

Northwest 4-H Regional Council  
Annual Meeting  
November 17, 2018- Villeneuve Hall

1. Called to order at 9:36
2. 4-H Pledge
3. Introductions
4. Approval of the agenda. Foundations report, new Business Leaders conference 2020. **Colleen Whittal moved that we accept the agenda. Sonja Shank seconded. CARRIED**
5. Minutes from last meeting. **Jocelyn Toronchuk accepted the minutes as presented. Dorothy Carlson seconded. CARRIED**
6. Reports
  - a. Executive – Leslie absent
  - b. Treasurer – Sonja Shank
    - i. Financial statements from 2017-2018
    - ii. Balance is \$64,940.11
    - iii. **Sonja Shank moved the report as presented. Lorna Punko seconded. CARRIED**
  - c. Casino Treasurer’s Report – Colleen Prefontaine
    - i. Casino account \$25,282.96
    - ii. Raffle account \$508.23
    - iii. Total balance \$25,791.96
    - iv. Next casino April/May/June of 2020
    - v. **Colleen Prefontaine accepted the report as presented. Sue Starr seconded. CARRIED**
  - d. Committee Reports
    - i. Beef Committee Jocelyn Toronchuk
      1. Attached
      2. **Jocelyn Toronchuk accepted the report as presented. Kathleen Linder seconded. CARRIED**
      3. Discussion – a motion was made several years ago that required a district representative to be present at the beef regional meeting or books from that district would not be considered for record book competition.
    - ii. Horse Committee – Sonja Shank
      1. Attached
      2. **Sonja Shank accepted the report as presented. Shannon Grabler seconded. CARRIED**
    - iii. Lifeskills Committee – Leona Petherbridge
      1. Attached
      2. **Leona Petherbridge accepted the report as presented. Dorothy Carlson seconded. CARRIED**
    - iv. Judging Committee – Colleen Whittal
      1. No report attached
      2. Judging went well and with some sponsorship they were able to break even. There was lots of help but always room for more.
      3. For 2019 everyone will be charged for lunch. Members need to be made more aware of timelines before they come to judge. Volunteers will be needed

4. **Colleen Whittal accepted the report as presented. Calvin Grabler seconded. CARRIED.**
- v. Focus Committee – Tasha Erickson
  1. Event highlights – Committee started late but all went good. Was the first year in Thorhild
  2. Feedback received – Lots of room, dance was fun, members enjoyed making new friend
  3. Negative feedback – Event schedule wasn't clear and stuck to, some adult crankiness in the back going on.
  4. 2019 plans - July 4-7 in Thorhild, we are looking for more volunteers to help with the weekend itself, we will be sending out a link at registration to allow volunteers to sign up for a position. Registrations should open March 1<sup>st</sup>, this year we will be open to other regions with NW getting the first priority, the club mascot competition will continue this year and information will be coming out soon, clubs or projects that are not a part of focus will have the opportunity to set up displays, we will be looking for sponsorship
  5. 2020 we are potentially looking for a theme of the year.
  6. Sue brought up that clubs need to be reminded that everyone on the committee is a volunteer so before you complain we are only there for the kids and to make it for them.
  7. **Tasha Erickson accepted the report as presented. Colleen Prefontaine seconded. CARRIED**
- vi. Scholarships Committee – Stacy Murray
  1. Scholarship committee has been formed. There will be some discussion around scholarships.
  2. **Stacy Murray accepted the report as presented. Colleen Whittal seconded. CARRIED**
- vii. Camps – Stacy Murray
  1. The winter camp is being planned again. It will be for junior members only
  2. The summer camp is being planned as well but will be combined camp for junior and intermediate camp. Encourage senior members to attend Counsellors in Training so that we have more counsellors in our region. Only 27 members registered for our regional summer camp and we need 40 so it was cancelled.
  3. **Stacy Murray accepted the report as presented. Tasha Erickson seconded. CARRIED**
- viii. Foundation Report – Bertha Kasbohm
  1. Roles of the Foundation – scholarships, funding, sponsorship
  2. New sponsorship levels are being formed as well as new approaches to securing sponsorships
  3. Lots of camps at the 4-H foundation center summer of 2018
  4. Annual report will be on the website before 2018 year end
  5. **Berth Kasbohm accepted the report as presented. Colleen Whittal seconded. CARRIED**
- ix. District Reports
  1. Attached

