

East Central Regional Minutes

Attendance:

Coronation District: Carole Tkach (President), Maureen Black, Erica Hadwin, Vanessa Hadwin, Katie Hadwin

Drumheller District: Melanie Nelson (Secretary), Sandy McNaughton, Danielle Varga (Ambassador)

Flagstaff District: Tracy Dietrich (4-H Alberta Program Team), Bernard McGowan (PEAC), Laura McGowan, Janet Niehaus (SALTT), Kara Niehaus, Charlotte Curtis

Hanna District: Juanita Wagstaff, Joleen Scott, Tara Sieben, Liz Westerlund

Provost District: Bernice Johnson (BAC), Sylvia Axley, Gerri Lynn and Shane Cromarty

Stettler District: Melody Swaren, Jimilee Ayotte, Amanda Shepherd

4-H Alberta: Brenda Murdock (Area Coordinator), Christine Suominen (4-H Alberta Board)

Date: Thursday, March 31, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: Coronation Hall

1. Call to Order: 6:36 p.m.

2. Pledge: Amanda Shepherd

3. Introductions: Everyone stated their name, district or position they were representing.

4. Approval/Additions to the Agenda:

Removed- 11. iii. Provincial Communications Representative- Heather Brown has decided to stay on as the representative for one more year.

Additions- none

Charlotte moved for approval of the agenda with no additions and the removal of 11. iii. Seconded by Bernie. Carried.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (November 19, 2021, February 23, 2022):

Amanda adopted the November 19, 2021 and the February 23, 2022 minutes as circulated. Seconded by Juanita. Carried.

6. Correspondence:

No correspondence

7. Business Arising From the Minutes:

a. Regional Leader Training Day- Melanie

- Leader Training Day Part II was cancelled for this year. This will be incorporated into
- Leader Training Day on November 5, 2022 for the 2022/23 year.

b. 4-H Alberta Constitution and Bylaws- Carole

- All regions will be following their own bylaws. The board realized that they would be unable to get all regions to agree on one standardized set of bylaws.
- All regional bylaws should add the Provincial Objectives to their bylaws.
- Carole will set a date in May for the Regional Bylaw Committee meeting.

Bernice made a motion to accept the regional bylaws as circulated and add the

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Provincial Objectives to the East Central Regional Bylaws. Seconded by Sandy. Carried.

c. Regional Leader Recognition Night- Melody

- Stettler District has decided to cancel the Leader Recognition Night for this year.

Juanita made a motion to have Brenda mail out the Leadership Awards to the Key Leaders in each district to distribute for the 2018/19 and 2019/20 years.

Seconded by Melody. Carried.

d. Award of Distinction- Juanita

- Hanna will host a celebration to present the Award of Distinction with Tim and Lois Andrews.

- It will take place at a Hanna function and the region will be invited to attend.

Juanita made a motion to have Hanna host the Award of Distinction at a Hanna function for this year and invite the region. Seconded by Jimilee. Carried.

e. Regional Beef Female Show: Tracy reported.

- Tracy has the Stettler Ag Society Grounds booked for June 25, 2022.

- West Central Region has asked if East Central would like to host a joint Female Show in Lacombe this year.

- Eastern districts (Provost, Flagstaff, Coronation) felt it was too far to go to Lacombe. Drumheller and Stettler said it did not matter either way. Hanna felt it was too far.

- Discussion held on adding the Regional Beef Female Show to the Regional rotation. Members felt this was not a good idea because all districts do not have females.

- Hanna, Provost and Coronation Districts all showed interested in hosting the show this year. Due to time constraints and the unknown availability it was decided that these districts should come with ideas for hosting next years Female Show.

Sylvia made a motion that East Central Region host their own Female Show at the Stettler Ag Society Grounds on June 25, 2022. Seconded by Liz. Carried.

8. Treasurer's Report:

a. General account- Melanie reported. See attached report from Koren.

- The account balance as of March 24, 2022 is .

- Note Accounts receivable of \$1690.00 for district dues.

- Melanie and Sylvia noted discrepancies on the financial report.

b. Casino account- Melanie reported. See attached report from Koren.

- The account balance as of March 24, 2022 is \$3916.47.

GIC's mature in January 2023. Two \$7000.00 GIC's for a total of \$14000.00.

Amanda made a motion to accept the financial report as amended. Seconded by Bernie. Carried.

c. Horse Committee Financial Report- Amanda reported. See attached report.

- Bank balance remains at \$12059.18 as of March 31, 2022. No income or expenses since the last report.

d. Fun Day Financial Report- Melanie reported. See attached report.

