

# Provincial 4-H Beef Advisory Committee

February 7, 2011

Present at meeting: Nora Paulovich, Rob Smith, Yvonne Yaremco, Tracy Dietrich, Brent Christenson, Lyndon Mansell, Sid, Alex Hoy

Rob called the meeting to order at 10:45, Pledge was said and Introductions were made.

Additions to agenda: Old Business add g. Dual Heifers projects. New Business c. Horns. Lyndon moved the approval of the agenda.

Minutes from the June meeting – Brent moved the minutes – Carried.

## Reports:

Region reports-

Peace – Nora – struggling with getting enough representation. Spring Rally coming up. Promote judging at this event. Looking for ideas to give kids something more to do during the judging. Cleaver projects are flourishing but numbers are still dropping. Brainstormed ideas about judging and getting kids interested to keep going in judging.

NorthWest – Alex & Sid – Things are running smoothly – Beef numbers are a little up.

NorthEast – Lyndon – Judging coming up, lucky to have Vermillion close to be able to access all the species. Beef numbers are about the same but maybe losing some clubs. St Paul regional heifer show – June 12 – tough to get numbers to come to show. Going to use regional beef money to try draw in more people to come in. Implants are not being used and checking calves for stags is being checked more regularly.

East Central – Tracy – There will be 4 multi species judging events in the region this year. Membership is remaining the same, there is also interest in the cleavers.

South & Calgary – Rob – Southern regional is struggling with their heifer show. Beef numbers are stable and maybe up. Kubota money is being used to hold a heifer show that is a regional show held in Olds.

AB 4-H Council – Alex – Not much happening – some policy changes. Sheep are going to have a provincial show. Cleaver kids seem to be going really well.

Provincial Heifer Show – Show will be starting earlier this year – July 9 – move in – July 10-12 – show. July 13-15 Synergy.

## Old Business :

- a. Regional Beef Project Workshops: Northeast & Northwest, Peace & South have all done workshops. Yvonne will keep us posted on upcoming year financial support.
- b. BAC Research Trip – BIF Conference – Bozeman- Discussion as to program presented. People are checking into their schedule. If committee members would like to go please let Yvonne know by April 1. Minimum numbers would be 6. Plan to depart Wednesday June 1- return Sunday June 5.

- c. BAC Fund and Educational Ideas- Yvonne circulated some information.
- d. Record Book Update- Leisa is getting comments from clubs that are piloting the books. Please comment on the changes and get them in right away whether than all at the end. The new book will be used by all clubs in the fall.
- e. BUD 2010-Final Evaluation of the conference. Everyone heard that the conference was good.
- f. Cleaver Kids- There are 58 clubs in the province that have cleaver projects(240 kids and 89 leaders) Some discussion about the direction the cleaver kids project should go. Any comments need to go to council reps.
- g. Dual Heifer Project – Discussion about 2 heifers projects. Breeding project policy doesn't state that one member should only have one breeding project. BAC Members discussed their feelings of some of the options.  
Proposal of addition to policy under **Beef Breeding Project** – Rob will write some options to be reviewed by the committee for the June meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- a. On line Beef Bowl-Janet was present to talk about the Beef Bowl. We are switching host colleges. Lakeland College has agreed to host it. There will an email blast coming to inform everyone of the change.
- b. BUD 2012 – Date will remain the same
- c. Horns- A horn is a horn. Anything protruding from the head. This is written in the policy under project animal.

Next meeting – Monday June 20, 2011 in Stettler or if any proposal of a different location.

Adjournment- Nora moves meeting adjourned