

# BAC Meeting – February 4, 2014

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Stettler Agriculture Building

Present: Liesa Gallellia, Erin Wells, Jackie Blahun, Ed Johnston, Carey Kopp, Lyndon Mansell, Val Townsend, Rod Turner, Greg Coleman, Tracy Dietrich, Yvonne Yaremco

Call to order: Greg Called the Meeting to order at 10:45

Pledge:

Introductions: Everyone introduced themselves

Agenda: Would like to add Old Business – Feed Additives, Heifer Record Book, and add to New Business Where we see the Beef Project going?,

**Lyndon Approved the additions to the Agenda – Val Seconded. Carried**

Minutes: Minutes were circulated ahead of time –Oct 18 meeting

Errors – Please add Jackie Blahun to members present at the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting

**Lyndon approved the minutes with the addition – Carey seconded - Carried**

Reports:

1. Regional -

**Calgary** – Nothing to report

**Northeast** – Planning on a Regional heifer show in June – Had planned a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event, cancelled due to poor registration

**Northwest** – 363 steers in region, over 200 female projects, they are planning on having Focus the first part of July.

**South** – Not much to report, female numbers are up and steers are about the same, they are exploring alternate projects for seniors, seems to be lots of juniors and cleavers in the area.

**West Central** – Planning on the Regional Heifer show in June, Lots of junior members, Cancelled beef day because of lack of participants

**East Central** – They are planning on 3 Multi Species judging clinics, seems to also be a lot of junior members too.

2. 4-H Council – No one present

3. Provincial 4-H Show – It will happen and would like to encourage all members to come and just try.

4. 4-H Specialist – Webinars – Stacy has one set up – Final feeding Phase - and it will be coming soon – info to follow will be posted on Ropin the Web or 4-H Website

- Fall feeding – Webinar in the fall

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### Old Business:

1. Beef Project Resource – Section 3 will be released shortly – not much feedback on the books that have been out. In the South they have had workshops and were well attended. We must keep looking at the resource and giving our feedback. As Yvonne receives information she will forward it to us.
2. Advocate for Online beef resource – any feedback on the resource – this was to promote the resources we are introducing – need to know expectations of the Advocate.
3. Regional Beef Project Workshops – Yvonne passed out the new guidelines – New this year is to include the Equine and Sheep in the funding for workshops
4. BUD & Sheep update 2014 – A tentative schedule has been circulated – Nora had submitted some ideas for keynote speaker.
  - Discussed the length of the sessions and how to organize the better sessions
  - Add a few more session – Farm Safety, Ultra Sound, Level 1 Leaders Session, Young Cattleman Program, Jr Shows(Promoting all junior shows in AB), Planning a judging workshops and how to run a competition
5. Policy 6.05 update: Went through with comments from Provincial Council.
  - Three Year Old Cow – this is the final year the project can be sold.
  - Add Beef Creative Options - Creative option cattle can only complete against other like projects of Beef Creative Options.

### **Lyndon passed the revised policy 6.05 – seconded by Liesa**

6. Beef Sales & Mobile Butcher – letter to be coming out about the regulations. Suggestion to email to all families so they are aware.
7. Feed Affidavit – the question was asked if it is required anymore. It depends on the where they are going and if required in the particular area or place of slaughter

### New Business:

- a) Record Book Marking Guide – Heifer Book review of marking guide, made a few changes to enable the markers to easily identify age of member
  - Electronic Record Books – would we try to make this for all members , it was brought up that the fact that kids do either an electronic book or a written one we are just happy they are doing some type of record book

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- b) Where do we see the project going in the future?
  - Are we really helping the beef members, are we advancing them.
  - Challenging leaders to keep going and moving forward in their thinking for offering challenges to the members
    - Suggestion to create an outline for leaders that can be passed onto the next leader about the outcomes of the project years.
    - Also maybe an outline to members for what they could learn and would if interested.
- c) Mtg – June 14 – Suggestion for a tour around the meeting
  - I. Vegreville – Highland feeder/Ethanol – 1<sup>st</sup> choice
    - i. Spruce Groove – Cargill
    - ii. Lacombe Research Station
    - iii. Also suggested to help out at the west central regional heifer show

Adjournment – Greg adjourned