

Southern Alberta 4-H Regional Council Meeting Minutes
 Saturday, December 11, 2010

1. Call to Order by President Nina Conners
 Cactus Country: Wendy-Ellen Nittel Cardston: Marion Van Sluys
 County of 40 Mile: Irene Harty Lethbridge: Andy Pitman, Mark Sayers
 Newell: Nina Conners, Arlene Good, Corina Hermus
 Pincher Creek: Pat Sayers, Martin and Kate Puch
 Taber: Terry Unruh, Myrna Brewin, Sandra DeGroot
 Vulcan: Regrets, Marie Logan Warner: April Brower
 Willow Creek: Teresa Russian Staff: Rob Smith, Ginny Smith.

2. Pledge led by Nina Conners

3. Introduction of self around the Boardroom table

4. Approval of Agenda **Motion: Nina Conners moved the Agenda be as presented. Teresa Russian seconded. MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Minutes of the Saturday, October 2, 2010 Meeting **Motion: Wendy-Ellen Nittel moved the October 2, 2010 Meeting Minutes be accepted as circulated. Teresa Russian seconded. MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Review of Actionable Items List from October 2nd, 2010 Regional Council Meeting
ACTIONABLE ITEMS FROM SOUTHERN 4-H REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS UP TO DECEMBER 2010

MARCH 2010

WHO	TASKS TO BE COMPLETED	COMPLETION DATE	COMPLETED
Sheep Committee	Provincial Breeding Stock Show for Sheep	In process	
All Districts	Each district should have a motion on their books regarding the Clover Bud program	No longer applicable	

JUNE 2010

WHO	TASKS TO BE COMPLETED	COMPLETION DATE	COMPLETED
Rob Smith	Find Snow Fest Coordinator		✓
ALL DISTRICTS	Replies to Provincial Council 'Who Are We' letter.	Fall Meeting	✓
ALL DISTRICTS	'Clever Kids' letter: Circulate within Districts	Fall Meeting	✓
Rob Smith	MAC Report	Fall Meeting	
Wendy- Ellen Nittel	Regional Heifer Show: Does Medicine Hat want to host?	NO	✓

OCTOBER 2010

WHO	TASKS TO BE COMPLETED	COMPLETION DATE	COMPLETED
Ginny Smith	Snowfest Booking		✓
Mark Sayers, Andy Pittman, Rob Smith	SnowFest Leaders	Rita Leask organizing	✓
All Horse Clubs	Train the Trainer applications	ASAP	
Ginny Smith	Email Bruce Banks: Bank Account: Can we have both a savings and checking account?	Next week: No response from Bruce. Ginny will follow up with another email.	
Host (Cactus Country District)	Regional Heifer Show	Wendy-Ellen to check with Terry Elliot. (December meeting.)	✓
Ginny Smith	MNP screens.	Working on it	
Wendy- Ellen Nittel	Baby card for Melanie Daniels.	ASAP	✓

7. Treasurer’s Report - Marion Van Sluys (Attached)

Stacy Domolewski should be recorded as Becky Domolewski.

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8. Correspondence - Secretary Wendy-Ellen Nittel Thank you cards were received from the following: Amanda High, Amanda Van Hierden, Emily Puch, Ilona Bastiaansen, Janessa

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Brewin, Kathleen Nester, Kathryn Eberl, Lauren Ovinge, Lindsay Unruh, Quinn Hawk and Ruth Schuepbach.

9. Alumni Report No report as there is not an official Alumni Association

10. Regional Specialist Report (Rob Smith and Ginny Smith)

Ginny:

- Ginny chaperoned the Alberta Judging Team that went to Regina. Eight members represented Alberta on Junior and Senior Teams. The members judged 12 classes and gave both written and oral reasons. Alberta won the team award. Lindsay Douglas won the top overall awards and Jacob Onischuk placed 6th. Lindsey then became part of a judging panel.
- The Provincial 4-H Website needs rebranding to make the site more exciting for our members.
- The Southern Region Recognition Night was well attended with 9 of the 10 Districts in attendance.
- Henry Wigman is retiring from 4-H on December 15.