- Bank balance \$3885.17 as of March 31, 2022.

- 1 outstanding cheque, cheque # 159 \$58.32 Stephanie Koke for craft supplies.

- Income \$4250.00 donations from Ag Societies.

- Expenses \$2573.15 for food, postage, craft supplies, rubbermaid totes, stationary, rent.

Sandy moved to adopted the ECR Horse Financial and the ECR Fun Day financial report as presented. Seconded by Erica. Carried.

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9. Reports:

- a. District-** See attached reports
 - i. Coronation- Carole Tkach
 - ii. Drumheller- Koren McDougald
 - ii. Flagstaff- Charlotte Curtis
 - iv. Hanna- Juanita Wagstaff
 - v. Provost- Melissa Downing
 - vi. Stettler- Jimilee Ayotte
- b. Regional Beef Female Show-** No report.
 - The committee has not had a meeting as of yet.
- c. Regional Leader Training Day-** Melanie reported. See attached report.
 - Leader Training Day Part 1 was held on November 20, 2021 via Zoom
 - Leader Training Day Part 2 has been cancelled for February 26, 2022 due to low registrations.
- d. Regional Leader Recognition Night-** Jimilee reported.
 - Cancelled February 26, 2022 date due to low registrations.
 - Hanna District will host an event to recognize the Award of Distinction winners.
- e. Intermediate Camp November 19-21, 2021-** Sylvia reported. See attached report.
 - Registration fee \$100.
 - 40 intermediate members attended.
 - 6 youth leaders and 2 camp directors.
 - On Sunday guest speaker Kelly Falardeau.
- f. Fun Day 2022-** January 8, 2022. Melanie reported. See attached report.
 - 124 attended.
 - Held at the Stettler Agriplex and Pavilion. Clearview School District would not allow the any public events due to Covid.
 - Members from all districts were in attendance.
 - Next year district reps will need to gather sessions from their clubs by November 30 and send to the organizing committee.
 - All registrations will need to be in 3 weeks prior to Fun Day so that the Activity Plan can be filled out 2 weeks ahead of time.
 - We will need every district to provide screened leaders or screened volunteers so that we can meet the 4-H Rule of Two.
 - Sylvia wants to purchase 3 more rubbermaid containers. Melanie told her to purchase them and send the bill and she would be reimbursed from the Fun Day account.
 - Jimilee is still looking for heated storage for the Fun Day supplies and East Central supplies.
- g. Junior Winter Camp (February 25-27, 2022)-** Sylvia Axley reported. See attached report.
 - Camp held at Circle Square Ranch.
 - Registration fee \$100.00.
 - 42 junior members attended. 2 camp directors, 6 trained youth leaders, 5 volunteer leaders.
 - Circus theme.
- h. Multi Species Judging & Consumer Decision Making Workshops and Competitions-**
 - Coronation: Erica Hadwin reported. Nothing planned for ECR. Judging at their district show.
 - Drumheller: Melanie Nelson reported. Nothing planned for ECR. Judging at their district show.
 - Flagstaff: Char Curtis reported. Hosting a Learning Day in September and they plan to incorporate judging into that day. May invite other districts.

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- Hanna: Liz Westerlund reported. Hosting Judging April 19 at the Crossroads Centre at 10 am. Open to the district.
- Provost: Sylvia Axley reported. Hosting a judging day April 30. Open to the region. 10 am workshop, 12:30 competition. Lunch provided.
- Stettler: Jimilee Ayotte reported. Nothing planned now. Might plan a judging event in the fall.
- Carole asked all districts to encourage their members to attend the Provincial Judging Competition.
- i. Regional Horse Committee-** Amanda Shepherd reported. See attached report.
 - Annual meeting was held November 27, 2021.
 - Next meeting November 26, 2022.
 - Dates for events and rodeos set. See report.
 - Horse camp May 20-23.
- j. Regional Beef Committee-** Bernice reported. See attached report.
 - No meeting held in January.
 - Tentatively planning a meeting for March 29, 2022.
- k. Regional Public Speaking-** Erica reported.
 - The event was held on March 27, 2022 at 1 pm, hosted by Coronation District.
 - Had 3 rooms but gathered in 1 room for presentations.
 - Since we started at 1 so we had coffee and snacks. No meal was necessary.
 - 4 judges called in sick within the 48 hours before the competition.
 - 1 senior member did not attend due to illness.
 - 1 other speaker cancelled.
 - Senior members impromptu's were 2-3 minutes as per previous motion.
 - Next time set up earlier because speakers showed up earlier than the registration time.
- l. Regional Presentations-** Melanie reported.
 - The event on March 26, 2022 hosted by the Drumheller District was held at the Delia school.
 - Start time 10 am. 23 speakers. 9 judges. 76 people in attendance.
 - Lunch was provided (beef on a bun, fruit trays, veggie trays and an assortment of desserts.
 - Jolene voiced concerns re: tie breakers for presentations. The Presentation Rules should be revised so it is clearer on tie breaker rules.
 - Drumheller treated it like an impromptu. The judges picked 1 common question and speakers were given 1 minute to prepare and then spoke on the topic.
 - There were 2 tie breakers. 1 senior and 1 intermediate.
 - Speakers should be reminded at club level to come with their quote sheet completed. Presentations were delayed waiting for speakers to complete quote sheets.
- m. East Central Scholarships-** Carole reported.
 - Encourage all 4-H members attending post secondary education to apply.
 - Scholarship open for applications until May 2 at 12 pm.
 - We need to form a new scholarship committee.
 - Committee members cannot have a conflict (if a family member has applied you cannot be on this committee).
 - Last years committee:
 1. Janet Niehaus
 2. Koren McDougald
 3. Carole Tkach

