

PROVINCIAL SHEEP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

Sunday, April 21, 2013
Airdrie Ag. Centre - Airdrie, Alberta

AGENDA

Call to Order 1:25/1:30 pm by Stacy Murray

Introductions & Attendance – Stacy Murray, Dawna Hughes, Andrea Church, Linda Kosheiff, Andy Pittman, Arlene Good, Frances Pittman, and Jalisa Barnett (joined the meeting for the resource discussion)

Frances and Stacy to record notes.

1) Terms of Reference

- A draft was circulated for discussion. They are to be amended if necessary and approved at next meeting.
- Draft circulated to take back to regions, take home and come back to next meeting to finalize.

2) Resources

- Update on the beef process was given by Jalisa and Stacy.
 - Jalisa joined us to discuss what we would like to see in the future for resources. It was decided that we would like to see similar resources to the beef. A binder for leaders with “e” learning tool for information and games for members, very interactive and follows the curriculum that will correlate with the leader’s information.
 - Jalisa would like to meet with members from SHAC for a half day or full day to develop curriculum. She’ll talk to Foundation about funding available.
- Andy shared his version of one of ALP’s new binders of resources. (This binder only covers 2 of the 7 modules being developed) There was a general discussion about those in attendance’s views on how to proceed and providing more resources in an on-line e-learning format. Generally on-line is viewed very favourably.
- Jalisa shared information on development timelines and explained that there would be new resources available for fall 2015 but that this fall and next fall there would only be an updated list of website links/reference material and information from ALP provided to clubs.
- Sheep leaders are encouraged to look at the information provided and share thoughts on what additional needs 4-H sheep leaders and members have. Curriculum outlines and content suggestions will start to be developed over the fall and winter of 2013/14 so that development of additional resources can take place 2014 thru spring of 2015; everything ‘on the shelf’ for fall of 2015.
 - The finished program hopes to launch in the fall 2015. Curriculum meetings hoping to start this fall. In the meantime Jalisa would like the SHAC Committee to look for links and topics to add to the information sheet for members this fall. Please email anything that looks good to Jalisa with a cc to Stacey.

3) Meetings

- It was felt that with many of the committee members working full time, weekends are the preferable meeting days. Meetings may move around the province with access to a provincial meeting room being most convenient in Airdrie, Barrhead, and Stettler.
- It was suggested that a meeting in Innisfail, with a tour of the lamb slaughter plant, at some point in the future would be an excellent idea.
- **Overall: 2 to 3 meetings face to face and possibly one conference call per year. All meetings preferably held on weekends.**

4) Programming & SUD

- SUD (Sheep Leader's Update) is tentatively scheduled to take place in October 2014, in conjunction with the Beef Leader's Update (BUD) again. Please send suggestions for sessions to Stacy. It has been suggested that we could easily offer all of the sessions presented last year again as there were not a lot of leaders in attendance and those that were had to choose between two in some cases. It was also suggested that a session on 'fun teaching games' or something along that line would be appropriate. A similar session was offered for beef last year. Other suggestions were stock dogs (offered last year), predator control with llamas and donkeys, feed/forages for sheep (a presenter from forage or grazing associations?), lambing 101 (Lorna Gibson suggested – has a 'fake ewe' to demonstrate with), something with Patrick Sarto (MB producer with 2300 ewes that lamb 3 times over 2 years – has a 1 hour video presentation that was made to ALP).
 - SUD is October 17-19th, 2014. At the Center again in conjunction with the BUD Conference. Topics for sessions include; fencing, forage, dogs and predator control, and possibly the Manitoba producer that runs several hundred ewes.
- The Sheep Show registration is open on-line. A letter of invite is being shared with all of the other provinces. An email will be sent to all the sheep members and leaders in Alberta, in the next 10 days, reminding them to register for the show and a letter from ALP and the sheep policy attached. Hopefully the email will include some pictures from last year's show. Stacy is also working on getting them on the 4-H website.

5) Policy

- Everyone is asked to review the Sheep Project Policy. Any suggested changes will be forwarded by SHAC to the Provincial Council for their review.

6) Sheep Symposium

- Occurring every other year, the next Sheep Symposium takes place October 18-20 in Leduc. It was felt that SHAC is not ready to have their own booth but Stacy will talk to Margaret Cooke from ALP about sharing some booth space, or providing some material to be used in the ALP booth, in order to promote the 4-H Sheep project to those in attendance. Leaders and SHAC members are encouraged to attend. If ALP allows us to share their space, we will need some people to help 'man' the booth. (Dates conflict with big event in the South region)
- Alberta Sheep Breeders Symposium October 18-20 in Leduc. It was felt that this would be a good Symposium to promote 4H along with the Provincial Show.

7) Westerner Days

- Dawna mentioned that her club has been approached about providing a sheep presence at Westerner Days in Red Deer July 17-21. Dawna will talk to them some more about specific requests. Her club has some members interested in taking sheep to the show. It was suggested that information on tagging/traceability could be part of the display/demos. Suggestion that perhaps the Provincial Show trimming winners could be invited to attend as well (demonstration?) just as the conformation winners are invited to take their animals to the Stampede Youth Showcase. This may not work for all, depending on distance and previous commitments. Dawna to ask if it is even possible. Stacy will also talk to Margaret Cooke about a booth at this show. *(I have and they don't have space booked (already full) but would be interested in sharing if we are offered one.)*
- Red Deer Westerner Days (July 17-21) a possible collaboration with ALP or ASBA. Stacey will talk to Margaret at ALP. It was also discussed about the possibilities of trimming winners from the Provincial Sheep Show going to Westerner Days as well.

8) Agri-Trade / Farm Fair / any others?

- This fall and spring we will discuss where else, if appropriate, we should have a display; and what should be included.

9) Elections

- Tabled until next meeting. At the next meeting will see elections of a chairman, vice-chairman, and recording secretary.

10) Date and time of next meeting

- Suggestions were September 28 or 29 in either Leduc or Airdrie (location TBA). Stacy will send out a doodle poll.

Adjournment – 4:00 pm