

BAC Meeting

February 3, 2009, Stettler

Present at meeting – Tracy Dietrich, Colleen Prefontaine, Fred Van De Ligt, Owen Almberg, Lyndon Mansell, Barbara Granigan, Mark Sayers, Tammi Gardner, Leisa Gallelli. Staff – Rob Smith, Yvonne Yaremco

President Mark Sayers called the meeting to order at 11:00. Introductions were done. President asked for additions to the agenda – Under New Business – Premise ID and Age verified, Record book idea. **Barb moved agenda, Colleen seconded, Carried**

Everyone had gone over minutes from last meeting – **Tami moved the minutes as circulated seconded by Leisa, Carried**

Regional Reports

Northwest - 4-H numbers are down but project #'s are up.

Northeast - They also have an increase in heifer projects also – region had a marketing workshop.

East Central – Numbers are staying even with previous years. Multi Species judging days are coming up.

Calgary – Multi Species judging just held was very successful – 240 members. 4-H on Parade is in the planning stage.

South – 1st judging Competition was held with lower attendance due to weather.

Provincial Council Report – FCC Food Drive went very well, Golden Clover award new form on the web site, Hall of Fame application form is being looked at. Many fundraising ideas are available from 4-H Foundation. Colleen moved her report.

Provincial Beef Heifer Show – Dates are July 5-8 in Olds. Leisa had a suggestion that kids that had no animals could be assigned to help 4-Hers with many animals. Maybe 1st year members should be buddied up with some veterans. Deadline June 1st.

Old Business:

BUD - Evaluation and session summary were forwarded to all members. Discussion about speakers, people have been misinformed about a quota for BUD Conference. Session evaluation was good and people didn't have any ideas for anything new. Do we want to run BUD in 2010, Nov 19-21/10. Suggestion made that maybe the conference could be shortened. Silent auction items should be of reasonable value maybe group things together and use smaller items for door prizes. Maybe the use of a better name to publicize the event. **Motion to approve the dates for 2010 made by Lyndon, Seconded by Colleen – Carried**

Focus on 4-H Beef – Serious need to take a look at record books. Should there be sub committee for talking about some of the ideas for change. Have a contest to get ideas for setting up new record books. Let the whole province in and participate on getting this idea going. We could get this into the 4-H Magazine, Rob volunteered to do this. We want to try to incorporate the project book and record book. **Owen made a motion to promote new ideas for record books from all 4-H Beef participants or groups, Lisa seconded – Carried. Owen moved that there be \$1000.00 from BAC for the beef record book idea submissions to be dispersed by the committee.** Also added to the prize package will be a voucher to a provincial program. Colleen seconded. Carried. Committee members include Leisa, and Lyndon. Submission for ideas deadline May 1. Timeline of about 1 year maybe ready for 2010 BUD.

We had a discussion about a possible BAC research trip where to and date.

Regional Workshops – Northwest had one with very cold conditions but very good attendance. Day went very well – lots of questions directed at the speakers.

Funds are still available for these on a yearly basis.

On Line Beef Bowl - deadline Feb 15/09 – 3rd year

Livestock Safety Workshops – Will try to pilot one 1 workshop this year. Perhaps 1 per region depending on funding.

Vegreville Beef Club Marketing Plan - Marketing Workshop that was held was great and lots of ideas. Recommendation of private marketing be done, farmers market, etc because their plan was not acceptable. They need to receive a letter outlining

they are not following policy and need to adhere to that. Being reminded that every other 4-H club in the province follows these policies. Rob will write a letter pertaining to this issue. **Tami moved we send the policy 6.05 for change to council– outlining project not to sell – Beef Pen . Additional project animals or projects will not be sold at the local achievement day sale.** Seconded Barb- Carried

Premise ID & Age Verified – calves need to be age verified in 2009 prior to being sold. Location where show or workshop must have a premise ID. Places can apply for these online @ Alberta Agriculture.

Next meeting will be June 23 @ 10:30 in Stettler

Adjourned meeting @ 2:20 pm.