

Southern Alberta 4-H Regional Council Meeting
Saturday, October 1st, 2011

- 1) Call to Order by Vice President Sandra DeGroot at 10:12 am.
- 2) Pledge led by Lethbridge
- 3) **Introduction of self around the Boardroom Table & Introduction of New Regional Specialist "Andrea Church"**

<i>Cactus Country:</i> Wendy-Ellen Nittel	<i>Cardston:</i> Marion Van Sluys, Dwayne Rasmussen
<i>County of 40 Mile:</i> Irene Harty	<i>Lethbridge:</i> Mark Sayers
<i>Newell:</i> Corina Hermus, Arlene Good	<i>Pincher Creek:</i> Kate Puch
<i>Taber:</i> Sandra DeGroot	<i>Vulcan:</i> Marie Logan
<i>Warner:</i> Shari Wehlage	<i>Willow Creek:</i> Teresa Russian
<i>Regional Office:</i> Ginny Smith, Andrea Church	

- 4) **Approval of Agenda or Additions to the Agenda.** Add 'District Boundaries' to New Business under 'i'.
Kate Puch moved the Agenda be accepted as amended. Teresa Russian seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

- 5) **Acceptance of the Minutes of Thursday, June 23rd, 2011 Meeting** Wendy-Ellen Nittel moved to accept the June 23, 2011 Minutes as circulated. Marie Logan seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

- 6) **Review of Actionable Items List from Thursday, June 23rd, 2011 Regional Council Meeting**

WHO	TASKS TO BE COMPLETED	COMPLETION DATE
Wendy-Ellen Nittel	Thank you card to Shannon Brost	✓
Myrna Brewin	Find volunteer for meal for Regional Recognition Day	✓
Ginny Smith	Check with Sandra to see if swimming is booked for Regional Recognition Day	✓
ALL	Submit ALL RECEIPTS to treasurer for a specific function at one time: itemized list, bills/receipts; address(es) to send checks for payment	
Marion Van Sluys	Email treasurer's 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?	
Ginny Smith	Date for Hurricane Hockey: Possibly January 21/28	✓

Ginny Smith	Book SnowFest	✓
ACTIONABLE ITEMS NOT COMPLETED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS		
ALL	Find a SnowFest coordinator who will plan AND attend the program	✓
April Brewer Marion Van Sluys	Milo Barfuss Brochure MARION VAN SLUYS WILL GATHER INFORMATION SUMMER STUDENT WILL DESIGN	Milo on 'mission' and Marion unable to gather information.

- 7) **Treasurer's Report:** Marion Van Sluys FOR INFORMATION ONLY (Treasurer's Books are being audited. Unfortunately the auditor is in Ontario because of a death in her family. Therefore, no spreadsheets are available at this time.)

On line banking as of this morning:

- o \$ 18,342.99 in business account
- o \$ 9,783.98 in savings account

Kubota Sponsorship of \$500.00 is deposited.

Update will be given at December Meeting.

Marion Van Sluys moved to apply for the 4-H Regional Grant. Shari Wehlage seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

- 8) **Correspondence** - Secretary Wendy-Ellen Nittel

Leader's Conference request from NE Region for Silent Auction Gift valued at \$100.00

- 9) **Alumni Report - SnowFest** - is the facility booked? Forms ready? (Wendy-Ellen suggested that in the future this item be placed under Committee Reports as the Alumni do not exist.)

Facility booked and deposit paid for February 17-19 at Whispering Pines. **Marguerite is still looking into insurance ramifications for planning staff, counsellors and cook.**

Andy and Mark will work with Ginny. SnowFest price is to be determined by Ginny and Marion.

- 10) **Regional Specialist Report (Andrea Church)** October 1, 2011

A lot of water has flowed under the bridge since I was a 4-H Specialist in the 1990's. It is great to be back. My learning curve has been very steep over the past 3 months since starting my role in July.

Ginny is your first point of contact - Ginny is a wealth of knowledge and certainly understands the South Region better than I. She and I will work together to bring you the 4-H program. I certainly appreciate Ginny's guidance and knowledge of 4-H in the south. She is my sounding board on many of the issues that arise.

Have a reason for fund raising - As your clubs start their new year and budgets are developed and adopted, I would encourage each club to consider how the funds will be used if a fund raising project is proposed. Fund raising is a fantastic way for members to learn how to work together for a common goal while gaining an understanding of financials.