- 2. Any district that didn't send in a report will have to get it to Stacy
- e. Provincial 4-H Council Report – Dorothy Carlson
  - i. Attached
  - ii. **Dorothy Carlson accepted the report as presented. Helen Andrews seconded. CARRIED**
- f. Regional Specialist Report – Stacy Murray
  - i. Thank you to all volunteers
  - ii. Club registration are coming in
  - iii. Nicole Arnett is the new Peace Region Specialist
  - iv. 4-H magazine is out
  - v. Programs – Leaders Conference, Seniors Member Conference, Selections, new 1 hour beef project webinar, National Online 4-H Canada Learns (discussion groups, resources, information – [showyour4-Hcolors.ca/](http://showyour4-Hcolors.ca/) will give you the link), Knowledge College, Leaders Conference 2020
  - vi. Foundation changes – Change with employees – if you something that was sent to the foundation and not cashed please contact Stacy.
  - vii. Oil King is January 4<sup>th</sup> tickets will have to be ordered by December 10<sup>th</sup>. Clubs can order tickets through the box office.
  - viii. 4-6 leaders in NW region can have the opportunity to participate in a session “Staying Upright in an Upside Down World” Nov. 28.
  - ix. **Stacy Murray accepted the report as presented. Kathleen Linder seconded. CARRIED**
- 7. Business Arising from the minutes
  - a. By-laws – **Colleen Prefontaine moved that the objects and bylaws are changed as follows. The existing objects are separate from the bylaws and should be filed correctly. The existing bylaws are repealed and replaced by the attached bylaws. Helen Andrews seconded. CARRIED**
  - b. Program Plan – Stacy Murray
    - i. Attached
    - ii. **Sue Starr moved that we hold the regional judging competition on April 27<sup>th</sup> in Barrhead. Sonja Shank seconded. CARRIED**
    - iii. **Corine Verbeek moved that we hold the regional fair on Apr. 13 hosted by the Lac Ste Anne District. Colleen Prefontaine seconded. CARRIED.**
    - iv. **Kathleen Linder moved that we accept the program plan. Colleen Prefontaine seconded. CARRIED**
  - c. Communications discussion
    - i. No feedback was received from any districts surrounding regional communications that was discussed at the March meeting.
- 8. **New Business**
  - a. Financial
    - i. Proposed Budget for 2018-2019 Attached
    - ii. **Sue Starr moved that we accept the purposed budget for 2018-2019. Laurie Maycher seconded. CARRIED**
    - iii. A motion was passed in Oct. that the NW regional council will charge a minimum of \$10.00/registered adult for all regional programs excluding communications. If adults are not register they will not get lunch.
  - b. Elections of officers

- i. President (2 year term) – **Sonja Shank nominated Leslie Majeau. Sue Starr seconded. Kathleen Linder moved that nominations ceased. CARRIED**
- ii. Secretary (2 year term) – **Colleen Prefontaine nominated Jocelyn Toronchuk. Laurie Maycher seconded. Linda Heudephol moved that nominations ceased CARRIED**
- iii. Casino/Raffle Treasurer (2 year term) – **Dorothy Carlson nominated Joanne Borle. Colleen Whittal seconded. Laurie Maycher moved that nominations ceased. Helen Andrews seconded. CARRIED**
- iv. Provincial Council Representative (3 year term) – **Colleen Prefontaine nominated Kathleen Linder. Laurie Maycher seconded. Melanie Giroux moved nominations ceased. CARRIED**
- c. Other positions/committees (elections and/or volunteers)
  - i. Grants/fundraising – (2-3 people)
    - 1. To help apply for grants, coordinate sponsors so that we don't have 5 people go to the same sponsor
    - 2. **Sonja Shank nominated Sue Starr. Glen Gilmar seconded. CARRIED. Melanie Giroux moved that nominations ceased. CARRIED**
  - ii. Public relations/promotions (1-2 adults, 2-3 members)
    - 1. Responsible for taking pictures or making sure someone is there to take pictures at regional events that we can use for event promotions.
    - 2. Suggestions Kathy Keiser
  - iii. Judging Chair (1 person)
    - 1. Colleen Whittal
  - iv. Camp committee (2-3 people)
    - 1. Help plan camps, organize counsellors, and promote camps
    - 2. A couple of conference calls a year
    - 3. Sidney Lewis
  - v. Policy committee (1 adult, 1-2 members)
    - 1. Help to make sure we are following policy and to help create some new policies we may not have in place.
    - 2. Maybe busier until we have the policies fully established, a couple of conference calls and maybe a meeting.
    - 3. Karin Marin, Bertha Kasbohm, Dorothy Carlson
  - vi. Stacy will send this out in an email looking for volunteers
  - vii. Focus – committee positions are filled but volunteers are always needed.
- d. Community Opportunities
  - i. Oil Kings Hockey – Jan. 4 – ticket deadline will be Dec. 10 information will be sent out with ordering information
- e. Hall of Fame nominations – In order to send a name forth for the Hall a Fame there needs to be a motion and letter from the district they a part of, then a motion and letter from our region. **Sue Starr moves that we nominate Anna Meakin for 2020. Glen Gilmar seconded. CARRIED.**
- f. Camps
  - i. Winter Weekend – January 26, 27 Camp Nakamun ages 9-12
  - ii. Summer Camp – Combined junior and intermediate
  - iii. Westlock district is feeling like there are very few options for intermediates for camps.

1. In the past when the region has offered Intermediate camps we cancel them due to low registration.
  2. Some thoughts a club discussed to try and get intermediates more involved is to host a day activity. (Paintballing, escape rooms, OCR Boneyard, laser tag), things that kids are into.
  3. Seniors want to go back to a junior intermediate style camp where it is fun not all about skills, and just being a kids again.
  4. Bringing a friend to a day activity to help promote 4-H
  5. Try a day at 4-H, fun activities, achievement day, camp etc.
- g. Leader's Conference 2020
- i. Northwest region will be hosting – we will have to do an invite at the end of Leader's Conference 2019 to promote it.
  - ii. As host region we are responsible for out of province gifts, decorations and some other expenses that we will have to budget for.
  - iii. Committee – Jocelyn Toronchuk, Kathleen Linder, Corinne Verbeek, Helen Andrews, Dorothy Carlson, Colleen Prefontaine, Sue Starr
9. Thank you presentation to Dale and Dennis Belanger for catering the meal for the Northwest Regional Meetings for over 20 years.
10. Colleen Prefontaine moved that we adjourn the meeting at 11:56