Multi club has expanded this year to include projects geared to boys & a Canine aspect has joined them this year as well.

Numbers in the district are: 100 members – about the same as 2008

Junior council was started up with representatives from all clubs, a great turn out and they are well on their way to planning their events for the year.

<u>Willow Creek District Junior Council Executive</u>	<u>Willow Creek District Senior Council Executive</u>
President – Michelle Schuepbach	Chairman – Dave Baptie
Vice President – Taylor Goedhart	Vice Chair – Dyce Bolduc
Secretary – Ty Glimsdale	Secretary – Marla McLeod
Treasurer – Mikayla McKee	Treasurer – Darcy Blair
	Regional Reps – Carol High & Doug Ashley
	Key Leader – Ricki Fleming
	Key Member – Michelle Schuepbach

The junior council & senior council will continue to amalgamate their meetings with the junior council running them.

October – Orientation workshop & Halloween Party – **went well with about 20 kids attending, lots of fun! (Flu was a factor for low turnout this year)**

December - District Judging & Skating Party

February - District Awards Night

March 6, 2010 – District Public Speaking competition

April – Wind-Up Fun Day

****IMPORTANT NOTES FROM LAST DISTRICT MEETING FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL****

- **Maryanne Sandberg is the 2009 – 2010 Willow Creek District “Friend of 4-H” & the district has sent in a letter of support for a “Hall of Fame” nomination.**
- **The district was at a consensus of “no” to the Clover Bud program as they feel it would be a babysitting club & it is hard enough now to find programmers let alone trying to find another to support the younger members.**
- **Regional Communications – it was felt that at that level the member plus two people is sufficient to send to the competition.**

Forty Mile District Report

We have 3 clubs with 54 members. Shortgrass Beef is running a horse project. Westwinds is not running as a club this year.

An executive workshop was held November 25, 2009, it was well attended.

The district council decided to not include cloverbud and to limit the number of guests for the regional communication to a maximum of 4 guests.

Submitted by Shari Wehlage

VULCAN 4-H DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT DECEMBER 2009

Elections

President - Kevin Love, Vice-President - Ron Birch, Secretary/Treasurer - Bev Flitton, Regional Rep. - Marie Logan, Key Leader - Marie Logan.

Special Thank You

The Vulcan District Council extends a big thank you to High Country Chev. Ltd. for donating \$100.00 to each club for weigh-in lunch.

Workshops

On January 16/2010, the Arrowwood Club will be hosting a Public Speaking Workshop.

Christmas Kindness

The Lomond 4-H Club takes part in Share a Christmas for families in need.

Submitted by: Marie Logan

December 2009 LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE REPORTS

Provincial Beef Advisory Council Report

December 12, 2009.

The following are the highlights of BAC.

- The new record book review for the market steer is moving ahead. A draft copy should be available at Leaders conference in Red Deer.
- BAC will have a booth at Leaders conference.
- Kubota was a new sponsor for the Provincial Beef Heifer show. They were very impressed this past year and are looking forward to next year.
- Regional Beef project workshops are available to be done in each region in March or April.
- BUD 2010 planning has started .
- The BAC committee is looking at a research trip for June 2010.

Respectfully submitted.

Mark Sayers

BAC rep.

Southern Regional Light Horse Submitted by Shari Wehlage

The Southern Regional Light Horse meeting was held November 17, 2009.

Record Books

Seven of the Ten Districts sent record books to the Regional record book competition.

The date for record books to be in to the Lethbridge Office has been changed to September 10, 2010.

Scholarships

The regional horse committee added a second light horse scholarship. There are now two \$500.00 scholarships available.

Events

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 Gymcana.

The regional horse committee approved the furtherance of this request to PEAC.

Regional Judging Brooks 2010

Regional judging is at the Silver sage Community Corral, registration is @10:00am, clinicians and presentations starting at 11:00. A lunch will be provided, as well as concession being open. Prizes for 1,2,3 are bags and prize money \$20.00 first place \$10.00 for second place. The top ten placings receive a certificate. All classes will be oral reasons. Thank you to our sponsor Meyers Norris Penny.

Merry Christmas Wendy
Arlene

Hi Ginny,

Attached is the budget for the regional judging. We will be submitting receipts soon after the event, but will have the arena rent billed directly to the region. Plans are coming along nicely.