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- n. Kirby Clarke Memorial Fund-** Carole reported.
- This scholarship remains on hold.
 - Bianca is working with the family to make decisions as how the scholarship will be distributed in the future.
 - No news from the family so far.
 - Remove from the next agenda.
- o. Provincial Beef Advisory Committee (BAC)-** Bernice reported. See attached report.
- Last meeting was January 12, 2022.
 - Next meeting May 4, 2022.
 - Webinars coming out in April.
 - Provincial Beef Heifer Show July 12-16.
 - 115 registered for the Provincial Carcass Competition.
 - Purchase agreements are on backorder.
- p. Provincial Equine Advisory Committee (PEAC)-** Bernie McGowan reported.
- See attached report.
- The last PEAC meeting was January 10, 2022.
 - The next PEAC meeting will be on April 4, 2022, via zoom.
 - Meetings will be via Zoom until further notice.
- q. Provincial Science, Arts, Life Skills, Technology and Trade Committee (SALTT)-** Janet Niehaus reported. See attached report.
- The provincial SALTT committee held meetings monthly this year.
 - Plans are going ahead for the Science Day on April 2 at the Edmonton Space Science Centre for intermediate members.
 - The Archery Mail Match is currently in progress with 50+ members participating.
 - Planning a Family Archery Camp this summer.
 - Virtual competitions will be held for the summer of 2022, showcasing marketing.
 - SALLT leaders have been asked to help with the Summer Project Event in Olds.
- r. Provincial Communications-** Heather Brown sent report. See attached report.
- Planning the regular Senior's Provincial Communications.
 - If Covid is a factor, a similar online format like last year will be used.
 - If you have any recommendations for provincial judges forward the names to Tracy Dietrich.
 - No rule changes.
 - Working on firming up recommendations for clubs that do non-competitive communication activities to ensure standards and consistencies across the board.
- s. Provincial Sheep Advisory Committee (ShAC)-** Shane Dempsey
- Next meeting end of March or beginning of April.
 - Held 2 Eweniversity sessions via Zoom.
- t. 4-H Ambassadors-** Dani Varga reported.
- Kira Axley is working on camps.
 - Stay posted for new things.
- u. 4-H Alberta-** Brenda Murdock reported. See attached reports.
- Staples discount cards have been emailed out.
 - Leader screening and training needs to be completed by leaders.
 - Melanie noted that leaders are still getting their leader status even though they have not completed screening and training. There is no reason for them to complete training if they are able to retain leader status.
 - Brenda reminded everyone to send club, district and regional info to put in the scoop.
 - Districts will be given P codes so they can receive money. Districts need to confirm

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the designate email.

- Brenda and Jimilee offered to run a session at Leader Training Day on November 5, 2022. The session can be called "Google Drive for Dummies."

v. 4-H Alberta Board of Directors- Christine Suominen reported.

- Christine will be happy to receive and respond to questions/emails since Tim has stepped down.
- Applications have been received from East and West Central for the Youth Diversity directors.
- The board CEO reports to the board and staff.
- East Central would like to send executive to the board meeting in June.
- East Central is concerned about leader burnout caused from a increased workload at the club, district and regional levels. Regions do not have administrative support and this has increased the volunteer workload and stress level.
- The region requires heated storage which was lost with all the new changes.

10. New Business

a. Covid 19 Update- Brenda reported.

- All clubs need to follow the current guidelines set by AHS.

b. 4-H Fabric- Sylvia reported.