One observation that I have already been able to make, 3 months into the job is the number of conflicts. I know there were conflicts 20 years ago, but not to the same extent as today. As I see it, the difference today as opposed to 20 years ago is technology. Twenty years ago there was not the convenience of email or

texting to get our messages out. Today, while stewing over a situation, we can bang out an email and hit send before allowing for a "cooling off" period. Back then, cell phones weren't even around so there was at least the time between reading the letter at the mailbox to walking to the house to pick up the phone to allow cooler heads to prevail.

I guess what I'm saying is, **use emails effectively**. They are a great way to get information out in a short period of time, when used properly. Emails become extremely destructive when they develop into a faceless platform to right a point. Keep the emails generic and if you are unsure of what the person is meaning, pick up the phone and talk to them so that you have clarification. Even though we can't see a person's face, we can read a lot about how a person understands the conversation by the tone of voice.

I'm in the office a lot of the time. If Ginny is in meetings or taking a much deserved break, you are welcome to call me. My office number is 403.948.8501 my email address is andrea.church@gov.ab.ca

I look forward working with 4-H in the South Region.

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

Andy and Mark will go to session in October. (Calgary & South are only regions that have motions in favour of restructuring provincial council with the format we received from Mark and Andy.)

July 22-23, 2011 Alberta 4-H Centre Highlights- To be circulated to Regional 4-H Councils

- Alberta 4-H Council - Restructure information will be presented to regional councils in the fall of 2011.
- Leader Screening will have a new look this fall. For all new leaders and leaders that are entering their 5th (10th, 15th etc) year will need complete a mandatory online leader screening application. Points to remember: Criminal Record Checks could take up to or longer than eight weeks to obtain so request it early also if there are any questions or anyone that requires assistance please contact Alberta 4-H Council.
- 4-H Alberta has moved to reducing paper work that needs to be submitted for club registration. Please encourage anyone that has problems or questions with the online system to contact the 4-H Branch and not leave questions unanswered call someone that can help.
- Silver Clover Award - Alberta 4-H Council was awarded the Silver Clover Award for their recognition of 30 years of membership with the Canadian 4-H Council. Award displayed at the Alberta 4-H Centre.
- Regions are encouraged to watch for a Canadian 4-H Council initiative embrace the future information.
- Does your club, district and or region develop programs, certificates, clothing, promotional materials, agendas, thank you cards etc? If you have answered yes to any of above, PLEASE remember to utilise the proper Canadian 4-H Council logo. You can find the logo on www.4h.ab.ca in the resource section. If you are doing clothing and your embroidery does not have the Canadian logo please contact the 4-H Foundation for a digitized version.
- 4-H Alberta has many unique travel opportunities for Leaders. Any leaders that are interested in chaperoning 4-H members on travel trips they can email Mark Shand (mark.shand@4hab.com) with their contact information, when they are available and or the trip they wish to go on.
- Golden Clover Award - Deadline November 1, 2011- visit 4-H website for application form.
- **4-H Equine Helmet Requirement**
 - *Effective October 1, 2011, a properly fitted ASTM/SEI (American Society for Testing and Materials / Safety Equipment Institute) or BSI (British Standards Institution) approved equestrian helmet must be worn by: o all Horsemanship Level 1, 2 and 3 members while mounted and all 4-H members born in 2000 and later while mounted.*
 - *Members involved in Vaulting are not required to wear a helmet.*

- *It is highly recommended that all other riders wear a properly fitted ASTM/SEI (American Society for Testing and Materials / Safety Equipment Institute) or BSI (British Standards Institution) approved equestrian helmet.*

