

Minutes of the December 3, 2011 Southern Regional Meeting

Southern Alberta 4-H Regional Council Minutes

December 3, 2011

1. Call to order by President Myrna Brewin at 10:19 am.
2. Pledge led by Pincher Creek: Kate Puch
3. Introduction of Self around Board Room Table

<i>Cactus Country:</i> Gerald Sept, Wendy-Ellen Nittel	<i>Cardston:</i> Marion Van Sluys, Dwayne Rasmussen
<i>County of 40 Mile:</i> Irene Harty	<i>Lethbridge:</i> Mark Sayers, Tom Copps, Andy Pittman
<i>Newell:</i> Corina Hermus, Nina Conners	<i>Pincher Creek:</i> Kate Puch
<i>Taber:</i> Sandra DeGroot, Clancy Holthe, Myrna Brewin	<i>Vulcar:</i> Marie Logan
<i>Warner:</i> Shari Wehlage	<i>Willow Creek:</i> Teresa Russian
<i>Regional Office:</i> Ginny Smith, Andrea Church	

4. Approval/Additions to Agenda
 - a. Regional Recognition Day Power Point: Teresa Russian (Show at beginning of meeting following UFA Presentation)
 - b. New Business: Membership Fees

Nina Conners moved the agenda be approved as amended. Kate Puch seconded.
MOTION CARRIED.

GUEST SPEAKER: UFA - Rudy Nordin

- Personal thank you for what 4-H does for kids (members)
- Brief UFA 4-H membership discount history
- 75 years of a UFA -- 4-H relationship
- If we bring the kids into the store, we bring their parents.
- 15% discount will be used as well for multi projects (welding, woodworking, etc.) in southern Alberta

Regional Recognition Day Power Point presented by Teresa Russian
Kudus to Teresa for this fantastic presentation! Ginny Smith forwarded the power point to sponsors.

5. Minutes of the Saturday, October 1, 2011 Meeting
Wendy-Ellen Nittel moves the minutes of the October 1, 2011 Southern Regional Meeting be accepted as circulated. Teresa Russian seconded.
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6. Review of Actionable Items List from Saturday, October 1st, 2011 Regional Council Meeting

ACTIONABLE ITEMS NOT COMPLETED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS and/or ONGOING			
WHO	TASKS TO BE COMPLETED		
ALL (ONGOING)	Submit ALL RECEIPTS to treasurer for a specific function at one time: itemized list, bills/receipts; address(es) to send checks for payment		
TREASURER Marion Van Sluys (ONGOING)	Email treasurer's report prior to meetings		
SECRETARY Wendy-Ellen Nittel (ONGOING)	Forward Treasurer's Report and Committee/Other Reports prior to Regional Meetings.		
COMMITTEE CHAIRS (ONGOING)	Email Committee report prior to meetings		
ALL	What do you want MAC to do for the South? What items are you interested in for promotional material at a trade booth? What regional events do you want to see MAC at?		
Marion van Sluys will gather information. Summer student will design	Milo Barfuss Brochure	Milo on 'mission' and Marion unable to gather information.	
ALL	Ensure members are filling out their scholarship applications to their best advantage.		
ACTIONABLE ITEMS FROM OCTOBER 2011 MEETING			
WHO	TASKS TO BE COMPLETED	COMPLETION DATE	COMPLETED
Marion Van Sluys	Apply for Regional Grant		✓
Marguerite Stark	Checking into insurance ramifications for planning staff, counsellors and camp cook		Discuss under SnowFest
Ginny Smith and Marion Van Sluys	SnowFest Camp Fees (determine camping price for delegates)	December 2011 Meeting	✓
Andy Pittman, Mark Sayers, Ginny Smith	Find 'staff' for SnowFest	December 2011 Meeting Before SnowFest	Working on: confirmation needed
ALL	Leader chaperones are needed for various trips. Contact Mark Shand, Ginny Smith or Andrea Church.		
Camp Treasurer (Meri Van Maarion)	Break down of camp fees: site, food, cook, etc	December 2011 Meeting	✓
Ginny Smith	Have Talbot make a digital image of Regional Pin	✓ Pictures shown to Council ***	
Jay Good	Find Sponsor for Regional Judging Competitions	✓ Ginny working on Farming Smarter as Sponsor	
ALL	Hurricane Hockey 'Social' Volunteer. (If we want to meet before the game, someone needs to coordinate.)		Working on for future years.
ALL	Proposed budgets and committee volunteers.	December 2011 Meeting	ONGOING
ALL	"Something to Say" Program. Is there any interest to hold this Regionally?		ONGOING
Ginny Smith	"Farming Smarter" speakers	Ginny has speakers planned.	
Ginny Smith	"Farming Smarter" Conference. Put together two 4-H gift baskets. Coordinate 4-H silent and live auction.	Ginny has under control	
ALL	Discussion about changing District boundaries	TABLED UNTIL MARCH MEETING	

*** Ginny Smith showed Council two pictures of Talbot's Regional pin design. 'A' has a smaller "#1" in the gable. Suggestion was made that the "#1" could possibly be placed in the black rectangle directly below the gable.

