

Provincial 4-H Sheep Advisory Committee Meeting (ShAC)

Tuesday, February 3, 2015

Conference Call at 6:30pm

Meeting called to order at approx. 6:32 pm

In attendance were: D'Arcy Evans, Jodi Gingras, Arlene Good, Deanna Kryz, Sheila McNaughton, Bernadette Nikkel, Andy Pittman, Francis Pittman, Andrea Church

Absent: Faye McLaughlin,

Motion to accept the Agenda- moved by Sheila McNaughton, seconded by Jodi Gingras
To accept the minutes as distributed from June 15, 2014 – moved by Jodi Gingras, seconded by Bernadette Nikkel, carried

REPORTS

a. Regional Highlights

Northwest Region: Sheila reported that they will be having a Learning Day with Jessica in April. Their numbers are up for this year and they have 3 carcass members.

Calgary Region: Jodi reported that will have 75 members attend their Regional Sheep Learning day. The day will be similar to last year with the addition of a course for parents on how to mark judging cards and a “how to shear” session.

Northeast Region: Deanna reported on their numbers are up this year. 4 Sheep clubs with 40 members and 10 goat projects as well. They are planning a workshop and one that will relate to goats too.

South Region: Francis spoke on their Regional Sheep Learning Day; will be on February 28. They will have a round table discussion with members from 15 clubs on how do they organize their Achievement Days. They plan on various stations: nutrition, showmanship, grooming, judging and a wool craft.

East Central Region: no reports at this time.

West Central: no reports at this time.

Peace Region: no reports at this time.

Andrea asked if the various Learning Day sessions should be on the website as a resource for the regional learning day organizers; a place to share fun and different ways to teach to the members.

4-H Council of Alberta:

Andy Pittman – sent a mailout at the end of October in regards to governance. Discussing working with 2 provincial partners that will help proceed with down the road. An interim agreement with Rod Carlyon and John Brown (ARD) with 2 budgets and Gov't movement is being worked on.

Leta Braunworth received the Golden Clover award.

Cleaver Kid numbers are up. There will be a Leader Training held on March 28 – 29, 2015. There is a 4-H Council meeting on March 27, Directors-at-Large will be there discussing a business plan.

b. Provincial 4-H Sheep Show:

Francis spoke on the next meeting will be held at the end of the week. They are in the initial planning stages. The Synergy/Provincial Sheep show will be held on July 7 – 10, 2015 at Olds, AB. Out-of-Province members will be attending again. Sheila asked about the Peewee Pursuits if they will be involved with Sheep as well this year? Francis will be taking that concern to the meeting.

c. 4-H Specialist:

Deadline for Selections if February 15th. Please talk to your Senior Members and make sure their Diaries are filled out.

Old Business:

a. **ShAC Terms of Reference:** Andrea will send it out at the next meeting and if we have a quorum we will ratify it.

b. Sheep Record book and resources:

Appreciated the feedback on the new format. Alberta Lamb Producers produced another module to be included on the stick that goes out to the clubs. A guide for the USB sticks will be emailed to clubs in the future.

Discussion with the group to go to their learning day's and get feedback on what type of information is needed for members to go along with record books.

Andy offered to distribute his Health & Nutrition talk that covers all of the basics.

The USB stick was distributed to the leader of the clubs – check if it went to the general leader or the sheep leader.

There are Sheep Conformation booklets available from the Sheep Breeders Association.

CCWG has a book called "About Wool"

We are next up to have our resources updated. Please send in suggestions and changes to Andrea. Funding could be an issue.

c. Sheep Policy – review and update – number of animals to sell

Susann has the changes; prospect ewe to read yearling ewe and Pen of Three is to be up to the Districts.

The Policy will be presented to the District at the end of March meeting.

Carcass club – Sungold provides detailed information on market lambs (on their website). They use the National/Federal formula to grade lamb.

d. Sheep Leaders Update:

Was excellent. Lorna Gibson's presentation is available to book through Alberta Lamb Producers.

d. Alberta Sheep Breeders Symposium

The next Sheep Symposium is on Oct 15 – 17, 2015 in Red Deer

New Business – none

Next Meeting & Location: Conference call on March 25, 2015 at 6:30pm. Please remember to bring responses from parents/members on what is needed for resources.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.