

4-H Peace Regional Meeting – April 21, 2007

Fairview Provincial Building
Hosted by: Regional Specialist

Present:

Grande Prairie District: Deb Polasek, Heather Polasek, Ina Miles, Marley Miles
Mackenzie District: Katherine Barkwell, Sally Barkwell, Nora Paulovich
Valleyview District: Chelsea Walker, Linda Walker, Sherry Howey, Lorne Howey
East Peace District: Risa Iwasiuk
North Peace District: not represented
Central Peace District: Kristy Oatway, Katie Oatway, Marina Oatway, Janice Brassard
Fort Vermillion District: not represented
Regional Office: Stacy Murray
Exchange Coordinator: Laura Oatway
PEAC: Laureen Kosheff, Bonnie Ridley

Called to order at 1:07 pm.

Pledge was led by Kristy Oatway and Katie Oatway.

Introductions were made and amendments were made to the agenda. **Linda Walker moved to accept the agenda as amended. Marley Miles seconded. Motion was carried.**

Marley Miles moved to adopt the minutes of the Dec 2006 and the Jan 2007 special meetings as presented. Sherry Howey seconded. Motion was carried.

Marina Oatway moved to adopt the minutes from the March 18, 2006 meeting as presented. Ina Miles seconded. Motion was carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

Policy Manual: 11 new policies were discussed

Policy 1 – Mileage and Reimbursement – **Motion to accept policy as read made by Risa Iwasiuk. Bonnie Ridley seconded. Discussion. Motion was defeated. Motion to up the mileage to \$0.40/km was made by Marina Oatway. Janice Brassard seconded. Motion was carried.**

Policy 2 – Communication Events – **Motion to accept policy as read made by Nora Paulovich. Kristy Oatway seconded. Motion was carried.**

Policy 3 – Diary Points – **Motion to accept policy as read made by Laureen Kosheff. Laura Oatway seconded. Discussion. Motion was defeated. Linda Walker moved to add to the policy that if a member is unavoidably absent a phone call to the chair/secretary/specialist is required. Katherine Barkwell seconded. Motion was carried.**

Policy 4 – Regional Beef Guidelines – **Laureen Kosheff moved to accept the policy as read. Bonnie Ridley seconded. Motion was carried.** Review date for policy was changed to November 2007.

Policy 6 – Regional Fees – **Sherry Howey moved to accept the policy as read. Laura Oatway seconded. Motion was carried.**

Policy 7.01 – Regional Representation on Provincial Committees – **Janice Brassard moved to accept the policy as read. Sherry Howey seconded. Motion was carried.**

Policy 7.02 – Regional Committees – **Nora Paulovich moved to accept the policy as read. Ina Miles seconded. Motion was carried.**

Policy 7.03 – Other Regional Positions – **Sherry Howey moved to accept policy as read. Marina Oatway seconded. Motion was carried.**

Policy 8 – Rotation for Hosting Regional Events – **Linda Walker moved to accept the policy as read. Marina Oatway seconded. Motion was carried.**

Policy 9 – Canoeing Equipment – **Marley Miles moved to accept the policy as read. Sherry Howey seconded. Motion was carried.**

Policy 10 – Regional Scholarships and Bursaries – **Laureen Kosheff moved to accept the policy as read. Ina Miles seconded. Motion was carried.**

Policy 11 – By-Law Review – **Motion to accept policy as read made by Marley Miles. Katie Oatway seconded. Motion was carried.** Review date was changed to spring 2008.

District rotation schedule was discussed.

Winter camp report - attached. Location was discussed, we recommended Fairview as a central location. Age groups were discussed, we recommended 2 age groups one of 9-12 year olds and a second of 13 and up with the second camp being more winterized.

Regional Trophy for communication events has been purchased and will be displayed in Fairview provincial building.

Election of North Peace Rep to Provincial Council – Nora Paulovich nominated Sally Barkwell. Marley Miles moves that nomination ceased. Sally Barkwell is now the North Peace Rep to Provincial Council by acclamation.

Stacy will look into clubs to find an alternate. If one is not found, Nora Paulovich will take the position.

Election of PBAC rep – Marina Oatway was appointed to the position.

Treasurer's Report:

see attached

Stacy Murray moved that the treasurer's report be accepted for information. Sherry Howey seconded. Motion was carried.