2010 Brooks Regional Judging Competition Proposed Budget

cash	\$ 90.00		
prizes	\$ 225.00		(\$20 first / \$10 second) 9 prizes @\$25.00 each, 1st to 3rd, 3 age groups) total spent on prizes (Claresholm spent \$317 last year)
		\$ 315.00	
thank yous	\$ 45.00		thank you (5 group leaders/ 4 horse handlers)
	\$ 136.00		thank yous (2 stock providers / 10 reason takers / 5 clinicians)
		\$ 181.00	total spent on thank yous (Claresholm spent \$145)
facility rental	\$ 550.00		
cards, wrap , cert paper	\$ 45.00		
lunch	\$ 250.00		
total	\$1,341.00		budget is for \$1400 as per MNP agreement.

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MAC Committee Meeting Report

The MAC Committee met at Battle Lake on October 24 where we discussed some of the findings from the information gathering we did this past summer. It turns out that Public Speaking is a favored activity of both Jr. and Sr. members. Senior members were more into the social aspect of 4-H where as the Intermediates enjoyed events like 4-H on Parade , Horse Classic, and Achievement Day. The Juniors also enjoyed clinics.

Our survey is on the way with 4 out of 5 focus group session having been completed at the time of our meeting. The final focus group session to take place November 7.

Rosemarie Enslin requested that we (the MAC committee) see the survey questions before the survey is finalized. The survey should be completed by January or February and we should have the results for our April meeting.

Some discussion took place regarding replacing the current slogan, "More than you ever imagined" but the discussion was tabled until after we see the survey results. Some possibilities are "4-H – Live Laugh, Learn"; "4-H – A good thing to grow up on"; "4-h – Fun, Friends and Family".

Some discussion was had concerning being able to regionalize the 4-H logo so that it represented the Province of Alberta as well but still remained the 4 leaf clover with Canada under it.

It was decided that we would have a MA Attack booth at the Leader's Conference once again this year.

A Growing Forward grant may be available to us. We have asked council to ask Foundation for assistance in making the grant application. The funds will be applied towards testing and implementing our research findings particularly in the area of retention of members within 4-H. There is a form for ordering promotional material for events. The clubs should have this form. MAC is still looking into the viability of creating some form of internet page geared towards 4-H alumni. The main issues are security and cost.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FOR THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL 4-H COUNCIL

VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMITTEES DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND REGIONAL MEETINGS

(Each committee must pick their Chair and let the President or Secretary know.)

Nina Conners—Regional President: gnconners@xplornet.com

Wendy-Ellen Nittel—Regional Secretary: brwnit@hotmail.com

<u>LIVESTOCK COMMITTEES:</u>	
<u>BAC</u> (reps to Provincial Beef Advisory Committee):	<u>SCHOLARSHIP:</u>
1. Martin Puch	1. Mark Sayers
2. Mark Sayers	2. Tracy Hall
Alternate:	3. Marion Van Sluys
<u>HORSE COMMITTEE :</u>	4. Barbra Bond
Chair: Shari Wehlage	5. Myrna Brewin
1.	<u>GRANT / SPONSORSHIP</u>
2.	Treasurer: Marion Van Sluys with Ginny Smith
<u>HEIFER COMMITTEE :</u>	<u>CASINO APPLICATION</u>
Chair: Margaret Zmurchyk/Pat Sayers	President: Marie Logan
1. Pat Beasely	<u>MULTI-SPECIES JUDGING:</u>
2. Carolyln Templeton	Chair: Kate Puch
3. Carol High	1. Jay Good
<u>COMMUNICATIONS:</u>	2. Carol High
Chair: Wendy-Ellen Nittel	<u>REGIONAL CAMP:</u>
1. Meri Van Maarion	Chair: Cathryn Widmer
2. Nina Conners	1. Wendy-Ellen Nittel
3. Carol High	<u>FOUNDATION:</u>
<u>SOUVENIRS:</u>	1. Marie Logan
Chair: Melanie Daniels	<u>REGIONAL CELEBRATION:</u>
<u>PROVINCIAL COUNCIL:</u>	Chair: Margaret Zmurchyk (Food and Kitchen)
1. Mark Sayers 3 of 3 years	1. April Brower
2. Bob Wallace 1 of 3 years	2.
<u>EAR TAGS:</u> (Order as District)	3.
<u>HURRICANE HOCKEY NIGHT</u>	4. Ginny Smith (Program)
(Ginny will work with someone)	<u>REGIONAL FUN DAY & LEARNING :</u>
1. Pat Sayers	Chair: Wendy-Ellen Nittel
<u>SnowFest:</u>	1.
Chair:	2.
<u>ALUMNI:</u>	3.
1.	4.
<u>ALBERTA 4-H MAGAZINE:</u>	
1. Ginny Smith	