

2023 Annual General Meeting

North West Regional Meeting Minutes



CANADA
4-H Saskatchewan

Date: March 18, 2023 | 10:30 am

Location: Saskatoon Inn, Saskatoon SK

Chairperson: Louise Sroka

Recorder: Zaiden Osicki

Attendees:		
NAME (Please Print)	DISTRICT	DELEGATE / VISITOR?
Cameron Choquette	22	Board of Director – Delegate
Becky Huber	24	Board of Director – Delegate
Lisa Whittleton	24	Delegate
Azure McGonigle	30	Delegate
Jude McGonigle	30	Delegate
Jeanelle Warner	36	Delegate
Aubrey Eaton		Executive Director
Ellie Warner	36	Visitor
Julie-Anne Warner	36	Delegate
Corien Nienhuis	29	Delegate
Hanna Hougham	35	Visitor
Tara Shirliffe	35	Delegate
Hailey Shirliffe	35	Visitor
Abigail DeBusschere	24	Visitor
Myla Huber	24	Visitor
Breann Thiessen	24	Delegate
Cheyan Thiessen	24	Visitor
Dayne Stevens	23	Delegate
Faith Stevens	23	Visitor
Shyanne Magnus	23	Visitor
Brandy Magnus	23	Delegate
Grayson Bigoraj	23	Visitor
Jaynessa Magnus	23	Visitor
Shelby Peacock	22	Visitor
Jessica French	34	Visitor
Jaycee Wood	29	Delegate
Joanne Richmond	22	Visitor
Kylee Begalke	38	Delegate
Keaton Osicki	34	Visitor

Jacob Trask	22	Visitor
Tammy Walerius	22	Delegate
Atleigh Burzinski	35	Visitor
Claire Chickeness	35	Visitor
Janice Burzinski	35	Visitor
Makayla Bueckert	22	Delegate
Lindsay Taylor	33	Delegate
Harley Taylor	33	Delegate
Elizabeth Miller	33	Visitor
Cole Doud	35	Delegate
Zaiden Osicki	NW AC	Delegate
Louise Sroka	35	NW Board Member

1. Call this meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Chairperson Louise Sroka called the meeting to order with the 4-H pledge at 10:30 a.m.

2. 4-H Pledge

3. Welcome & Introductions

4. Appointment of Recorders:

- a) **Minutes:** Zaiden Osicki
- b) **To Do List:** None appointed
- c) **Presenter of Regional Report:** Jaycee Wood

5. Reviewed points 1.5.1 and 1.5.2 from the regional policies and procedures.

6. Presentation and Adoption of Agenda

To adopt the agenda with the power to add.

Azure McGonigle/Julie-Anne Warner

CARRIED

7. Minutes from 2022 North West Regional Meeting

No errors or omissions.

To adopt the minutes from the 2021 North West regional meeting with the above correction.

Tara Shirliffe/Jeanelle Warner

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

8. Reports (previously circulated):

a. District Reports

Districts 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35, and 36 presented and submitted reports that outlined the various activities undertaken by districts throughout the past year. District 38 did not submit a report.

b. Regional Curling Report

District #23 hosted this event on January 14, 2023 in Biggar SK. Report was given by Dayne Stevens. Report – It was fun. \$1230 was raised in the silent auction to benefit STARS. 21 members and 8 coaches attended. Senior places were as follows: Dst 38 – 1st, Dst 33 – 2nd, Dst 35 – 3rd, Dst 23 – 4th.

c. Board Member & Advisory Council Updates

Presented by Cameron Choquette (BOD) and Zaiden Osicki (AC) – gave a speech on some relevant Board of Directors and Advisory Council topics.

BOD – 15 total, keeps organization going. It has been a different year integrating Aubrey. Lost some staff members. Can not afford a North West Regional 4-H Specialist. Committee meetings are virtual to save money. It was a big budget smart year.

AC – Provided rundown of AC process. See attached report.

d. Ambassador Report

The Ambassador report was given by Shelby Peacock. Details are as follows: “taught 4-H’ers about skills and opportunities, attended 4-H camp, promoted 4-H across the region.

e. Regional 4-H Specialist Report and News & Opportunities

The Specialist report was given by Aubrey Eaton. Aubrey discussed board’s role in the future of 4-H. Discussed optimizing 4-H opportunities.

THAT the reports be adopted as presented.

Tara Shirtliffe/Corien Nienhuis

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

9. Review of Regional & Provincial Rotations

2024 Regional Public Speaking Host District: 38

2024 Regional Curling Host District: 34

Concerns voiced by District 22 regarding their position in the rotation.