Rob:

- Janet Kerr and Jocelyn McKinnon are working on a better orientation program for 1st year members. (Some leaders mentioned that they had new families being mentored by a family that has been involved for years.)
- Provincial programming is continuing from last year.
- Ginny Smith is in charge of the Provincial Horse Show.
- Stacy Murray has fostered a 35 member group with the Collegiate 4-H Model (from the United States). Rosie Templeton is the chairperson.
- BAC is deliberating whether member numbers will increase if there is both a Purebred and Commercial Heifer project allowed. (2 yearling heifers)
- Leila Hickman and Rob are working on self-assessment tools for club leaders and how to get members and leaders involved beyond their club.

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

- Mark read the report (attached) that had been emailed to Regional Representatives prior to the meeting.
- Provincial Council is working on the 'finger printing' requirement that some leaders have had to do because of leader screening.
- Leader's commented on how much nicer the Leader's Screening package is now that it is contained in its own folder. Provincial Council will have a display at Leader's Conference.
- 2013—100th Anniversary of 4-H in Canada
- 2017—100th Anniversary of 4-H in Alberta

12. Foundation Report - Marie Logan No Report

13. District Reports: (Attached) 40 Mile, Cactus Country, Lethbridge, Newell, Pincher Creek

14. Committee Reports:

- a) Communications: Attachments→Regional Communications Committee Competition
→Regional Communications Competition Rotation 2010-2017

Motion: Sandra DeGroot moves that Marion Van Sluys have Thank You cards made for the Regional communications Competition. Mark Sayers seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

It seems a long way off, but **REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS** sponsored by KPMG and AltaLink, will take place at the **Lethbridge College** on **Saturday, March 19th**. More information will be forthcoming. The 2011 **event will be put on by:** Lethbridge: Host District; Cardston: Junior Public Speaking; Willow Creek: Intermediate Public Speaking; Vulcan: Senior Public Speaking and Pincher Creek: Presentations

*****By January 28th, each of the above districts is asked to please provide the name and contact information of one individual to the Southern Regional 4-H office, in order for the forms and organizational information to be communicated to the district. (The alternate contact for each district will be the Key Leader)**

b) Livestock Reports:

BAC Report: BAC has not met. Short oral report on BUD.

Light Horse Committee Report: No November meeting due to weather. Will try to hold a meeting in early January.

The **Southern 4-H Regional Horse Committee meeting** – (remember – 2 meeting tries in November failed due to Southern Alberta weather and roads) will be held on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 4th** at **7pm** at the **TABER AGRIPLEX** (front entry). This meeting is being held early in the new year (usually the meeting is later in January), and it is requested by the committee that every horse project club has representation, in order to ensure that all are aware of the proposed changes to the equine policy, and have input before the deadline date. If you have questions, please contact President Teresa Russian at 403-646-2745.

Regional Heifer Committee Report: **Motion: Mark Sayers moved to have a \$1000.00 budget for the Regional Heifer Show. April Brower seconded. MOTION CARRIED.**

A short discussion was held as to whether or not the Regional Heifer Show should have an East/West Rotation similar to Communications. This way, one District would not be responsible for all aspects of the Regional Heifer Show.

Regional Sheep Committee: (Andy Pittman) Planning is progressing well for the 2011 Provincial Sheep Show. I attended the Summer Synergy meeting in October, where our facilities and schedules were discussed. There is a planning meeting, which will take place on December 12 at the Sheep Centre in Airdrie. After this meeting, the committee will have the direction and people required to work towards hosting this exciting event. There will be much more to report at the next Regional Council meeting.

- c) Regional Camp : (Cathryn Widmer)
Camp Apistotoke has been booked for 2011. The fees have risen dramatically therefore; the cost of camp must rise accordingly. The new fees will be:
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| Junior Camp | \$135.00 | (increased from \$115.00) |
| Intermediate Camp | \$145.00 | (increased from \$125.00) |
- Each year Elkwater camp requests each delegate to bring one dozen cookies. Due to food allergies and so many of the cookies being left over, it has been recommended the request be deleted.
Camp Cook will be Shirley Jago. Wendy-Ellen Nittel will be Junior Camp Mom and Sandra DeGroot will be Intermediate Camp Mom.
- d) Alberta 4-H Magazine: A reminder to send in articles: (Possible articles)
→ Sandra DeGroot: Article on Being a Camp Mom
→ Arlene Good: Adding Cooking to Beef Club
- e) Regional Learning Day and Celebration: The Learning Day and Celebration were well attended. Had about 60-70 members attend the Learning Day. (Swimming seemed to be a success.) Members gave presentations on various topics during the Learning Day, which was organized by Sandra DeGroot and Shirley Jago. **Motion: April Brower moved that Sandra DeGroot rebook the Taber Community Centre for October 8, 2011. Kate Puch seconded. MOTION CARRIED.**
- f) Multi Species Judging. The first of our 2 **SOUTHERN 4- H REGIONAL JUDGING COMPETITIONS** sponsored by MNP (Meyers Norris Penny) – will take place **SATURDAY, JANUARY 8th** at the **BROOKS SILVER SAGE ARENA**. **Registration** is from **10am to 11am**, with the judging program to follow. Lunch will be available for competitors. This has always been a top-notch competition run by a great volunteer group headed up by leader Jay Good (regardless of what Mother Nature provides for weather), so we hope to see great representation from members from across the region. Bring a clipboard and pencil, and perhaps a pair of mittens. Awards will be presented for the day in Junior, Intermediate and Senior, plus marks will be combined with Claresholm results and tallied towards the aggregate awards (presented at the Southern 4-H Regional Celebration in October 2011).

