

**Southern Alberta 4-H Regional Council Meeting  
Thursday, June 23, 2011**

- 1) **Call to order by President Myrna Brewin** at 10:20 am.
- 2) **Pledge led by Rob Smith**
- 3) **Introduction of self around the Boardroom table:**

<i>Cactus Country:</i> Wendy-Ellen Nittel, Cathryn Widmer	<i>Cardston:</i> Marion Van Sluys, Dwayne Rasmussen
<i>County of 40 Mile:</i> (Absent)	<i>Lethbridge:</i> Mark Sayers, Andy Pittman
<i>Newell:</i> Nina Conners, Corina Hermus	<i>Pincher Creek:</i> Marg Gilmore, Shawn Fullerton
<i>Taber:</i> Myrna Brewin	<i>Vulcan:</i> Marie Logan
<i>Warner:</i> Shari Wehlage	<i>Willow Creek:</i> Teresa Russian
<i>Regional Office:</i> Ginny Smith, Rob Smith	Carolyn Templeton

4) **Ap  
proval of**

**Agenda:** Motion: Marie Logan moves the Agenda be circulated as amended. Cathryn Widmer seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

(Additions: Meeting Dates: Email from Irene Harty)

- 5) **Minutes of the Thursday, March 10, 2011 Meeting** Motion: Wendy-Ellen Nittel moves the Minutes of the March 10, 2011 Meeting be accepted as circulated. Teresa Russian seconded. MOTION CARRIED.
- 6) **Review of Actionable Items from Thursday, March 10, 2011**

(Items still to be completed from past meetings.)

WHO	TASKS TO BE COMPLETED	COMPLETION DATE	COMPLETED
ALL	Find a SnowFest coordinator that will plan AND attend the program	ASAP	
<del>April Brower</del>	Milo Barfuss Brochure	MARION WILL DO WITH SUMMER STUDENT	

- 7) **Treasurer's Report – Marion Van Sluys** (Attached)

Request from Marion:

Please submit all bills for a function at the same time. Please have a detailed, itemized list of what each bill is for. When various people are submitting bills, please include an address so payment can be sent to you directly. This will make my job SO much easier so I don't have to do a follow up inquiry as to where the expenses are to be allocated. Thank you for your help in this regard!

Request from Regional Council: Treasurer's Report be emailed prior to meeting, so representatives can look over before coming to the meeting.

Motion: Marion Van Sluys moves the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Teresa Russian seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

## 8) Correspondence - Secretary Wendy-Ellen Nittel

Thank you cards were received from Maryanne Sandberg, Brandon Hertz, Samantha Gleim, Members attending Regional Heifer Show, and Luke Brower.

9) **Alumni Report** Ginny has received materials from Ted.

10) **Regional Specialist Report: Rob Smith** (Secretary's notes as Rob spoke)

- Avery Parkinson: summer assistant (Airdrie office)
- Key member application at the end of this month (ASAP) training end of August @ Battle Lake (grade 12 & grade 11)
- Summer programs: junior's more in demand than other camps → 13, 14, 15 (age) still room in PDP
- Club week → 122-124 kids going to club week.
- Livestock programs → 3 of 4 take place with Olds and Calgary Stampede  
Summer Synergy focused on breeding programs: all Jr beef provincial breed assoc. Sheep. Dairy show. All kids who qualify for scholarships and animals that place will go to Calgary Stampede.
- Prov. Horse show → Aug 9 – 11 at Olds. (level 4 and up)
- Online registration: Branch is moving forward on a completely new website. Manual/online registration. Information will now go to Southern Regional Office. Not waiting on cheques being cashed by 4-H Foundation. Club supplies will be sent when registration information is correct.
- Sept 26 is the date when the new website will be online.
- Can pay online by credit card or by cheque.
- Dec 9: program registration should be online → Selections
- Club space on Alberta 4-H website (secured with password)
- Online tutorials instead of disk
- Will be set-up for dial-up
- Alberta 4-H Council leader screening will be done online. New leader's once activated will do references online. Criminal record check online → letter online to have police check done! Mailed in.
- Leader's Conference in Edmonton this year.
- New 4-H Specialist → (to visit Rob at his new job Deerfoot Atria: South Tower.)  
→ 48 applications. 38 qualified. July 1<sup>st</sup>: **Andrea Church**
- New ambassadors picked for Southern Region: Katelyn Bolduc, Adrian Good