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7. Treasurer's Report (Attached)

Account Balances: Bus Custom Plan - \$6,733.51

Bus T Bill Savings - \$9,793.80

GIC (mat. 14/7/12) - \$1,194.71

Nina Conners moved to reimburse Marion Van Sluys (210 km) for mileage to pick up audited Treasurer's books. Gerald Sept seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

Marie Logan moved to purchase a \$50.00 gift for auditor. Sandra DeGroot seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Correspondence

Thank you cards, letters or emails were received from: Taylor E. Finstad, Stuart Smith, Caytlin Crooymans, Quinn Hawk, Adriane Good, Austin Cole Reimer, Kathleen Nester, Seamus Good, Leanne Santangelo, Ashley Henrickson, Emily Wall, Rees Fullerton, Jerri Schweighardt, Stephanie Kinnee, Jolene Garber, Logan Grudecki, Stacey Domolewski, Nicole van Rootselaar, Leah Murphy, Katie Garber, Ilona Bastiaansen, Ruth Schuepbach, Clinton Grudecki, Rosie Templeton, Kathryn Eberl, Kaitlyn Grudecki. Cards were also received from Dalys?, Jesse ?, and Jaylene Sewur?. (Difficulty reading signatures or no last name.)

9. Alumni Report → To be removed from agenda as there is no formal (registered) alumnus in the Southern Region.

10. Regional Specialist Report/Regional 4-H Co-ordinator Regional 4-H Specialist Report



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On – line registration - **THANK YOU** to everyone for your patience as we all learn about the new online registration system. As with anything new, there can be growing pains and this is no exception. Ultimately there will be a new information system that will benefit all who work with the 4-H program. Your patience is appreciated!

Gord Bamford - My kids and I had a chance to take in a Gord Bamford Christmas concert in Crossfield. I would highly recommend his concert. He is touring the province and spoke highly of 4-H which made all of us very proud.

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Selections applications – The registration deadline for Selections is January 15, 2012. Senior 4-H members who are 16 as of January 1, 2012 are encouraged to apply to go to Selections which will be held at Olds College April 27 – 30, 2012. 4-H members are required to submit their Yearly Diaries as well.

Leader's Conference – Leader's Conference is coming up soon, January 13 – 15, 2012 at the Radisson Hotel in South Edmonton. Other years it has been in Red Deer but in 2011 everyone had so much fun that we brought the roof down...literally. Just after the conference, the Red Deer Lodge's ball room roof collapsed. So far, construction is still happening so the venue had to move.

There will be a bus from the south that will be travelling up the No 2 Hwy corridor so any leaders who wish to take the bus should contact Ginny.

Senior Members Conference – SMC will take place at Battle Lake the last weekend of January (27-29).

Communications - In the fall packages to clubs, the new rules for both the Public Speaking and Presentations was included. Be sure to promote the information to 4-H leaders, members and parents to ensure there are no surprises at club, district or regional level. If anyone has any questions regarding public speaking or presentations, please feel free to contact Key Leaders, Ginny or me for clarification.

Merry Christmas and all the best in 2012 – Ginny and I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Remember to spend time with family and friends over this holiday. A sign I recently saw said "Friends always welcome, relatives by appointment only." ☺

Respectfully submitted by

Andrea Church

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Ginny Smith:

- In new office across from Conference Room.
- Lethbridge 4-H Dance should be placed under Inter-Club/Inter-District section in Diary.
- **FARMING SMARTER CONFERENCE**
 - 4-H Speakers will be introduced right after lunch with the hope that the members will bring interest back to conference. 15 minutes has been allotted for this.
 - Becky Domolewski will introduce Curtis Nestor (Vertical Farming), Shelby Pearson (Trick Riding presentation). Both members are from Newell)
 - Leanne Santangelo introduce speaker
 - Kaylie Dueck (Lethbridge), introducing Renee Sanders (My Favourite Things) Taber, Laura Welsh (Drinking and Driving: your choice)
 - Farming Smarter, Food, Fun and 4-H Auction (Silent and live auction) 10 – 12 live auction items.
 - One speaker may be donating speaker fees
 - 2012 Regional Judging will now be sponsored by Farming Smarter
 - Ginny has bell to keep speakers' on time.