Provincial Judging will be hosted by District 32 in Prince Albert.

10. Upcoming 4-H Opportunities

Regional Public Speaking – March 25, 2023, hosted by District 36.

Provincial Public Speaking – April 15, 2023 at Lakeland College/Vic Juba Theatre, hosted by District 35.

11. Elections:

Reviewed points 1.5.3 in AGM Regional Meeting Procedure.

Appointment of Scrutineers (Regional 4-H Manager & Non-voter): To appoint Aubrey Eaton and Shyanne Magnus as Scrutineers.

Cameron Choquette/Becky Huber

CARRIED

a. Nominations / Elections:

1 and 3-year term of North West Leader Delegate to the Provincial Council:

Louise Sroka announced prior nominations for the positions to the North West Board of Directors:

- Scott Downie – District 35, Manitou Lake Multiple 4-H Club – 1-year term
- Joanne Richmond – District 22, Old Bone Trail Multiple 4-H Club – 3-year term

Joanne Richmond (3 year term) & **Scott Downie** (1 year term) have successfully been acclaimed to the listed term positions as nominees to the Board of Directors.

To accept above names as the North West nominees to the Board of Directors.

Lindsay Taylor/Secunder not recorded

CARRIED.

Louise Sroka announced the prior nominations for the North West Advisory Council position.

- **Jaycee Wood**
- **Shelby Peacock**

Shelby Peacock has successfully been voted to the position of North West Advisory Council Member Delegate.

12. Selection of (3) Member and (3) Leader Ambassadors

No prior nominations for Member Ambassadors were received. Louise Sroka called for nominations for the remaining positions of Member Ambassadors.

- Ella Warner nominated **Julie-Anne Warner**
- Jaycee Wood nominated **Jessica French**

- Tammy Walerius nominated **Makayla Buekert**
- Kylee Beyalke nominated **Keaton Osicki**

The above 4 members were given a chance to speak.

Makayla Bueker, Keaton Osicki and Jessica French were elected for the North West Member Ambassadors

No nominations for Leader Ambassadors were received. Louise Sroka called for nominations for the remaining positions of Leader Ambassador.

- Makayla Buekert nominated **Tammy Walerius**
- Julie-Anne Warner nominated **Jeanelle Warner**
- Jude McGonigle nominated **Azure McGonigle**

The above 4-H Leaders were acclaimed as the North West Leader Ambassadors.

To cease nominations for Leader Ambassador positions.

Cameron Choquette/Seconder not recorded CARRIED.

To accept above names as our Regional Member / Leader Ambassadors.

Tara Shirliffe/Cameron Choquette CARRIED.

To destroy all ballots from previous elections.

Cameron Choquette/Becky Huber CARRIED.

13. Other Business:

There was no other business.

14. Adjournment:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Jaycee Wood at 12:00 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary

AC Report

Zaiden Osicki

Hello everyone! My name is Zaiden Osicki and I am your North West Delegate to the Advisory Council. I am currently 19 years old and going to university here in Saskatoon, and I am in the Next Steps 4-H Club. As an AC I had a couple duties to serve for my half-term of one year. During my service this year, I had to go to a few meetings to discuss my roles and of course do my training, and outside of that it was a breeze. Generally, the AC meeting agenda consists of reporting on completed AC duties; preparing for upcoming 4-H events; answering questions and offering feedback to the Board of Directors about member-related business, policies, programs and BOD ad hoc committees; and planning for the Annual General Meeting and our role at it. But after all of the formal things I got to go out and meet some of you folks and other members from across the province. You may have seen me in a few education sessions, or you may have seen me elsewhere, or maybe you haven't seen me at all, that's okay too. Just know that it was my job last year to talk on all of our behalf, and help out members just like all of you sitting here today. So for those who aren't familiar with what the AC is, here's a quick rundown.

The Advisory Council is comprised of:

One registered member elected by each of the regions and who maintains liaison with the 4-H community in their respective regions.

One representative to the Youth Advisory Committee. This is a Canadian 4-H Council committee and this member acts as a Saskatchewan 4-H member representative.

Two registered members 18 -year old members who sit on the Board (and who offer expertise based on experience gained as a member.)

One Board Leader Representative appointed by the Board of Directors.

Two 4-H Staff Coordinators organize and are present during all Advisory Council Trailing, and are available to answer any questions, offer guidance, or assist as necessary.

Advisory Council members are expected to complete several duties in their terms on the Council. Duties fall under the categories of "Advisory Council Musts", "Public Presentations", "Assistance within the 4-H Program", and "4-H Education."