11) **Provincial Council Report – Representatives Mark Sayers and Andy Pittman** (Attached)

- Andy read highlights of March Meeting
  - Through discussion: "and my world" should become "our" world
- Provincial Council Restructuring Proposal (Mark)(From secretary's notes)
  - Mark gave brief history of Provincial Council (1972)
  - Governance Session at Leader's Conference was well attended.
  - Need to change Provincial Council Structure → set up timelines. Provincial Council Executive will explain to each of the Regional Councils.
  - At present there are 21 people on Provincial Council and of these 17 have voting powers.
  - Proposal →
    - 9 Directors: 8 elected, 1 ambassador
    - Current executive move to new board with 3 new directors elected.
    - More effective board with smaller group → conference calls

Members→Clubs→District→Region (Would still have two representatives on Advisory Committee.) These representatives elect directors. Nomination process: Provincial Council.

Motion: Marie Logan moves to accept and support the Provincial Council Restructuring Proposal as set forward by the Provincial Council Executive. Nina Conners seconded. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**MAC Report – Representative Carolyn Templeton** (Email from Carolyn)  
June meeting cancelled. Meeting in September. Want information as to what is working in the South for recruitment. Cactus Country District assists at the Medicine Hat Stampede's 'Country in the City' display, Multi clubs display projects at Beef Show and Sale, need interaction with booth: games, candy, tattoos, stickers, 4-H roulette wheel etc.

**MEETING SUSPENDED FOR LUNCH AT 11:55 AM BY PRESIDENT MYRNA BREWIN.  
BROUGHT BACK INTO SESSION AT 12:46PM BY PRESIDENT MYRNA BREWIN.**

12) **Foundation report –Marie Logan** (No report)

**\*\*\* Congratulations \*\*\*** At the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian 4-H Council in Nova Scotia, in recognition of outstanding dedication and service to the Canadian 4-H program, **Marie Logan was inducted as an Honorary Member of the Canadian 4-H Council.**

13) **District Reports** (Attached)

14) **Committee Reports**

a) **Communications**

- Regional Sat. **March 31, 2012** Medicine Hat College
- Provincial Sat. April 14, 2012 – email from Cameron Horner
- Provincial Communications Committee met May 28, 2011 at Battle Lake
- Members may compete at the Club Level in both Presentation and Public Speaking. (This has been allowed but is now being placed in the Rules.)
- Adult Rules Advisory Committees are to be at each level of competition. (Non-members)
- Brief overview of rule changes→final to be out next week.
- Thoroughly went over the Presentation Rules.
  - Removed rhetorical question rule—Members may now ask rhetorical questions.
  - Only one question will be asked and it will come from the judges.
  - Teams will have to ensure that all members answer the question equally.
  - Reduced time allowed for clips, animations, audio visuals, et cetera from 60 seconds to 30 seconds.
  - Safety is a priority. All safety regulations and age restrictions must be adhered to when using equipment and props. Presenters who fail to do so will be disqualified.
- Public Speaking Rules
  - Speakers may not give an impromptu speech on the same topics as their prepared. If one of the impromptu topics is similar, they should either choose one of the alternatives, or inform the “ruling” committee. If a speaker speaks on on the same topic, they will be required to re-do their impromptu using a single topic selected by the “ruling” committee.

