

BAC Meeting - Feb. 23, 2010
Stettler, AB

Mark called to order at 10:35

Mark led the pledge

Introductions

Mark Sayers, Alex Hoy, Val Townsend, Lyndon Mansell, Colleen Prefontaine, Tami Gardner, Leisa Gallelli, Martin Puch, Brent Christenson, Owen Almberg, Yvonne Yaremicio, Rob Smith

New Business

- c) Heifers – 2 registered
- d) LIS issues Traceability, Birth Certificate, Premise ID
- e) Grooming Products at sales
- f) Club Calf Insurance

Lyndon moved that we accept the additions to the agenda. Brent seconded. Carried

Owen, moved approved the minutes as circulated. Martin seconded Carried

Regional Reports:

Peace - Not Present

Northwest Region – Just participated in a Casino, Communications competitions are happening. Regional Multi Judging competition will be held April 17, 2010

Northeast Region - Marketing workshop following the Lakeland competition. Regional Heifer show in June. Would like to standardize judging, because of the judges labeled the class backwards. Held a judging workshop

South – Heifer Show, Judging participation was down because of weather, Pilot project in two clubs for the underage. Judging event in April. Steer numbers are up in one district. Beef numbers are down over all. Provincial competition for communications will be in LETHBRIDGE (Way down south, oh my goodness)

East Central – Three judging clinics, and a competition

West Central – Public Speaking and Presentation workshops happening & competitions. Want to have a Regional Heifer show with Northeast in July. The Region wants to open the show up to other projects.

Calgary – Public Speaking and Presentation competitions are happening. Winter fest was held for juniors and Intermediates. The Region held a multi judging – 3 consumer decision, orals reasons, jersey cows, implements, 300 members participated.

Provincial Council – Alex spoke about the younger age project (a pilot project was created)

- Branding Meeting was held with the Branch, Provincial Council, Foundation – this was held hoping that the three will work under the same mission statement.
- Reminder that all ideas of any sorts have to come from the grassroots (clubs)
- Discussion held for the younger age members.

Beef Heifer Show – Rob Smith

- will be held from July 11, to 14. Move in 11.
 - Partnered up with Olds Ag Society and Calgary Stampede will have their junior show the dates after the Provincial Heifer Show. “Rock The Ring” The Provincial Dairy Show will be at Olds. Junior Breeds shows will be in Olds. The Calgary Stampede provides scholarships, which will include the members from the Provincial Heifer show juniors, intermediates and Seniors. There will be tie outs for the heifers at the Provincial Heifer Show
- Rob mentioned that the committee could use more members and/or leaders from any of the regions for the Provincial Heifer show.

Canadian Beef School – Leisa

- Leisa thanked the committee for sending her to the school. Three days of judging, started with live animals, carcass evaluation, and meat cutting. Canada is exporting to the US more beef (frozen and live than before BSE). Marbling potential occurs throughout the calf’s life. However, rate of marbling disposition increases during finishing phase. Cargill uses 500 gallons of water per carcass for washing (before skinning). The animals have to hang for minimum of 11 days.

Break for lunch – 11:45 am

OLD BUSINESS**Display at Leaders Conference**

- Tami commented that the record books were a big concern
- Very positive feedback regarding the changing of the record books for the different age group (Junior, Intermediate, Senior)
- Guideline feed cost list was provided by the leader to all members so there was a consistent list of prices.
- Standardized yardage for the club
- There is a completed record book on line for a sample
- Yvonne asked if it was worthwhile to have the booth at Leaders Conference. The committee is in agreement that it is a must.

Regional Beef Project workshops are now \$ 800.00 per region.

- The beef workshops are for 2009- 2010. Information will follow with minutes

BAC Research Trip

June 20-23, 2010

Registration Deadline: April 15, 2010

Registration Cost: \$150.00 per person

Minimum Number of People – Colleen suggested minimum of 8 people

Registration Cheque must be paid to 4-H Foundation of Alberta for \$ 150.00

Yvonne might book hotels for Saturday night in Stettler so we can start off early 10:00 a.m. start at Stettler

Beef Project material review – Leisa

- suggested that we have a female project book and a separate steer project book
 - Record Book Changes – compare the changes
 - Committee – please send pictures for the senior and Intermediate members record book cover to Yvonne, then we will make the selection for the book cover.

BUD 2010

- “BAC’s Listening to You”
- Please share 3 very important things your club does - on their registration forms
- Silent Auction
- Owen will approve of a light black jacket (He does not like red because his bulls charge him – like in the bull fights) (A suggestion for Owen, quit jumping up and down with your red jacket on, the bulls think you want to fight.)

NEW BUSINESS

Shrinkage on member’s projects

- one parent in the East Central figures the members should not have calves shrink.
- the committee feel the members are benefiting a lot from the price they receive from selling their calves.

LIS payment terms – The brand inspectors are not going to enforce it.

2 Heifers registered in one 4-H club - The rules don’t say that you can only have one have heifer in 4-H. They are two different projects, just like a steer and heifer. A purebred heifer is one project a commercial heifer is a second project.

Traceability and Age Verification - They are not going to clamp down on the premise ID for each show. So we want compliance of the premise ID but this year they will not be enforcing this. Birth certificate – Rob hasn’t heard of this being necessary for Achievement days. All clubs must contact their own brand inspectors

Aerosol products - up to each Regional committee to recommend whether clubs you use aerosol products. The BAC committee or Yvonne or Tracey will reply to the email about the aerosol question

Calf Insurance – Canadian Farm Insurance and Hartford Insurance information is provided in the club start up package. Individual asked BAC to develop a calf insurance Policy, discussion held regarding calf insurance. Rob will work on a list to forward to us of clubs who insure their own animals. Should 4-H Foundation be looking at insuring steers?

Next meeting: Saturday, June 19, 2010 in Stettler
Conference Call on Oct. 4, 2010 at 8:00 pm.

Adjournment - 4:30 p.m.