

BAC Meeting-June 23/09

Present at meeting-Tracy & Bill Dietrich, Colleen Prefontaine, Owen Almberg, Barb Grangen, Marian Oatway, Della Joesph, Martin Puch, Alex Hoy, Fred Vandelight, Mark Sayers, Lyndon Mansell, Leisa Gallelli, Staff – Rob Smith and Yvonne Yaremcio

Meeting was called to order at 10:34 with pledge and introductions from those in attendance. Every region except West Central was in attendance.

President asked any additions to agenda Barb moved the agenda seconded by Della. Minutes were adopted as circulated, Colleen moved so and Marina seconded.

Peace-Sales went really well.

Northwest- Some sales have increased 1.50 was about average. There is a leader/member workshop coming up in the fall. Concern with less finish on animals come sale day.

Northeast- Sales were up and done from what they had heard.

East Central – Sales remain the same as previous years.

Calgary-This was a great year for 4-H on parade. Sales were up and everything went well.

South-Sales were awesome. Kids did some marketing themselves. Unfinished steers concern there also.

Rob's observations from around-Beef project dropped about 12% , heifer project dropped 23% in the last year. Champion steers were on an average bigger than the last few years. Rob would like to create a judge database for use. Rob asked all members of the committee to forward names and

numbers of judges that people have used and recommend for other people to use. Perhaps include a form into start up packages with the achievement day info sheet-not always the best way to get things out to leaders. LIS mentioned something to Marguerite about Drumheller District not tagging many of their sale animals. Some discrepancy with Brand inspection on calves and A forms.

Provincial Council- Not much-Hall of Fame and Golden Clover Deadlines are coming up. BAC is to handle all policy problems not council.

Beef Heifer Show-Will be held in 2 weeks – small show 100-150 head of cattle. On average this is very good because of the drop in the female project. The province is represented pretty well.

OLD BUSINESS-

Record Book-Not many proposals- However someone did contact The committee about making the level of math age appropriate. The committee will be meeting to discuss some of the ideas. Online beef record book was certainly not user friendly. Submissions were slow and should have included email addresses. This will be an ongoing project. Questions were asked about marking guide in the back of the book and how people use them. If there is a regional marking guide that is different from the one in the back of the book please submit it so the committee can have it to look at.

Vegreville Beef Club - The process was also explained to them again what would happen if they don't follow policy. Expressed that we would like to hear how they had done doing their carcass project like this.

Regional Beef Project Workshop- There is money available this coming up year to have workshops. These workshops can be held in the calendar year.

On-Line Beef Bowl Results- Reports were circulated- 65 Members had registered.

BAC Research Trip-There is money to do a trip. Suggestions should come from the group. Canadian Beef School could also be an option. Many ideas were discussed again. Province wide tour of the different regions and things in the area was talked about. Lyndon moves that the BAC committee supports any member who would like to attend the Beef School in Olds. Seconded by Della. Carried

New Business:

Discussed the ABP meetings and what direction they may be going. There are many unknowns and they are cutting budget moneys towards many programs.

Next meeting dates- Fall meeting – November 3/09 Spring Meeting – February 23/10 – meetings will start at 10:30.

Election of Officers:

Chairman-Maximum 2- 2 year terms- Della nominated Mark Sayers- seconded by Marian.

Vice chairman- Bill nominated Colleen seconded by Della

Secretary- Colleen nominated Tracy, Lyndon seconded.

Provincial Beef Show Rep-Leisa volunteered, Tracy also rep from BAC.

Presentation was made to past president Bill Dietrich

Adjournment-Chairman adjourned the meeting.