12. Foundation Report - Marie Logan

Southern Alberta 4-H Council Report - September 2011

- We were able to obtain a national sponsor - Enbridge Pipelines - for the 2013 4-H Canada Centennial Celebration. Enbridge has agreed to contribute \$260,000 plus some internal resources to the planning of the celebration
- The second annual "Why 4-H Is Great" contest presented by ATB Financial was held this summer with the winning branch receiving a Gord Bamford concert. This year the concert will be held in Killam November 3, 2011. A new feature for this year's concert will be 2 Alberta 4-Hers opening for Gord.
- We have been able to add two new corporate partners to the Alberta 4-H Family.
 - Fortis Alberta as Champion sponsors, at four different capacities: Leaders Conference 2012; West Central Scholarships; the Alberta 4-H Centre Annual Cleanup weekend; and lastly an inaugural 4-H Alberta Community Cleanup Contest.
 - MNP LLP, one of the largest chartered accountancy and business advisory firms in Canada, has partnered with Alberta 4-H to help improve 4-H's record keeping procedures - taking the program's business knowledge to the next level!
- UFA has announced a 4-H member Loyalty program that offers 4-H members 15% off livestock supplies and tack products. More than 2600 items have been tagged for the 4-H discount. Alberta 4-H members can receive their UFA Loyalty card by presenting with their 2010-11 or 2011-12 membership card to any UFA Farm store.
- Alberta 4-H Scholarship selection took place September 15. The results are as follows:
 - ✓ 268 complete application received
 - ✓ 111 Scholarships awarded
 - ✓ Over \$92,000 dollars awarded
 3 New scholarships were developed this year:
 - Fortis - Empowering 4-H Scholarship 3 x \$500
 - MNP - MNP Livestock Scholarship 2 x \$1000
 - Welsh's - Welsh's Saddlery and Western Wear Future Leaders of Alberta 2 x \$1500

13. District Reports

Most districts are reorganizing with District Meetings next week and did not have reports.

Cactus Country

- Wendy-Ellen Nittel is the new Key Leader. Thank you to Meri Van Maarion for all her work with Cactus Country District. First District Meeting and Camp Committee Meeting is Thursday, October 7th. The Junior Council will meet October 18th.

Cardston

- Silver Springs Horse Club is disbanding.
- Two beef clubs may possibly increase memberships. Cardston has 42 members and Mountain View-Hill Springs has 30+ members.
- Leaders are trying to get members interested in 4-H activities beyond the Club. Competing with other extra-curricular activities.
- Stand Off is showing interest in having after-school 4-H program within the town. Marion Van Sluys is in contact with them. (Ginny and Andrea are willing to assist.)
- *Cardston District has nothing to report as our year hasn't begun and we have leaders who are not returning and we don't know who their replacements are yet. (from Tina Folsom)

- 🌿 County of 40 Mile
 - No Report
- 🌿 Lethbridge
 - Getting organized.
 - Tentative District Dance booked for December 10th. (Will probably be advertised to entire Region.) Coaldale Community Centre from 7 to midnight. More information will be forthcoming.
- 🌿 Newell
 - The Kids from the Newell District participated in several summer 4-H programs, from horse shows to sheep shows and camps.
 - Now we are looking forward to a new year. We start on October 6th with our senior and junior council meeting and most of the clubs will have their first meetings in the beginning of October.
- 🌿 Pincher Creek
 - Clubs in the Pincher Creek District are just beginning to reorganize.
 - We had some members participate in some of the Regional events through the summer.
 - There were a handful of senior members that experienced LTCS and went on to counsel camps later in the summer.
 - Club week was a huge "highlight" for those that participated and enjoying the CD that they just received this week!
 - Pincher Creek is very proud of our own 4-H member, Alyssa Barbero, from the Rocky Mtn Swine Club who will be opening up for Gord Bamford at his "why 4-H is Great" concert this November at Killam, AB. She was one of 6 finalists that were invited up to Battle Lake for a sing off. She was judged by Gord himself and 3 other judges; she won this opportunity by singing Dolly Parton's "Jolene".
- 🌿 Taber
 - FCC has a grant available for Clubs. FCC 4-H FOREVER (Story About Your Club) Each club should apply. Go to FCC website for information.
 - Just getting going with our first meeting on October 6
- 🌿 Vulcan
 - No Report
- 🌿 Warner
 - No Report
- 🌿 Willow Creek
 - Not much to report, meeting on October 11th.

14. Committee Reports

a) Communication

- Regional Saturday March 31, 2012 Medicine Hat College
- Provincial Saturday April 14, 2012
- Sponsorship

READ OVER NEW RULES WITH MEMBERS EARLY IN THE YEAR. PLEASE DON'T WAIT UNTIL 'JUST' BEFORE CLUB COMPETITIONS. CHANGES MADE TO BOTH!

KPMG has come thru with sponsorship money = \$2000. Last year this money was divided with \$1000 TO COMMUNICATIONS, \$500 TO SHEEP, and \$ 500 TO HEIFER SHOW

b) Livestock

 BAC No Report

 PEAC/Light Horse Committee report

- PEAC - "Train the Trainer" clinic was held October 1 & 2 The clinic was fantastic!!! PEAC meets again on Oct. 20th and work is being done to gear up for the Provincial Equine Leaders Forum, which I highly encourage all equine leaders to attend! Lots of information and good times to be had! (Submitted by Teresa Russian)

- Regional Horse Committee Submitted by Shari Wehlage
The Regional Horse show was held August 15 - 17 in Claresholm with 105 members participating. A learning session was held the evening of August 15 and was presented by Vicki Kearn on Saddle Fitting and Horse Massage. A helmet rule is in effect for this year.