**b) Livestock**

- **BAC:** Mark Sayers and Martin Puch: (Attached)
- **Light Horse:** Shari Wehlage and Teresa Russian
  - Regional Horse Show is August 14 – 17, 2011. Planning took place in April. Entries can be sent to Regional Office.
  - Horse videos may be copied and shared.
  - PEAC Report: (Attached)

**At 1:45 pm, we were evacuated from the building for a planned drill. Meeting resumed at 2:05.**

- **Sheep:** Andy Pittman: (Attached)  
SHAC (Provincial Sheep Advisory Committee) is in the works.  
**Kudos given to Andy from Regional Council for ALL his work on getting the Sheep Competitions up and running! YEAH ANDY!**
- **Heifer:** Shannon Brost (Attached)
  - A discussion was held as to how much money should be spent. (Monies were spent correctly.)
  - Do we need a money per member cap for the Show?
  - **Kudos given to Shannon Brost for hosting the Show! YEAH SHANNON!**
  - **Can use Lethbridge facility next year but WILL NOT PLAN REGIONAL HEIFER SHOW! NEED A HOST!**

**c) Regional Camp:** Cathryn Widmer (Attached)  
Deanna Bohnet will be Camp Mom for Junior Camp. (Volunteered) Wendy-Ellen Nittel is our back-up if needed.

**d) Scholarship:** Will try for mid-August meeting.

**e) Casino:** Mark Sayers moved to suspend the Regional Meeting to hold the Casino Meeting. Nina Conners seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

- **Society bylaws were reviewed.**
  - **Check for Sea Can was issued to Camp Committee.**
  - **Wendy-Ellen read letter from AGLC stating that all monies must be paid out of the Casino Account and NOT from the Region's General Account.**
  - **Scholarship money is not needed this year per se but will be in later years.**
- Teresa Russian moved to adjourn the Casino Meeting. Shari Wehlage seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

Marie Logan moved to reopen the Regional Meeting. Teresa Russian seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

**f) Regional Judging** Both competitions have been held and were sponsored by MNP. Aggregates need to be tabulated. Regional Competitions may need more money from Region. (May not have MNP sponsorship or as much funding.) Mini-judging clinic at Claresholm went very well. (Honey, miniature donkeys, draft horses, heifers, dairy heifers)

Provincial Judging August 6 – 8 in Vermillion

**Brooks Judging will be held February 4, 2012**

**A BIG THANK YOU to Ginny Smith for all her help with the Multi Judging in Claresholm!**

**15) Old Business**

**a) Review of 2010 -2011 Year and Events**

A number of Districts used booths at 4-H shows or trade shows for recruitment. Lethbridge District Show and Sale utilized display booths as well as playing games with ambassadors and key members to get interaction between clubs. Cactus Country District has a multi display in conjunction with their Show and Sale. Cactus Country also sets up a 4-H display booth at the Medicine hat Stampede's 'Country in the City' area.

(Suggestion was made that each district could have a display table at the Regional Celebration in the Fall.)

**b) Set dues for 2011 -2012**

Currently dues are \$11.00: \$10.00 to Province, \$1.00 to Region

Mark Sayers moves to leave the Regional Dues at \$11.00 per member. Marie Logan seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

**16) New Business**

**a) Regional events –dates, plans and budgets for 2011 – 2012 as determined by Committees.**

**i. MEETING DATES:**

<b>Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011</b>	<b>Time: 10am</b>
<b>Saturday, December 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2011</b>	<b>Time: 10am</b>
<b>Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012</b>	<b>Time: 10am</b>
<b>Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012</b>	<b>Time: 10am</b>

A discussion was held as to why not all the meetings are held on Saturdays. Meetings, in the past, were held on weekdays only. A few years ago, Council moved to have two meetings on Saturday and two meetings on Thursday in order to get a broader spectrum of volunteers to attend. The Council felt that the March Meeting needed to be held during the week so it would not interfere with any Communication Competitions. The June meeting is held on a Saturday so that it does not interfere with Show and Sales, graduation or weddings.

ii. **Budgets** Each committee is supposed to submit a budget at the October meeting.

**b) Regional Celebration –need volunteers, District Friends of 4-H, invitations to MLA's  
October 8, 2011. Facility is booked. Volunteers needed.**

