

WILLOW CREEK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT MARCH 9, 2011 SUBMITTED BY TERESA RUSSIAN

Willow Creek District Council met on Feb 14, 2011. The meeting was well attended.

There was some discussion regarding funds still owed to the Willow Creek District Council by the former Treasurer. It was decided that a letter requesting payment would be sent via registered mail in order to give the person involved an opportunity to fulfill payment obligations.

As of yet there has been no date set for the District Multi-Species Judging competition.

The District Public Speaking Competition is being held on March 5, 2011 at the Stavely Elementary School. We look forward to hearing all of the wonderful speeches and it looks like there is going to be an excellent turnout.

The Willow Creek District Swim and Awards night has to be delayed due to the pool being closed for maintenance and renovations. The District has decided to postpone this event until May or Perhaps June.

District Council has been busy lining up judges for the Intermediate room at the Regional Public Speaking Competition on March 19, 2011 in Lethbridge.

Some leaders at the District Council Meeting brought up their displeasure for the Speaking Rule:

If a member belongs to more than one club, he/she must do a different communications activity for each club. If a member chooses to do two communication activities of the same type (e.g. two speeches which must not be the same), he/she can compete for prizes in each club. However the member can only advance in one club, and must give written notice to each club leader, a minimum two weeks before the competitions, as to which club he/she will be competing in.

Although the rule, as well as the acceptable options for the members in two clubs were explained, the leaders were concerned that especially for their junior members they would risk losing these kids to one club or the other if they were not able to just write one speech and compete in only one club – then, give that same speech to the alternate club at perhaps a club meeting.

Willow Creek District has chosen their Friend of 4H and they are proud to announce that Marion Van Sluys is the recipient this year.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2011.

CACTUS COUNTRY KEY LEADER REPORT MARCH 2011

Our public speaking season for Cactus Country is officially over for the year and we are sending our competitors to Lethbridge for the Regionals on the 19th. District competitions were held this past Sunday at the Medicine Hat College. As usual, there were a few glitches - a tie in the presentations, and a concern re the use of rhetorical questions embedded in the presentations. This again reinforced the need for a contingent at the competitions who can make a committee decision and not leave decisions on the shoulders of one leader.

We will be offering a scholarship workshop to members and a constitution workshop to leaders this spring. Some of us, who are more seasoned leaders, want to ensure that clubs are well aware of the need for a constitution as we know the problems that can arise if guidelines are not clearly defined.

Daylight Saving Time starts next week, but I don't think it will matter much to us as we will continue to be in the midst of winter and snowpiles. We are all worried about spring flooding and the impact on all aspects of agriculture.

Submitted by
Meridith Van Maarion

PINCHER CREEK 4-H DISTRICT MARCH 2011

Sorry to miss the meeting, but like everyone else the weather isn't on our side this week. The weather certainly has made life challenging at times. Our District Fun day was planned for mid January but had to be postponed due to change of activity and few people would commit to the alternative. Silver Reins has something planned with warmer weather at a later date. Unfortunately our annual Medallion Evening in February was cancelled, once again few people would commit. We are thinking of combining our District Fun day and Medallion awards together, hoping to get a better turnout. At our last District Meeting all Clubs reported that they were busy within their clubs and preparing for their club communications. We held our District Communications all on one evening this year, as in the past we have held them separate evenings. But with the weather so nasty we had to postpone one evening and put it all together as one night. It was an enjoyable evening. We have many members going on to Regionals in Lethbridge. Pincher Creek is hosting the Presentations at Regionals and I am quite excited to have 3 past 4-H members who qualified (two who won) at Provincial level in Presentations as Judges. I can't think of 3 other ladies who are more qualified. This will be awesome! We have had to call out for some help getting Judges/Timers – Thank you Ginny! Pat Sayers continues to be our “go to lady” and we appreciate all that she does to help out. Thanks Pat!

That's it from Pincher Creek. Let's hope for better weather.

Respectfully,

Kate Puch

REPORT FROM 40 MILE

The district competition went over very well considering the number of participants who were involved with basketball tournaments. Some of the girls were playing at Foremost School where the competition was as well, so we had a number of basketball uniforms in the final picture. The third annual district ski trip is happening at Elkwater on March 12th. It is a well attended event and this year the skiing is great at Hidden Valley. After skiing the group gathers and have tube steaks at Whispering Pines Campground.

Irene Harty

LETHBRIDGE DISTRICT

The Lethbridge District held a Communications workshop in January, which was hosted by our Key Member Jenna Crown. This workshop was very well attended and very helpful by all accounts, with a lot of positive feedback. We also held our annual District Judging workshop in February at Perlich Brothers Auction Market in Lethbridge. Over one hundred members attended! We were given great instruction by members from the Cow Country Judging Club in Brooks on how to properly judge a class, and then the members rotated through 4 different classes, before eating lunch. The members who still had the energy then went into Lethbridge for a free swim. Many members from the district also attended the Hurricane Hockey Night which was held in February. Also, the District Communications competition was held on March 5, and was very successful, with many wonderful speakers and presenters showing their abilities

Andy Pittman

CARDSTON DISTRICT

March 2011

We have 3 clubs running again this year and things are going well. We hosted a District Speech Workshop January 31, 2011. We invited Leanne Santangelo, a 4H Ambassador to speak to us on how to pick, prepare and present a speech. We had a good crowd that evening feeding Subway sandwich platters to around 80 people.

We hosted our District Speech Competition in Cardston at the Remington Alberta Carriage Centre on Monday, February 28, 2011. It was a great evening with some well-prepared speeches presented. The weather was quite nasty that day and all 6 of our judges cancelled so we had to scramble for replacements but people came through for us in a pinch.

Christina Folsom