The second Regional Judging competition will tentatively be held in Claresholm on Thursday, April 28th. We are still **looking for a volunteer chairperson** for this event,

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to be mentored this year by outgoing chairperson Kate Puch. If you are interested, please contact the Regional 4-H office at 403-381-5815 for further details, to ensure the continuation of this worthwhile competition.

- g) Hurricane Hockey: Games is February 12, 2011. Firm deadline of January 27, 2011 as set by the Hurricane Organization.
- h) MAC Report: Given through Provincial Council Report.
- i) Snowfest: Rita Leask will coordinate. Pat Sayers is the cook. Forms are out.

SNOWFEST 2011 This fun winter camp, for junior and intermediate members (ages 9 to 14) will take place **Friday February 18th to Sunday February 20th, 2011 in Elkwater**. We are looking for a few senior members as staff (please see application form on website for details). There will be a bus travelling east from Lethbridge to Elkwater, if numbers are sufficient. Application deadline is **January 21st, 2011.**

- j) Scholarships: No formal report. Sherry Laczowski gave Ginny a brochure about John Ignatius. April Brower suggested a brochure should be made or found for the Milo Barfuss Scholarship. April will look into the brochure.

15) Old Business:

- a) Review of Constitution: **Motion: Mark Sayers moved the following amendment to the Regional Constitution. Article IX. MEETINGS: Add #6. Districts must be represented at 75% of the Regional Meetings in order to be in good standing. Kate Puch seconded. MOTION CARRIED.**

(Revised Constitution attached.)

- b) Committee List for 2010-2011 (Attached) One does not need to sit on Regional Council to volunteer for a committee. Leaders, parents and senior members can sit on some committees.

Wanted – volunteer parent or leader or senior member (think Senior Opportunity project perhaps) – to manage the inventory and distribution of the **4-H Souvenirs**, on behalf of the Southern 4-H Regional Council. For further information, please contact Regional Council president Myrna Brewin at 403-223-8432 or the 4-H office at 403-381-5815.

- c) Power Point Projector: **Motion: Andy Pittman moved to purchase a power point projector to a maximum of \$1000.00. Mark Sayers seconded. MOTION CARRIED.**

16) New Business:

- a) Election of new officers:
President:

Nina Conners nominated Myrna Brewin. Myrna accepted.
MYRNA BREWIN ACCLAIMED PRESIDENT.

1st Vice President: Mark Sayers nominated Sandra DeGroot. Sandra accepted.
SANDRA DEGROOT ACCLAIMED 1st VICE PRESIDENT.

2nd Vice President: April Brower nominated Nina Conners. Nina accepted.
NINA CONNERS ACCLAIMED 2nd VICE PRESIDENT.

Secretary: Mark Sayers nominated Wendy-Ellen Nittel. Wendy-Ellen accepted.
WENDY-ELLEN NITTEL ACCLAIMED SECRETARY.

Treasurer: April Brower nominated Marion Van Sluys. Marion accepted.
MARION VAN SLUYS ACCLAIMED TREASURER.

Motion: April Brower moved to accept officers and all council representatives as acclaimed or volunteered. Arlene Good seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

17. Adjournment: **Motion: Nina Conners moves the adjournment of the Southern Regional 4-H Council at 2:41 pm.**

Next Meetings:

Thursday, March 10, 2011 - 10 AM

Thursday, June 16, 2011 - 10 AM

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THE BEST TO YOU AND YOURS IN
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