Kate Puch moves to pay for thank you cards for Smarting Farmer Conference.
Mark Sayers seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

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Nina Conners moves to pay mileage for 4-H members speaking at Smarting Farmer Conference. Kate Puch seconded. DISCUSSION. AMENDMENT TO MOTION. Nina Conners moves to give 4-H Speakers \$50.00 (cash) honorarium). Kate Puch seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Provincial Council Report - Representatives Mark Sayers, Andy Pittman.

Alberta 4-H Council met on November 26 at the 4-H Centre at Battle Lake. At this meeting, the Council was presented a proposal by the Executive Committee on restructuring the Council from a group of as many as 21 people to an elected board of 9 people. This proposal had also been presented at both the March and July meetings, where constructive feedback was given on how improvements might be made to the concept. After more review and consultation on the 26th, the Council members voted unanimously to support the creation of the restructured 9 person board of directors.

The current Council will now work on several things, such as creating new bylaws to work with an elected board, as well as ensuring that each Region has one director elected to this new council. The new board should be activated after the March Council meeting is completed. This is sure to be a very progressive and positive step forward for Alberta 4-H Council.

Mark Sayers briefly talked about what the restructuring means:

- Grandfathered current executive.
- Mark and Stacy Price will become members' at large.
- Andy Pittman is at the beginning of a 3 year term.
- Each region will be responsible for electing own director. Can hold two 3 year terms.
- DIRECTORS REPRESENT ALL 4-H, NOT THEIR REGIONS.
- Regions need to ensure communication is flowing from them and to them.
- Mark and Andy appreciate the Southern Region's Support for them during the restructuring process.
- A partners' meeting will be held at Leader's Conference.

12. Foundation Report - Marie Logan (attached)

Myrna Brewin adjourned the meeting for lunch at 12:03 pm. Meeting was brought back to order at 1:08 pm by Myrna Brewin.

13. District Reports: (Emailed Reports are attached.)

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14. Committee Reports: (Emailed Reports are attached.)

a. Communication:

- Cheryl Stenger and Wendy-Ellen Nittel are contacts for the Regional Competition at Medicine Hat College for 2012.
- Ginny Smith is still working with the Lethbridge Community College for 2013.

b. Livestock:

- BAC Report (attached)
- Light Horse Committee (No report)
(Report as recorded by verbal presentation as there was not a report forwarded to the Regional Secretary.)
 - * Linda Gooch is the "Key Leader for Equine"
 - * Nina Conners is the Equine Key Leader for the Southern Region
 - * HELMETS: Conversation with parents about improper helmet. Horse Clubs could possibly do a workshop on helmet safety. Clubs (leaders) will have to practice due diligence.
- Regional Heifer Committee (No report)
 - * The Regional Heifer Show will be held in conjunction with the Lethbridge District Show and Sale. Need assistance with a coordinator. There will be a mentor to help out. Hopefully the new coordinator will continue with the task next year.
- Regional Sheep Committee

Planning has begun for the 2nd annual Alberta 4-H Sheep Show, which will be held in Olds from July 11 to 13, 2012. There has been much positive feedback from the first show, so we are expecting an even better event this time around. There is also a Sheep Learning Day being planned for the South Region, and it will be in April (date and location are still being worked on). This will be a great opportunity for Sheep club members and their families to learn lots of great information about how to take proper care of their sheep projects. Once the details of this event are finalized, all Sheep clubs in the South Region will be notified.

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c. Regional Camp (Cathryn Widmer)

Camp Report

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Since the October meeting some in depth calculations have been done. To cover all the costs of camp the new camp fees need to be as follows:

Junior camp----- \$150.00 (increased from \$135)

Intermediate camp- \$190.00 (increased from \$145)

Hopefully these new costs will not deter members from attending camp.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathryn Widmer

President

d. Alberta 4-H Magazine: Continue to send in pictures and articles.

e. Regional Learning Day and Celebration

(Report as recorded by verbal presentation as there was not a report forwarded to the Regional Secretary.)

The day was very well received. Members learned about internet safety. 'Hats Off to 4-H' centrepieces were made by members. Andy Pittman and Wendy-Ellen Nittel conducted a leader's workshop. Members enjoyed fun and games and went swimming. Around 200 people attended.

Sandra DeGroot moved to pay the two ladies an honorarium of \$100.00 each. Clancy Holthe seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

f. Multi Species Judging: Brooks February 4, 2012 at Silver Sage Claresholm April 12, 2012

g. Hurricane Hockey: Forms are out for this year. Andy Pittman is checking into a feasible location for a social before the game. (Probably for next year.)

h. MAC Report: (No report).