- Inventory sent to the 4-H Centre = 3 totes with 22 bolts of fabric.
- Isaiah does not how much fabric remains at the centre.
- Yvonne set it up for the 4-H Centre to sell the fabric for the region.
- The fabric is currently not listed on the store page.
- Discussion as to whether the region should sell the fabric to the store or continue with the current set up.
- It was decided that we should have the store forward all orders to Sylvia Axley. Sylvia will cut and mail out all orders if the store will continue to sell it.

c. Regional Program Plan for 2022-23- Melanie prepared draft.

- Carole reviewed the Program Plan.
- Uncover The Leader, no date at this time.
- Addition- EC Regional Judging Workshop January 21, 2023 @ the Stettler Ag Society.
- Change- EC Horse Camp venue changed to Stettler Ag Society.

Juanita/Bernie moved for approval of the Program Plan for the 2022/23 4-H year, with the additions and changes. Carried.

d. Regional Budget for 2022-23- Melanie prepared the budget.

- Carole reviewed the budget.
- Award of Distinction dinner will be planned by Hanna district.
- Juanita has access to \$2000 from the 2021/22 Leader Recognition budget.

Kara/Sylvia moved to accept the regional budget as circulated for 2022-23 4-H year. Carried.

e. East Central Rotation- Melanie updated the rotation.

- Carole reviewed the rotation.
- Add Public Speaking and Presentation Judges that each district is to provide to the rotation for the 2022-23 year.

f. Committees-

- Districts need to send committee member and contact information changes to Melanie.
- Districts are responsible to provide a member for each committee.

g. Constitution- See attached. Carole reported.

- Carole will plan a meeting for the committee to review and update the constitution.

h. Heartland Cattle Show 2023- Carole and Tracy reported.

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- East Central Region has been asked to host a judging workshop at the Heartland Cattle Show on January 21, 2023.
- Open to East and West Central members.
- Jimilee thought that Stettler District may be interested in planning this event.
- Jimilee will contact Mark and Dwayne at the Stettler Ag Society for more information.
- Jimilee/Erica made a motion that East Central Region plan and host a judging Workshop at the Heartland Cattle Show on January 21, 2023. Carried.**
- i. Leader Training Day- November 5, 2022-** Melanie reported.
 - Rescheduled Leader Training 2021/22 Day 2 to November 5, 2022.
 - Watch for information.
 - Fun, interactive day full of games and leader networking.
- j. Intermediate Camp- November 18-20, 2022-** Sylvia reported.
 - Planning meeting will be scheduled by Sylvia in September.
- k. Fun Day 2023- January 7, 2023-** Melanie reported.
 - Plan to move back to the school for more room.
 - Registration forms will be updated and emailed to clubs in October.
- l. Junior Winter Camp- February 24-26, 2023**
 - Sylvia is the current Chair of the committee and will plan a meeting in the fall.
- m. Regional Public Speaking- March 26, 2023- Hanna District hosts.**
 - Hanna district provides 12 judges.
 - Drumheller and Stettler provide 3 judges each.
- n. Regional Presentations- March 25, 2023- Coronation District hosts.**
 - Coronation, Flagstaff and Provost districts provide 3 judges each.

11. Elections:

- i. President - 2 year term-**

Amanda nominated Sylvia Axley. Sylvia accepted the nomination.
Juanita/Bernice made a motion to cease nominations. Carried.
Sylvia Axley was voted in as the new President.
- ii. Secretary - 2 year term-**

Jimilee Ayotte volunteered. No nominations.
Jimilee Ayotte will be the new Treasurer.
- iii. Provincial Communications Representative-**
 - No nominations.
 - Heather Brown volunteered to stay on as the rep for 1 more year.

- ### 12. Signing Authority for General and Casino Accounts- Remove and add
- Juanita/Vanessa made a motion to accept the new executive. Carried.**
Juanita/ Kara made a motion to change signing authority for the East Central Regional general and casino accounts, by removing Carole Tkach as President and Melanie Nelson as Secretary and adding Sylvia Axley as President and Jimilee Ayotte as Secretary. Carried.

13. Adjournment-

- Carole thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished everyone good luck with their Achievement Days.

Bernie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 pm. Carried.

Next Meeting November 18, 2022 at the Coronation Hall @ 6:30 pm.

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Signatures:

Past President- Carole Tkach

Past Secretary- Melanie Nelson

President- Sylvia Axley

Vice President- Juanita Wagstaff

Treasurer- Koren McDougald

Secretary- Jimilee Ayotte