Effective October 1, 2011, a properly fitted ASTM/SEI (American Society for Testing and Materials/Safety Equipment Institute) or BSI(British Standards Institution) approved equestrian helmet must be worn by:

- All Horsemanship Level 1,2 and 3 members while mounted, and
- All 4-H members born in 2000 and later while mounted.

Members involved in vaulting are not required to wear a helmet.

It is highly recommended that all other riders wear a properly fitted ASTM/SEI or BSI approved helmet.

A \$ 5.00 membership is due by the January meeting, after it becomes \$10.00 per member.

Next meeting is November 15, 2011 in Taber.

 Regional Sheep Committee

- The first annual 4-H Provincial Sheep Show was held in Olds, Alberta from July 13 to 15. Thirty 4-H sheep members from all over the province participated in a large variety of classes including breeding stock, market lamb, showmanship, multi-species judging, marketing, and trimming, as well as a costume class. They were also tested on their sheep production knowledge. The entrants in the show also represented most of the 4-H sheep breeding stock projects in the province. Everyone enjoyed being a part of this exciting new event, and all are looking forward to next year!
- The South Region sheep clubs have also expressed an interest in having a Regional sheep learning day workshop. This event is tentatively planned for March, but details will be worked on, and the date, time and location of this workshop will be presented at the December Regional Council meeting.

Regional Heifer Committee

- o Lethbridge & District Beef Show is the location.
 - o Tentatively June 9. Need one or two volunteers to take the lead.
 - o Kate Puch will ask another leader to co-chair with her. (tentative)
- c) **Regional Camp** Cathryn Widmer President of the Camp Committee
- o Camp Report October 1, 2011
 - o Elkwater 2011 Regional Summer Camps were successful and mostly dry.
 - o The seacan was paid for and delivered. Shelving was purchased and installed in the seacan. Everything fits very well. The bins and tents are organized and easy to get to. It is my understanding that \$450 from the region has been earmarked for the shelves. A copy of the invoice will be forthcoming. I just need to know who to send the invoice to. If my memory serves me well, the shelves were \$507 + GST.
 - o The old shed will be removed this fall.
 - o Camp Apistotoke has been booked for 2012. Junior camp will be from July 11 to 14 and Intermediate Camp will be from July 15 to 19. Unfortunately camp fees for 2012 will need to be increased again as the camp site fees have increased again. At the camp meeting on October 6 it will be decided how much the fees need to be increased.
 - o Summer Staff Final Report is in. (Kori Christensen could be a possible SnowFest Coordinator.)
 - o Regional Council has requested a breakdown of camp expenses: site, groceries, cook, etc. Regional Pin Image is requested for Camp Sponsorship. (Requested by Mark Shand.)

Kate Puch moved that Ginny contact Talbot and have them make a 'digital image' of our Regional pin for our official logo. Teresa Russian seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

(d) **MAC Carolyn Templeton**

Carolyn hasn't been able to attend the meeting. Usually meet 2/3 times a year. Meet in Battle Lake.

e) **Regional Judging Sponsorship**

- o Competitions will be February 4, 2012 in Brooks and April 12, 2012 in Claresholm.
- o MNP no longer a sponsor after they were approached by the Foundation.
- o Jay Good will check into sponsorship.

f) **Scholarship Committee**

- o The Committee met September 21st and awarded 33 scholarships using the Provincial Computer Program. The Committee only saw member numbers and no names during the awarding of the scholarships. All scholarships are at \$500.
- o More members applied than scholarships. 33 scholarships awarded to 54 members.
- o May 5th is deadline for provincial scholarships.
- o Regional Scholarship deadline is also May 5th.
- o DO NOT REPEAT INFORMATION FROM SECTION TO SECTION. PUT INFO IN BEST POSSIBLE PLACE. PUT INFORMATION INTO DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE APPLICATION. REPEATED ITEMS ARE COUNTED WHERE THEY ARE FIRST ENTERED.

g) Casino Society \$32,880.77 DEPOSITED INTO CASINO SOCIETY ACCOUNT

h) SnowFest - is the facility booked? Forms ready?

