

**Northwest Regional Beef Committee Meeting
March 21.2009**

Present: Jackie and Jordan Blahun, Dennis Hahn, George Kerckhof, Alex Hoy, Brian and Grace Huisman, Ilse Van Loon, Donelle Bremmekamp, Sid Livingstone, Lynnette Blurton, Dana Zadunayski, Bertha Kasbohm, Fred Van deLigt, Gordon Fuhr, Louise and Jason Bulas, Tammy Zinyk, Shelly and Cole Dodgson, Shelley and Lisa Reich

Meeting was called to order at 12:52 with introductions of all who were present.

3. Addition to the agenda were to Treasurer's Report 6.d and Election of Treasurer 8d.

4. Louise moved agenda be amended. Second by Bertha

5. Shelley read the minutes from the last meeting. Shelley adopted the minutes as read. Louise second.

6a Beef Seminar in High Ridge was well attended in December. Suggested that it be done again.

6b Record Book Marking Guide- Correction on the ' Beef Market Steer Marking Guide' under the category of Break Even Price pg 21. Seniors and Intermediates should be marked 4 points not 3. Totals will be Intermediates 231, Seniors- 244 and Juniors – 220 (stayed the same) New guides will be updated and forwarded by Jocelyn to club leaders.

Discussed the Breeding Project books marking guide. Jackie moved that Member's female record book will be marked each year separately with no influence from the previous marked year. Second by Louise. Carried.

6c. Beef Regulation Review- All in attendance were given a revised proposed Northwest Region 4-H Beef regulations sheet.

- heifer show committee- leave in elected instead of appointed**
- add community service activity to 1.2 which follows provincial policies**
- under 2.A2 – to read: a tag system agreed upon by each individual district if desired**
- 2.C 7- reference to the pen projects and that the member can only sell one market project-* discussion that the project that is to be sold must be determined at weigh-in - TABLED Fred and Alex would look into this at BAC meeting**
- 2.C 11- Vitamin E forms- eliminated**
- 4.4- record books into NWR by September 30 and returned by Jan 15 (discussed that the marking should be done as close to the deadline to ensure no delays)**
- 6.2- these rules are to be reviewed every November**

With the exception of 2.C7 Bertha moved that the changes to the Beef Regulations be adopted. Jason second. Carried.

6d. Treasurers Report- Nothing since last meeting except a grant of \$413.00, \$500.00 sponsorship, Beef Workshop, ribbons for Focus. Total \$785.38

7. Beef Advisory Report- Fred discussed problems with a club in the Northeast Region. They were not following Provincial policy and were selling two market projects at their achievement day. Steps were taken to rectify.

- A provincial survey was done about the record books. 300 respondents came back and 60-70% wanted changes to the record books. There will be a contest for members, leaders and clubs for ideas to make changes. If you send something in to Leisa Gallelli your name will go into a draw for prizes to provincial programs. (see page 11- Alberta 4-H Magazine

- ensure members are filling out new manifests correctly

- discussed brand inspectors being there at the end of Achievement Day to assist with A forms and premise ID info.

*take back to Districts and discuss where and how this will be implemented in future

8a. Record Books in by Sept 30/2009 to Jocelyn at NWR office. Leduc to mark.

8b. BAC- There is an \$800.00 grant for Regional Beef workshops. Suggestions were making calving boxes. Shelly-Ann and Leduc District would try to put something together.

*Showmanship, grooming and clipping Workshop on March 29 at the Westlock Ag Barn at 1:00 and another at the Barrhead Ag Barn on April 25 at 1:00.

8c. Discussed writing a Showmanship Handbook that would highlight what, how and expectations of showmanship for 4-H members. This could be used to better communicate with judges 4-H training in the showmanship area. Jason to come up with some expectations. (source is from Jr. Level 1 Beef Manual)

8d. Treasurer Election- Tammy resigned. Thanks for all your work Tammy! Duties of Treasurer are in fall and spring mostly, collecting from sponsors for Focus etc. Shelly-Ann opened the floor for nominations. Louise nominated Jason Bulas. Cole second. He accepted. No other nominations. JASON BULAS is the new Treasurer. Carried

9. Gordon moved the meeting be adjourned at 2:00pm.