

Provincial 4-H Beef Advisory Meeting
June 20, 2011

Mark called the meeting to order at 9:00, we began with the pledge and then introductions were made.

Present at meeting were Mark Sayers, Greg Coleman, Cody Coleman, Marina Oatway, Andrea Church, Owen Almberg, Lyndon Mansell, Brent Christenson, Sid Livingston, Alex Hoy, Val Townsend, Liesa Gallelli, Bill Dietrich, Tracy Dietrich, Martin Puch, Rob Smith, Yvonne Yaremicio

Motion to adopt agenda Lyndon moved and Marina seconded, an addition was made – election of officer under new business.

Secretaries' minutes were circulated and Brent moved and Greg seconded. It was brought up that under new business C. Should read that the horn rule is in the policy. Carried.

Peace Region Report – Sale went really well. There will be a regional show the first weekend in July- the heifer show needs more numbers to make a go of it.

Northwest Report – Shows have gone well. Focus on 4-H is coming up and show entries are up. Lots of support from the Barrhead Ag society.

Northeast Report – Sales have gone well and charity calves have gone really well. Cleaver Kids project has gone good and quite encouraging.

West Central – Sales have also gone well. Regional heifer show is coming up on July 3rd.

East Central – More buyers than calves. Heifer project seem to be up in some districts. There were 4 judging competitions; we are training the 4-H members to do judging workshops. We think this is a good resource.

Calgary – Charity steer was really high \$10/lb. Lots of fun at 4-H on Parade.

South – Regional show was held in Oyen in May. They had 20 more steers this year.

Rob asked the question about auction service 4-H districts use. What is the cost and are they bonded? Most districts present at the meeting have auctions that do their sale. They are not all bonded and a lot of districts look after their own sale. Auction services are donated at many sales.

Alberta 4-H Council – Restructuring council is in the making, cleaver kids have been a good project. They are into 2nd year and it's a 3 year pilot. They will be looking at the retention of the cleaver kids.

Provincial Beef Heifer Show – July 9-12 – about 100 entries – Olds, AB. We are retaining many exhibitors. It is held in conjunction with summer synergy – there will be \$60,000 worth of scholarships. The whole province is represented in Summer Synergy Program. Rob encouraged the members of BAC to creatively campaign the female project.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Regional Beef Project Workshops: Yvonne handed the guidelines for the workshops. The guidelines outlined all expectations of the program. \$800.00 sponsorship money. Some ideas AFAC, CFIA, U of A Prof., Animal Health, Farm Safety
- b. BAC Research Trip – BIF Conference - Nora, Colleen, and Mark attended. The conference was awesome. Thanked the committee for the opportunity to attend the conference.
- c. Record Book review – They are looking for final errors and omissions. This will be going to print soon. The book was well received – thanks to the committee for the hard work in preparing the book.
- d. Beef Project Material – Currently there are Level I, II, III, leaders Guide and record books. Discussion about what BAC wants to do.
 - Reference book will be good (eg. Fat book(equine))
 - There should maybe be two manuals steer and female.
 - Sub Committee – Leisa, Sid, Nora, Greg
- e. BUD 2012 – Oct 19-21, 2012- If anyone has any ideas for a keynote speaker. Yvonne needs to know so she can book early. Committee members should come prepared with ideas and sessions for BUD
- f. Cleaver Kids – Everything has gone good and they are in their 3rd year of the pilot project.
- g. On Line Beef Bowl – the competition was held the end of March. There were a few issues with the host of the competition.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Website Resources
 - i. Prohibited Feed – This form is being updated
 - ii. Feed Terms – is it useful – leave it on
 - iii. Steer feeding Guide – remove
 - iv. Livestock Slaughter & Processing – leave it on – just information –review & update
 - v. Beef Project Brouchure – Novice Beef Project – a few questions about the requirements of the project.

Owen suggested a couple other projects – background project steer or heifer rather than the finished steer. Rob pointed out that the Live Unit requirements doesn't say that the project has to be finished animal. Maybe this can by a session at BUD – projects THINK OUT OF THE BOX.

Rob will write a draft of the Novice Beef Unit being the members only project.

All resources will be on the web.

b. Elections

- i. Chairmen - Mark asked for nomination for chairmen – Lyndon nominated Greg, Brent moved nomination ceased.
- ii. Vice Chairmen – Mark asked for nomination for Vice chair – Brent nominated Alex – declined. Alec nominated Owen. Lyndon moved nomination ceased
- iii. Recording Secretary – Tracy was railroaded
- iv. Beef Heifer show reps – Greg and Val will continue.

Next meeting – November 14, 2011

Feb 6, 2012

June 18, 2012 – think about a hosting region

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn Alex moved.

Mark thanked Rob for being here and helping out so much with the BAC Committee.