

NW Regional Life Skills and Other Animals Committee Meeting Minutes - March 16, 2021 via Zoom 7:30 pm

DRAFT

Meeting was called to order by Vice president Donna at 7:32

The Agenda was adopted by Bertha, seconded by Jocelyn. Carried

Minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting were reviewed as shared. Lorna adopted the Minutes, seconded by Dorothy. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

SALTT - Karen gave us an update -

Science days that were supposed to be in March have been tentatively set for Oct 16 in Calgary and Edmonton - in-person for Intermediate members only.

Finance competition for Senior members - dates to be determined.

Archery mail match didn't get much response - with facilities being closed equipment was not available for some clubs. Will try again at a later date.

Consumer decision webinar - positive feedback

Summer programs - unknown at this time.

Possibility of an Ag technology program in conjunction with Olds College

They have lots of great ideas, but unfortunately covid has disrupted most of them.

Their next meeting will be in April.

ShAC (sheep)- Dorothy said that the Lac Ste Anne District was advised by Sheila that there are rules regarding weight and conditions for sale day. Check the rules if you have sheep. We will have a report at our next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Leona advised that our balance remains at \$1939.29. There has been no activity since the last meeting. Leona adopted her report. Seconded by Kim. carried

Life skills Committee Bank Account. - Back history from Donna - Most committees have operated with their own accounts in the past many years. At the past couple Regional meetings some of the committees have returned them to be administered by the Regional account.

Life skills is very hands on when it comes to supplies and inventory. For many years the host of the Regional Fair looked after collecting all the registrations and fees. Not having access to the funds has been difficult when we had to rely on the Region. Registration for Regional fair for the past few years has been a struggle to keep it all straight and balanced as registration comes from many different ways so it's hard to keep track - money being mailed to the committee, e-transfer to the region, dropped off at the Barrhead office. 4H Alberta would like to have transparency in the region to know how much is actually in the region. Pam advised that the Region strongly recommended that the account be transferred to the region bank account.

Donna wanted to be sure that we recognize and acknowledge that Leona has done a stellar job as our treasurer for many many years.

If the money was sent to the Region Account, the Life Skills committee money would be set aside from the main account. We would not be giving up our money. If we wanted to spend our money on something we would make a motion and then request the money from the Regional Treasurer. A Budget is needed only if we require funds from the Regional main account. I.e. hall rental. We appreciated the clarification that was given from Jocelyn.

MOTION - Karen moved that the Lifeskills committee funds be transferred to the Regional account as of October 1, 2021 and that the Life skills account at the Alberta Treasury Branch located at Bon Accord be closed. Seconded by Kathleen. Motion is carried. One objection by Leona is noted.

NEW BUSINESS

REGIONAL FAIR

Pam advised that there are 24 registration at this time - one from out of region. A list has been sent to Sonja (regional Treasurer) to correspond with funds received. There was some confusion as to adults being able to register. Registered leaders/volunteers can register. Pam will send out another email regarding leader registration and deadline to register. Donna said the Fair Committee was looking for suggestions for how to do a bench show virtually. Those present suggested that you don't have to do the bench show. Don't feel like you have to do it just because it has been done. Kids are understanding.

After the closing date, Pam will email the packages to the registrants - Supply list. Etc

Donna reported that In November the Fair committee was not in a position to ask for money because they didn't know if they would be in-person or virtual. They now have a few expenses. Committee has a budget - Strathcona District is donating \$1000! They would like to give each of the registrants a DQ coupon for those who complete the survey at the end. Hoping to have 100 and spend about \$100 on postage to send them out. Lots of door prizes to be given out during the day. Pull names during the day for prizes to be mailed out as well.

MOTION - Leona moved that after the completion of the fair, the Regional Fair host can submit expenses up to the amount of \$200 if needed. Seconded by Miranda. carried.

FOCUS ON 4H

Lorna advised that it will not be going ahead at this time as we are uncertain if AHS will allow it. Our Committee will be meeting again the first week of May to see what restrictions are at that time. Our thoughts are that it would just be a funday of outdoor activities if anything. We still have the dates of July 2-4 secured in Barrhead.

OTHER REGIONAL NEWS

Pam advised that the Regional Judging competition has 24 registered and hosting 2 livestock and 3 consumer decision making categories. It starts on April 16 and closes 18th at 3 pm.

Provincial Public Speaking - judges have done the first round and will start the second round shortly.

Next meeting will likely be November 9, 2021 at 7:30 virtually. Committees are liking the virtual format instead of having it the same day at the Main Regional meeting.

Adjourned at 8:45

Those in attendance:

LIST ON FILE WITH AREA COORDINATOR