

NW Regional Life Skills & Other Animals Committee Meeting
Villeneuve Hall - November 17, 2018

The Meeting was called to order at 12:55 pm by acting Chairperson, Dorothy Carlson. Introductions were made. Attendees: Leona Petherbridge, Helen Andrews, Melanie Giroux, Kelly Chamzuk, Maury Litke, Lorna Punko, Karen Marin, Lynda Penno, Jayleana Baron, Darma Litke, Susan Starr.

Additions to the Agenda were: Vet Science Record Books and Pheasant Record Books were added under the Record Book Marking Party. Additions were adopted by Helen Andrews, seconded by Melanie Giroux. Carried.

The Minutes of the last meeting on March 17, 2018 were read by Lorna Punko. Lorna adopted the Minutes as read. Seconded by Helen Andrews. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Focus on 4-H 2018 – Leona reported that we had a nice spot in the main hall. We were very busy – run off our feet!! We have a real problem with members coming late (as in hours later) to do their registered sessions. This runs us ragged trying to accommodate them and those in the current sessions that are happening. **WE NEED HELP FROM ALL THE DISTRICTS TO LEAD SESSIONS AT FOCUS. We will be drastically changing the Life Skills program and need your input.**
The majority of the people who register for sessions are not life skills kids, but rather other animal projects that are at the show or siblings. **QUESTION: Why are our life skills clubs not attending Focus? What could we offer that would bring them to Focus? Please take this back to your clubs so we can make changes to our program that they would like.**
A separate page will be added to the Minutes outlining tentative schedule of what Life Skills could look like next year at Focus.
2. Regional Fair April 7, 2018 at Thorhild. Year 2 at Thorhild went very well. They had some great sessions and it was enjoyed by all in attendance. They ended up with a profit of \$1004.54. There were some issues with registration fees as some were sent in the mail and some were e-transferred to the Regional Treasurer. It was a challenge to balance the budget for the Fair. It took months to receive the registration money from the Region.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Leona gave her report showing a balance of \$1532.29. Leona adopted her report as presented, seconded by Karen Marin. Carried.

The Regional Executive has been wanting us to transfer our Committee bank account to the Region Account to be held in trust for us. In our discussions concerns were:

-turnaround time in getting cheques to pay session leaders at events like Regional Fair. Instructors are usually paid on the day of the event.

-registration money going one direction and forms going another. Need to keep track of paid registrants.

Stacy advised that there was a motion made at a previous meeting that indicated that all registration fees needed to be sent to the Regional Treasurer. We were unaware of this motion and would like to see the actual motion. The decision to keep or not to keep our account was tabled to the next meeting.

Leona is requesting a detailed monthly report from the Regional Treasurer indicating any money received or paid out on behalf of Life Skills with a current balance.

Dorothy Carlson from Lac Ste. Anne District was going to check with Stacy as to how to handle registration for Regional Fair that they are hosting this April.

There was no correspondence.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Regional Record Book Marking Party – it was postponed to November 10 instead of October since many people were still harvesting. We had 10 people come to mark books. Thank you so much to all of you! The new markers appreciated the input and learning opportunity.

***No record books are to be taken on marking day. All books are to be returned to the District at the November Regional Meeting by the Regional Specialist.

***Markers do not mark own children's, own relations, own club, or any other books from another club or district that you had already judged. You cannot mark the same book twice!!

2019 Record Book Marking Party - October 26, 2019 location TBA

It was suggested that the Record Book Committee needs to get together to review the Record book scoresheet and Guidelines. Committee members are: Kathy Keiser, Melanie Giroux, Leona Petherbridge, Judy Van Hecke, and Lorna Punko.

Vet Science Books are very unorganized and hard to follow. Not all Vet Science projects have a Vet involved with the project. Needs to be revisited.

Pheasant Record Book - The pheasant project finishes in September when the birds are released and accordingly these members have not been able to be a part of the record book competition since record books for the 2017-18 were to be sent into the Region office by August 31. **Karen Marin MOVED THAT the Pheasant Record Books will be judged with "other animals" the year following completion. Ie. Record books for 2017-18 will be judged with the 2018-19 books.** Seconded by Melanie Giroux. Carried.

2. Regional Fair – April 13, 2019 at Mayerthorpe High School – Lac St. Anne District hosting. Dorothy Carlson reported that they have a good variety of sessions and they are in the process of confirming the sessions and leaders.
3. Rachel Miller would like to know if any of the canine projects would be interested in a Canine learning Day. Please email her if you are interested – rmiller@cpaaalberta.ca
4. As we can no longer store supplies at the Barrhead Office, we would like to purchase a shelving unit to help store our supplies. Leona will look after the supplies. **Sue Starr MOVED THAT the Life Skills Committee will purchase a shelving unit for \$104.99.** Seconded by Maury Litke. Carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

FOCUS ON 4-H LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

WE NEED HELP to organize and lead sessions OR we will have to **CONSIDER CANCELLING THE LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM AT FOCUS**. Leona and Lorna cannot do it all by themselves! They have decided to try a different format for Life Skills. This is a tentative schedule that they have come up with. Please send your comments to them.

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Schedule for Friday/Saturday

- 9-10 am – **Drop-in crafts ONLY**. Drop-in crafts would only happen a designated times, NOT during the entire day
- 10-12 noon - 3-4 different sessions depending on how many session leaders we have.
- 12 – 1:30 - lunch break – for years Leona and Lorna have not had a lunch break!! We made it long just in case the morning session goes over a little.
- 1:30-3:30 Again 3-4 different sessions depending on how many session leaders we have.
- 3:30-5:00 **Drop-in crafts ONLY**

Schedule for Sunday

9-11 am **Drop-in crafts ONLY**

OR do we want to make Sunday morning an opportunity for those that missed their class the day before to make their project. This would only work if the instructor was still at Focus on Sunday, otherwise the registered person could possibly take their kit home to complete. This would not be possible if the session required specialized equipment ie. T-shirts with the heat-pressed design/cricket stencil

OTHER IDEAS...

Full day sessions from 10-3:30 (with lunch break) for those projects that take longer and are more involved. This would be for Senior members/adults – like a larger sewing project, quilting

Teaching lesson such as Boating Licence course (they would then do the test on-line at home)

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS/PROJECTS THAT WOULD INTEREST OUR LIFE SKILLS MEMBERS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO ATTEND FOCUS? Can you lead a project? Send a message or call Leona or Lorna.

We need to have our sessions decided by Jan 15, 2019

Leaders/Members in attendance:

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