There were a few things that I liked about the AC Role, and that was the amount of contribution I got to make to the 4-H community in Saskatchewan. Seeing how things worked and volunteering and recruiting folks on behalf of our awesome group of 4-H'ers was awesome this year. I've gotten the chance to learn that all the folks in the 4-H office and on the Board of Directors work insanely hard to make sure all of us members get the chance to enjoy the program, while at the same time being some of the kindest people out there. Like seriously, I'd probably be quite snarly and angry if I had to do all the hard work they do! On the AC I was lucky enough to get sent all the way to Ottawa Ontario for Citizenship Congress, to both represent my province as well as to have lots of fun meeting reps of other provinces too.

Overall, the Advisory Council is a seriously excellent experience for 4-H members who are excited about their 4-H experience and want to take it to a new level. If you have any questions about the Advisory Council, please don't hesitate to ask me. Or if you get elected to the Advisory Council, feel free to reach out to me for tips and tricks.

District 22

Makayla Buekert

This year District 22 has 8 clubs: Herds of Thunder with 18 members, CC Ryders has 10 members, Clavet Multiple with 23, Old Bone Trail Multiple has 23, Saskatoon Beef with 33, Toon Town has 7, and Vanscoy Multiple with 25 for a total of 174.

District 22 meets twice a year, once in the fall and in the spring. This year district public speaking was hosted by Sunset Rangers and there were 46 participants. Our district has not hosted any regional or provincial event this year. A few members of District 22 participated in the prairieland leadership conference this year. We raise money by selling tote bags as well as charging a district membership fee. We had two people from our district win Saskatchewan scholarships as well as two district scholarships last year, we also held a district ski day at Table Mountain.

District 23

Dayne Stevens

District 23 consists of 2 clubs:

- Catherwood Beef & Sheep 4-H Club
- Monarch Multiple 4-H Club

Catherwood: Catherwood Beef & Sheep 4-H Club has 6 members & 4 leaders this year. Projects offered are Beef, Sheep, Scrapbooking & Youth Leadership projects this year. Catherwood has 1 beef member, 4 sheep members, 2 scrapbooking members & 1 youth leadership member. We have members participating in multiple projects this year. Club Activities resumed this year including:

- Club meeting are held monthly.
- Club held a cookie mix in a jar fundraiser in December 2022. Fundraiser was a huge success. Jars were made by members and sold.
- Participated in Club Speeches on February 2023.
- Achievement day is planned for end of June 2023.
- Club members decided that each year they would like to host a fundraiser with proceeds being donated to STAR Ambulance in memory of their beef leader Dean Horn who passed in January 2022.
- Shyanne Magnus is our Youth Leadership member. For her project Shyanne organized a silent auction at the North West Regional Curling event with proceeds being donated to STARS Ambulance. Proceeds from the silent auction totaled \$1,230.00. Presentation of proceeds will be made to STARS in April 2023.

Monarch: Monarch Multiple 4-H 27 members and 10 leaders this year. Projects offered this year are Beef, Light Horse & Trail riders. The members are busy working on their projects and enjoying less restrictions this year. Members were excited to have a Christmas party again this year. Achievement day planning has started to take place.

Monarch hosted District speeches on February 17, 2023.

District 23 hosted North West Regional Curling on January 14, 2023 at the Biggar Curling Rink.

District 24

Lisa Whittleton

(As presented at AGM) We have 3 clubs in our district Kerrobert Major and Handel. We each offer many different projects to our membership. We have 2 meetings each year, one in the fall and the other in the spring. We each take turns hosting our district public speaking competition as well as sending voting delegates to AGM. We hosted NW Regional public speaking in the spring of 2022. We also offer an annual scholarship to our graduating members.

(As submitted at later date) There is 3 clubs in our district:

- Major – 14 members, 3 projects: beef, small animal, outdoor living
 - Kerrobert – 19 members, 3 projects: beef, sheep/goat, archery
 - Handel – 15 members, 4 projects: beef, poultry photography, foods
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- The district meets 2x/year. Once in the fall and once in the spring. This year district public speaking was held in Major @ the Centennial Hall on March 15, 2023. It was a great turnout and everyone did fantastic on their speeches.
 - Because we had fundraised last year when we hosted the NW regional public speaking, we did not need to do any fundraising this year. Our bank account is sitting with a good balance.
 - The Kerrobert Club was putting in a senior curling team and possibly a junior team.
 - We decided to keep our district member fees @ \$3/member.

