

Minutes of the Northwest Regional Beef Committee Annual Meeting November 20, 2010

Regional Beef meeting Nov.20, 2010 list of participants:

- Fred Vande Ligt Westlock
- Brian Huisman Barrhead
- Jacob Onyschuk Sturgeon
- Rick Haltiner Lac Ste Anne
- Marissa Yeoman Lac Ste Anne
- Howie Postma Drayton Valley
- George Campbell Thorhild
- Jackie Blahun Evansburg
- Jordon Blahun Evansburg
- James Birkenhagen Yellowhead
- Audrey Birkenhagen Yellowhead
- Tammy Murphy Westlock
- Felix Lusson Westlock
- Kirby Dublanko Leduc
- Alex Hoy Barrhead
- Colleen Prefontaine Sturgeon
- Dana Zadunayski Westlock
- Jason Bulas Athabasca
- Louise Bulas Athabasca
- Bertha Kasbohm Westlock
- Grace Huisman Barrhead
- Don Huisman Barrhead
- Sid Livingstone Parkland

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:25pm by Bertha Kasbohm.
2. Introductions were made.
3. **Motion:** Louise Bulas moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by George Campbell. Carried.
4. The minutes of March 20, 2010 were read by Shelley Reich. Item indicating that Anna Meakin required an honorarium for marking record books was incorrect and should have read "Westlock district made a donation to Focus on 4-H for \$100 and the

cheque has gone missing". Anna Meakin is Westlock's district treasurer. **Motion:** Grace Huisman moved to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded by Louise Bulas. Carried.

5. Jason Bulas give the treasurers report. Currently have \$754.88 in current account. \$1200 from Kubota still needs to be cashed. A \$200 NSF cheque still needs to be dealt with. **Motion:** Jason Bulas moved to adopt the treasurers report as presented. Seconded by Jacob Onyschuk. Carried. Recommendation to Show Committee-that prizes if possible be purchased from program sponsors.

6. Election of Officers

President- Gordon Fuhr nominated Jacob Onyschuk. Jacob accepted.

Fred vande Ligt moved nominations cease.

Jacob Onyschuk was declared president.

Secretary-Colleen Prefontaine nominated Shelley Reich. Shelly declined.

Bertha Kasbobm nominated Brian Huisman. Brian accepted.

Brian Huisman was declared secretary.

7. There is a \$500 grant available from BAC for a beef seminar. Suggestions for topics included

-feed testing

-traceability

-animal nutrition

-food safety with regards to quality assurance

-cattle handling

-farm safety

The seminar would have to be simple enough for younger members to understand.

Motion: Alex Hoy moved that the Northwest Regional Beef Committee organize a beef seminar for December 18, 2010 with January 22, 2011 as an alternated date.

Seconded by Don Huisman. Carried. Alex Hoy and Jacob Onyschuk would organize the seminar.

8. BAC Report. Beef Advisory Committee is a provincial committee that meets 3-4 times per year, they discuss rules and regulations pertaining to the beef project. They are responsible for organizing BUD and developing changes to record books. They meet in Settler. NW members are responsible to pick up reps from the Peace River. Our region requires two representatives on this committee.

Motion: Colleen Prefontaine moved that we elect 2 representatives and an alternate from the Northwest Regional Beef committee to sit on BAC and that these individuals be elected at the annual meeting in November. Seconded by George Campbell. Carried.

Motion: Dana Zadunayski moved that the above motion be added to the NW Regions rules and regulations. Seconded by Louise Bulas. Carried.

The Calgary region is piloting the proposed new record books this year. Our region has requested to do so by were denied because we have a record book competition.

9. Heifer Project

A motion made at the March 15, 2008 meeting was read. It states “Kirby Bublank made a motion that 4-H members can show beef projects in both commercial and purebred classes in Focus on 4-H. Kyle Dodgson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and 4-H members are allowed to show in both commercial and purebred classes in Focus on 4-H. Carried.” Discussion centered around whether a member can have both a commercial and a purebred heifer. (Currently this is against provincial policy.)

Motion: Rick Haltiner moved that a member be allowed to have a purebred and commercial heifer project in the same year. The motion was tabled.

The provincial rules must be followed and to instigate change the proper channels need to be followed. Proposed changes need to come from a club to a district to the regional committee who will then take the proposed changes to BAC.

10. Northwest Region Heifer Show Committee

The following individuals volunteered to be on the committee

-Shelly Ann Dodgson	-Jacob Onyschuk
-Jason Bulas	-Jackie Blahun
-Cole Dodgson	-Kyle Dodgson
-Brian Huisman	-Kirby Dublanko

11. Record books were marked by Westlock and have all been returned. Comments from markers will be sent to general leaders.

Motion: Bertha Kasbolm moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:56 pm.

Minutes prepared by Brian Huisman