- Facility booked and deposit paid for February 17-19 at Whispering Pines.
- Marguerite is still looking into insurance ramifications for planning staff, counsellors and cook.
- Andy and Mark will work with Ginny!
- SnowFest price is to be determined by Ginny and Marion.

LUNCH: Moved to end of meeting to accommodate people needing to leave early. (Guesthouse)

15) Old Business

a) Regional Celebration and Learning Day - Saturday, October 8th, 2011 - Taber - Friends of 4-H

Regional Friend of 4-H 2011 - Motion by Nina Connors to elect TRACY HALL as Regions Friend of 4-H, Mark Sayers seconded. Voted in favour by Regions Executive which includes Myrna Brewin, Marion Van Sluys, and Wendy-Ellen Nittel. (This motion needs to be ratified at this meeting)
Mark Sayers moved to ratify Tracy Hall as Regional Friend of 4-H. Marie Logan seconds.
MOTION CARRIED.

- Kubota is sponsoring.
- Hall is booked.
- Taber Police will do a session on internet safety for members and parents.
- Table centre pieces will be made at a craft table.
- Ambassadors are running fun games.
- Two parents are cooking.
- Swimming
- Andrea will do a session on Conflict Management
- Andy & Wendy-Ellen will run a session on Leader Training
- Andrea, Andy & Wendy-Ellen will facilitate a leader/parent question/comment session.
- Ambassadors will MC the Awards.
- Names of Friends of 4-H are still needed from 40 Mile, Vulcan and Warner4
- 119 are registered for supper at this time.
- Ginny has a tentative program made → Leaders mailed, members phoned, and scholarship letters sent out.

b) Hurricane Hockey

- Saturday, January 28th against Prince Albert
- Social Gathering before cannot be at EnMax Centre. Need a volunteer to coordinate. Take back to Districts to see if they are interested.

16) New Business

a) Regional events - dates, places, budgets, committees - have volunteers ready for the next meeting in December

- Dates are in Calendar
- Proposed budgets for committees requested
- Volunteers placed on Committees.

b) Intermediate Winter Program "Something to Say"

Janet Kerr developed the kit. It is a 24 hour program Communication Workshop. "Why

communication is Important?" is the theme. It is geared to help intermediate members. Ginny & Andrea would facilitate.

- c) **Remember next meeting are elections:** President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary- Historian, Treasurer , ETC
- d) **Also committees will be created** (see attached list) ALL districts need to participate in committee work to make all events successful & not to burn out a few, spreading the workload out helps everyone
- e) **Fall Mail Out** Feed back Everyone seems happy.
- f) **4-H Magazine/ Calendar** Feed back Both have been received by members and leaders.
- g) **SACA Conference (FARMING SMARTER)**
 - o Becky Domolewski did introduction of guest speaker last year. (Guest Speaker donated speaker fees to Southern 4-H Regional Council.)
 - o "Farming Smarter" non-governmental organization that works with farmers and others. Conference is Dec 6 & 7 in Lethbridge.
 - o Ginny has speakers planned. 2 presentations and 2 speakers. Becky to introduce.
 - o Silent auction items: gift baskets. Need donations. 10 or so items for live auction. Would need baked goods December 5th. Bob Perlich would be auctioneer.

Mark Sayers moved to use "Farming Smarter" money to sponsor judging and for Regional Council to top up if necessary. Arlene Good 2nd. MOTION CARRIED.

Arlene Good moved to make two 4-h gift baskets. Marie Logan 2nd. MOTION CARRIED.

Kate Puch has volunteered to donate Judith green coffee mugs.

h) Leaders Conference - Silent Auction Request

Mark Sayers moved to donate a silent auction item(s) with a \$100.00 value for Leader's Conference. Marion Van Sluys 2nd. MOTION CARRIED. (Marion Van Sluys will look after.)

i) District Boundaries (for discussion)

- o Does there need to be some thought as to sizes of districts?
- o Split geographically/split how clubs would want to move?
- o How small is too small for a district?
- o How large is too large for a district?
- o Regional Council has some say in the district boundaries.
- o Any ideas?
- o Could effect communication competitions.

17) Adjournment Sandra DeGroot moved adjournment of this meeting of the Southern Alberta 4-H Regional Council at 1:21 pm.

Next Meetings:

Saturday, December 3 rd , 2011	Time: 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, March 22 nd , 2012	Time: 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, June 14 th , 2012	Time: 10:00 a.m.