District 29

Jaycee Wood

Four clubs in the district:

- Sask Valley Dairy – 18 members
- Rosthern Beef – 12 members
- Crownhill – 10 members
- Youth Farm Gallops – unknown number of members

In January 2023, the district elected a new executive and planned district speeches. District speeches were held Mar 11, 2023 with 15 competitors representing all age groups.

The district will start up again in the early fall to be more prepared for the upcoming year and hopefully more active and provide more opportunities for its 4-H members.

Two members of the Crown Hill 4-H beef club submitted their record books to the regional competition.

District 30

Jude McGonigle

This year there are two clubs in District 30, Unity and District Multiple 4-H club and Senlac Multiple 4-H club. Senlac has three projects, Beef, Archery and Crafts with a total of 16 members. Unity has 30 members and the following projects; Beef, Young horse, Light horse, Archery, Gardening, Canine, Foods and Mechanics. A district

meeting was held on December 5th, 2022 to discuss curling and speeches. Most of Senlac's Club took part in the Northwest Regional ski day with 13 participants. Unity hosted District speeches on March 8th and all four age groups will be represented at regionals on the 25th.

District 33

Harley Taylor

We have 4 clubs in our district:

- Canwood 4H Beef Club has 18 members
- Canwood 4H Light Horse club has 10 members
- Big River Multiple 4H Club has 28 members
- Northern Spirit 4H Club has 12 members

Our district meets twice a year. We have a fall AGM meeting and one following District Public speaking. District public speaking reports: We hosted District 33 Public Speaking at the Canwood School on March 11th 2023. There were 19 speakers in total.

Our District is not hosting any Regional or Provincial events this year.

Interesting 4-H events held in your district: we are hosting a District fun day on April 23 at the Canwood School. We have invited our regional specialist to join us and host 2 of the 4H workshops. We chose Record Books and Judging.

How the district raises money: We have been able to keep fundraising at the District level to a minimum. Clubs chose to pay a \$10/member District fee payable by the Clubs.

District 34

Report received after AGM. Impromptu given by Keaten Osicki.

As a district we have not been very active. The Eagle Hills Multiple 4-H Club did the following:

- Different parties based on holidays (Halloween, Christmas)
- Do monthly bottle drives to make funds
- Majority of members are cloverbud

District 35

Tara Shirliffe

Made up of 8 clubs (Hillmond Multi, Manitou Lake Multi, Northminster, Durness Multi, Maidstone Gully Multi, Lone Rock Beef, Cut Knife Beef, AB Bandits)

- Approximately 80 members
- 3 meetings per year: Oct/Jan/Mar
 - o Committee meetings throughout the year as required

Community Work

- 7 of the clubs will be hosting pie or dessert bingos and pancake suppers
- Volunteer at the Olive Tree (soup kitchen/second hand store)
- Food drives/donations
- 1 club does a walk called "The Coldest Night of the Year" where they get pledges/donations to walk through the night
- Volunteer at the United Church making soup for their outreach program
- Volunteer at the local exhibition grounds with yard maintenance

- Volunteer catering and serving support

March 12, 2023 we held our district speeches and had 27 speakers.

This year we developed and introduced a scholarship for graduating members.

We raised money by having member fees and from donations.

This year District 35 will be hosting Provincial Public Speeches on April 15, 2023 at Lakeland College/Vic Juba Theatre.

Upcoming events:

- Beef grooming clinic – Apr 23
- Judging Clinic – Apr 23
- District glow bowl Apr 15th in conjunction with provincial speeches.

District 36

Julie-Anne Warner

District 36 consists of 4 active clubs. The Meadow Lake 4-H Beef Club is made up of 43 members this year from the Meadow Lake and Goodsoil area. They have roughly 75 animals to show this June. There are 42 in the Beef Project and one in the Photography Project. This club takes part in many agricultural activities.

Makwa 4-H Beef Club has 22 members and they are very involved in the local communities. Members of this club come from the communities of Makwa, Loon Lake, Whelan, Pierceland, Goodsoil, and Rapid View. All members in this club are in the Beef Project.

Meadow Lake Light Horse 4-H club has eight members and they take part in lots of equine events to advance their skills.

Beaver River Ag group is based out of Goodsoil and has a very young but very capable group of six members.

Our district fundraises through raffles and working at community events.

This year as a district we came together for district curling and public speaking. We look forward to coming together for our annual show and sale on June 6th.

Our next exciting event is our opportunity to host Regional Public Speaking in Meadow Lake next weekend, Saturday March 25th.

District 38

Impromptu report given by Kylee Begalke, no further report received.