

West Central Regional 4-H Council Minutes

Saturday, November 21, 2009 @ 10:00 AM

Lacombe Memorial Center

- 1. Call to Order:** Greg Coleman called the meeting to order at 10:00am
- 2. Pledge:** The Pledge was led by Richard Stark
- 3. Introductions:** Everyone introduced themselves.
Districts attending: Camrose, Lacombe, Ponoka, Red Deer, Rocky Mtn. Hse. and Wetaskiwin.
- 4. Agenda:** There was on addition for New Business on Public Speaking judging.
Motion: Jeff Colyn moved that the agenda be adopted as presented with changes.
Seconded by: Christine Patten. All in favor. Carried.
- 5. Minutes:**
Motion: Lindsey Salomons moved that the minutes be approved as presented.
Seconded by: Matthew Paton. All in favor. Carried.
- 6. Treasurer's Report:**
Motion: Steven Prichard read the treasurer's report, and moved it approved as presented.
Seconded: Matthew Paton. All in favor. Carried.
 - a. Casino Account:** The balance on August 31st was \$19 074.67
- 7. Reports:**
 - a. District Councils:** District Council Representatives gave their reports.
 - b. Regional Committees:**
 - i. - Account Review:** Books haven't been reviewed yet.
 - ii. - Budget/Casino:** The \$9810.00 used for registration fees will be repaid from the general account. Scholarships for this year are three at \$3 000.00. We are working on getting an endowment fund set up with a balance of about \$1 000.00 for administration costs. Casino account will be finalized later.
 - iii. - Executive Workshop:** Today at the Ponoka High School.
 - iv. - Fun Day:** Matthew Paton mentioned that the Rocky District is organizing this event. It will be January 16, 2010 and it is Winter Olympics themed. Bring \$5 for lunch.
 - v. - Grievance Committee:** No report

- vi. – **Heifer Show:** Was canceled due to lack of interest. This year it will be the third week of June in 2010.
 - vii. – **Judging:** Red Deer District is organizing. Will be at the Benalto arena on April 17, 2010. They will send out registration forms shortly.
 - viii. – **Lighthouse Show:** Discussed rules at the meeting. There will be project clinics this spring. June 4-6 is the set date for the show at the Red Deer Westerner.
 - ix. – **Presentations:** Wetaskiwin District is hosting. Will be March 27, 2010 at the Alberta 4-H Center.
 - x. – **Senior P.S:** Lacombe District is hosting. Will be March 20, 2010 at the Lincoln Hall. If there are any judges suggestions please see Everdien Salomons.
 - xi. – **Intermediate P.S:** Camrose District is hosting. Will be March 21, 2010.
- c. 4-H Alumni Club:**
- i. – **Senior Ski Trip:** Application forms will be out shortly. Will be March 5-7 2010, in Fernie.
- d. Regional 4-H Specialist:**
- i. – **Leader Award Trips:** See blue handout. Janet Kerr discussed the Montana Leaders Conference.
 - ii. – **Winter Camp:** Forms have been sent out. They need more staff and counselors.
- e. Provincial Reports:**
- i. – **Alberta 4-H Council:** See yellow handout. We discussed the Clover Bud program and the changing of rep. terms from 2 years to 3 years.
 - ii. – **Ambassadors:** No ambassadors present.
 - iii. – **Beef Advisory Committee:** They had their meeting at the beginning of November in Stettler.
 - iv. – **Canada/Japan Exchange:** Ellen Bonde commented that there was a lot of positive feedback. Finland has discontinued their exchange due to the recession.
 - v. – **4-H Foundation of AB:** Janet Kerr congratulated the summer staff and she'll send out a handout, which she just received, with the minutes.

vi. – 4-H Branch Staff: No report.

vii. – Equine Advisory Committee: Stacey Harrison mentioned that they are planning a Provincial Show at Olds.

viii. – Marketing Advisory Committee: Grey handout. Chris Patten mentioned that they are waiting for focus groups. The next meeting will be in the spring.

f. Canadian 4-H Council Report:

They had their meeting recently. We will get an update in January.

8. Business Arising from the Minutes.

a. **Public Speaking Judging:** We set a guideline that states a regional judge must have judged twice at district level. Make sure the names of the speakers come in on time.

9. Correspondence: We received a letter from Katherine Murphy thanking the West Central Region for her scholarship.

10. New Business:

a. Grants:

Motion Dakota Townsend moved that we apply for grants.

Seconded: Shelby Patten. All in favor. Carried.

b. Budget and Program Plan:

Motion: Christine Patten moved that the budget and program plan be approved as presented.

Seconded: Sylvia Mathon. All in favor. Carried.

c. Leader's Conference Draw Prize:

Motion: Ellen Bonde moved that Greg Coleman will purchase a prize of \$100 for the Leaders Conference.

Seconded: Sylvia Mathon. All in favor. Carried.

d. Change to By Laws:

AB 4-H Council made a request to amend our Bylaws to change the terms of Regional Representatives from 2 years to 3 years.

Motion: Christine Patten moved a Special Resolution to change Bylaw 6.5 to "Representatives to AB 4-H Council shall be elected for 3 year terms, which begin each spring. One representative shall be elected per year, and in the third year no representatives shall be elected."

Seconded: Val Townsend. One opposed. Carried.

e. Sponsor Presentation:

Henry Weigman is receiving \$1700 sponsorships from DOW for four Alberta Regional Councils including West Central. Janet Kerr asked if some volunteers could meet at the Prentiss Plant at 3pm on Tuesday for a picture and presentation. More information will be sent out.

11. Elections and Appointments:

a. Regional:

Secretary:

Ellen Bonde nominated Lindsey Salomons- declined
Ellen Bonde nominated Dakota Townsend- declined
Everdien Salomons nominated Shelby Patten- declined
Ellen Bonde nominated Val Townsend
By acclamation Val Townsend is our new Secretary.

General Account Treasurer:

Diane VanDijk nominated Lindsey Salomons

Motion: Sylvia Mathon moved that the treasurer's position for the West Central Region general account and the casino account may be split into two separate positions.

Seconded: Matthew Patton. All in favor. Carried.

By acclamation Lindsey Salomons is our new treasurer.

Casino Account Treasurer:

Sylvia Mathon nominated Ellen Bonde
By acclamation Ellen Bonde is our casino account treasurer.

Provincial Council Representative:

Motion: Sylvia moved that Greg Coleman and Ellen Bonde continue as AB 4-H Council Representatives until their term is up under the bylaw change.

Seconded: Christine Patten. All in favor. Carried.

Alternate Provincial Council Representatives:

Christine Patten is our current alternate and she will continue this position.

Account Review Committee:

Ellen Bonde nominated Sylvia Mathon
Ellen Bonde nominated Richard Stark
Sylvia Mathon and Richard Stark will be our Account Review Committee.

Budget/Casino Committee:

Ellen Bonde and Sylvia Mathon volunteered. Greg Coleman and Gordon Wood will stay in.

Grievance Committee:

The key leader from each district will be on the grievance committee. Since

Lacombe has no Key Leader, Everdien Salomons volunteered to be Lacombe's grievance committee representative.

Heifer Show Committee:

We will call a meeting for all beef clubs and Janet Kerr and Greg Coleman will set a date.

b. Provincial:

Beef Advisory Committee:

Val Townsend volunteered and Greg and Cody Coleman will stay on.

Equine Advisory Committee:

Ruth Maciborski and Connie Kluczny are representations and Stacey Harrison is an alternate.

Marketing Advisory Committee:

Christine Patten will stay on.

12. Adjournment: Richard Stark moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:07.

Signed By: _____
Secretary

President