(Report as recorded by verbal presentation as there was not a report forwarded to the Regional Secretary.)

* Cameron Horner marketing co-coordinator

* Focus on retention.

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- * Need to focus on recruitment.
- * Need to focus on rural Alberta.

i. SnowFest

A discussion was held re: Insurance Questions/Answers

(Report as recorded by verbal presentation.)

- List all volunteers in minutes, locations, etc. (The more information the better!)
- Check with your own insurance company.
- If there is no problem, there is no problem with insurance
- Canadian Foundation recommends risk management.
- Fill out incident report forms (even for minor things)
- Andrea Church will ask Marguerite Stark about more clear insurance answers.
- Past 4-H members to oversee SnowFest.
- Senior Members (LTCS) to counsel.
- DO WE NEED A CAMP MOM? Clancy Holthe moves to not have a camp parent at SnowFest. Tom Copps seconds. MOTION CARRIED.

j. Scholarships

Need to address issue of member who is not going to school. Committee via email voted to give out monies to other members. Ginny and Mark went through system. Ginny to show committee spreadsheet to award new winners.

(Provincial and Regional Scholarship monies were direct deposited into member's bank accounts December 2.)

Myrna Brewin adjourned the meeting in order to hold the AGM of the "The Society of the Southern Alberta 4-H Regional Council at 2:35 pm. Meeting was brought back to order at 2:54 pm by Myrna Brewin.

15. Casino Annual Meeting (Separate set of minutes) (Attached)

16. Old Business

a. Review of Constitution (Oral review given by secretary.)

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i. **ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP** 4. The Southern Regional 4-H Specialist will act in a supervisory and advisory capacity to the Council.

REVISION: The Southern Regional 4-H Specialist **and/or the Southern Regional 4-H Coordinator** will act in a supervisory and advisory capacity to the Council.

ii. **ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS**

1. The officers of the organization shall be: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, **Secretary**, Treasurer, **Historian**, Reporter and Immediate Past President (if available).

2. **Two regional representatives to the Alberta 4-H Council.**

3. **Two alternate regional representatives to the Alberta 4-H Council**

REVISION: **The red section** needs to be deleted due to the restructuring of the Alberta 4-H Council.

The green section needs to be combined to one position as the Secretary is essentially the historian (keeper of the records.)

iii. **ARTICLE VII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, TERMS OF OFFICE**

2. The office of President shall not be held for more than two consecutive years by any one person. **If an Alberta 4-H Council representative cannot attend the provincial council meeting, he/she is responsible for arranging an alternate to attend in his/her stead.**

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iv. **ARTICLE X. COMMITTEES**

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The executive committee shall consist of the officers, past president, **two representatives to Alberta 4-H Council**, and the chairs of all other committees.

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CORRECTION: 4. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

* No one with immediate family 4-H members applying for a Scholarship or Bursary may sit on this committee. (This section was revised in 2008 but not changed in the constitution!)

- No **immediate** family of 4-H members applying for a scholarship **or anyone acting as a reference for an applicant** may sit on this committee.

v. 6. REGIONAL SOUVENIRS COMMITTEE

This committee is delegated with the responsibility of recommending to Council souvenirs that are affordable and would make good prizes, gifts, etc. for the 4-H family within the Region. This committee orders (upon approval by a carried motion from Council) and keeps inventory, is responsible for the distribution and collection of the souvenirs and the monies owed. Only cheques are accepted as payment and receipts must be issued. Communication and Financial accountability to the Treasurer is essential.

REVISION: This section needs to be deleted as regional Council is no longer going to sell souvenirs.

b. Committee List (Attached)

17. New Business

- a. **Membership Fees:** A discussion was held as to clubs charging fees for members to join above provincial and regional fees. *Each club may set their own fees.*

- b. **Election of New Officers:**

PRESIDENT

Marion Van Sluys nominated Myrna Brewin. Kate Puch seconded.
Myrna accepted.
MYRNA BREWIN ACCLAIMED PRESIDENT.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Marie Logan nominated Sandra DeGroot. Nina Conners seconded.
Sandra accepted.
SANDRA DEGROOT ACCLAIMED 1ST VICE PRESIDENT.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Sandra DeGroot nominated Nina Conners. Clancy Holthe seconded.
Sandra accepted.
SANDRA DEGROOT ACCLAIMED 2ND VICE PRESIDENT.

SECRETARY/HISTORIAN

Nina Conners nominated Wendy-Ellen Nittel. Kate Puch seconded.
Wendy-Ellen accepted.
WENDY-ELLEN NITTEL ACCLAIMED SECRETARY/HISTORIAN.