Verification of cheques authorized at March 18, 2006 meeting:

\$50.00 - PEAC was removed.

\$350.00 – Laura Polasek for Garfield Weston Exchange, paid.

\$150.00 for Laura Polasek, Bart Schrool and Jenna Mitchell for Selection trips 2005 – paid.

\$1000.00 – Provincial Centre, Stella Pimm and Stacy Murray will verify with casino account.

\$1000.00 – Camp Artaban, Stella Pimm and Stacy Murray will verify with casino account.

Receipt of \$9050.00 of provincial grant was verified.

Receipt of Regional fees was verified.

New Business:

The 2006 scholarship winners have been selected and the names and the cheques will be sent out on Monday, April 23, 2007.

Regional days report – attached. Risa Iwasiuk discussed a beef grooming workshop which is to be held on Regional Days. She requested \$500.00 from the region to match the \$500.00 from the district. Nora Paulovich brought forward that there are grants available from PBAC for the workshop. **Marley Miles moved that the Region sponsor \$500.00 for the workshop. Laura Oatway seconded. Motion was carried.**

Stacy Murray is going to change the application process for the Provincial Judging Competition to make it more equitable.

Sadly, our region lost 3 of its members this year, Andrea Vavrek, Jason Shaatz and Angelina O'Rourke. **Marley Miles moved that we make a donation of \$50.00 in each person's name to the 4H Foundation. Sherry Howey seconded. Motion was carried.**

The state of our Regional Bookkeeping was brought forward. Discussion as to whether to hire someone, find a volunteer or to get a contract with an accounting firm were discussed. Stacy Murray and Deb Polasek will look into the prices and report back at the fall meeting.

Province was getting a good deal on computers so the purchasing of a computer for the Region was discussed. **Marley Miles moved that we purchase a laptop computer for the secretary for no more that \$1500.00. Risa Iwasiuk seconded. Motion was carried.**

Alumni Funding and Rep to Region – decided to budget in \$50.00 a month to the Regional alumni for the following year. Will send invite to alumni for next Regional meeting. Suggested that it be taken back to district to fund the alumni also.

The Province is holding a \$90 for 90 years campaign to raise money for the Legacy Fund. **Sally Barkwell moved that we donate \$90.00 to the Legacy Fund. Risa Iwasiuk seconded. Motion was carried.**

Upping Regional fees \$1.00 to \$6.50 a year to offset costs was discussed. **Ina Miles moved that we raise Regional fees to \$6.50 a year. Seconded by Bonnie Ridley. Motion was carried.** The region will keep \$1.50 and forward \$5.00 to province for insurance coverage. Discussed the rotation of hosting all regional activities such as judging, communications, meetings, regional days and other workshops.

Nomination of electing a treasurer for now until the 1st of December was discussed. **Marley Miles nominated Heather Polasek for the position of secretary/treasurer. Marina Oatway moved that all nominations cease. Heather Polasek is now secretary/treasurer by acclamation.**

Janice Brassard brought forward the idea of giving money back to the clubs/districts that worked the Regional casino. The idea was opposed, instead a letter will be sent out to each family about where the money for the casino goes as well as putting the information on the Peace region website.

Reports:

2007 Leader's conference planning committee report – attached

District Reports – Grande Prairie District – attached

 Mackenzie District – attached

 Valleyview District – attached

 North Peace District – absent

 Central Peace District – attached

 Fort Vermillion District – absent

Provincial Beef Advisory report was given by Nora Paulovich

Provincial Equine Advisory report was given by Bonnie Ridley. Discussion of AEF ensued. **Ina Miles moved that the members selected for the AEF games receive equivalent funding as members selected for other provincial trips. Linda Walker seconded. Motion was carried.**

Regional Office report – attached

Provincial report – attached. Discussion ensued about presentations. Our recommendations were to limit them to 2 members, have different times for different amounts of people and to establish criteria for the questions . Discussed leader screening, recommended 1 person for all of Province.

Japanese exchange report – attached

Ambassador and Key Member report – attached

Camp Artaban report – attached

Correspondence:

Letter of thanks was received from Laura Polasek. Received a multitude of thank you's for Regional Days 2006.

Next meeting is to be held on November 3, 2007 at the Fairview office and is to be hosted by the Valleyview District.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Linda Walker.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.