

Provincial 4-H Beef Advisory Committee (BAC) Meeting

Tuesday, March 6, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 10:40

Introductions were made. The following members were present. Tracy Dietrich, Della Joseph, Barb Granigan, Pat Sayers, Mark Sayers, Colleen Prefontaine, Fred Van de Ligt, Sheena Jones, Cheryl Elias, staff members were Rob Smith, Yvonne Yaremco and Janet Kerr

The agenda added an item regarding consumer protection, it was then approved. The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated and a motion moved by Tracy and seconded by Colleen that the minutes be adopted as circulated. Carried.

Reports from Regions

Peace-no report

North East

An Adventure Day is planned for April. The beef focus group and Environmental Farm Plan Session is planned. Regional Public Speaking to be held in Lac La Biche. Reported by Barb Granigan.

North West

Beef seminar on March 24. Speakers to be Dr. Roy Lewis, Carol Martin (nutrition), Richard Henniger, CCIA reps. Regional Judging on April 21, Focus on 4-H planning underway. Beef Committee is reviewing the record book guide. Down 100 members in all projects. Reported by Colleen P.

East Central

Regional meeting hope to set up beef meeting. Regional Judging workshops underway. 78 projects. Reported by Tracy D.

West Central

Regional Fun Day March 24. Beef Visioning. Public Speaking/presentations underway.

Calgary

First of 3 competitions in public speaking/ presentations. 230 projects. Regional Grooming Clinic planned. Reported by Tammi Gardner, new rep Lisa Gallelli.

South

Regional Beef Committee Breeding show to go to Lethbridge in June. 2 judging competitions upcoming and speak offs. Reported by Pat Sayers.

Provincial Highlights

Back to the Future is the theme for 2008 Leader's Conference

Beef Heifer Show

Once again the show will be held in mid July

Livestock Handling workshops

3 years of workshops now ending. Jennifer Woods is still available for workshops at approx. \$2500 per session. Great feedback from participants

OLD BUSINESS

Next Bud date is November 14,15,16, 2008

review from BUD 2006

- Friday night went too long missed out on the socializing, and networking
- could use business cards for networking
- more signage needed at the 4-H centre

- out of province delegates loved it all, Federal 4-H grants were accessed
- Marketing
- showing team judging??
- mini-bud for beef kids
- could be educational only set up by senior members and key members could facilitate

Tracey moved and Sheena seconded that committee members to go back to regions for feedback. Motion carried.

FOCUS ON 4-H GROUPS

Rob reported that groups should have 2 alumni, 3 intermediate members, 3 senior and 3 junior members to make up 10 beef members per region. Most meetings will take place before the end of April. Fern will facilitate as she did at BUD

CCIA AGE VERIFICATION PILOT PROJECT

2 clubs are doing this Lamont Beef and Three Rivers at Manning Club. CCIA will train

REGIONAL BEEF PROJECT WORKSHOPS

guidelines were handed out

BAC RESEARCH TRIP

Agribition in Regina??Nov/07 other suggestions, passports??

POLICY 6.5

moved by Cheryl seconded by P.Sayers that the third bullet in the paragraph "as a result of a court approved arrangement" be deleted from the paragraph. Motion carried.

ON LINE BEEF BOWL

Friday March 9 at noon until March 16 at noon

18-20 members are registered. Janet Kerr explained how it will work every member that registered will get a certificate. This event can be used for provincial points. Most regions have at least one member registered.

NEW BUSINESS

-Beef breeding record book

Lethbridge/Coaldale book for Beef Heifer/Cow/Calf records project for 3 yrs. Tracy moved and Sheena seconded that we go to this as the record book for Beef Heifer/cow/calf record book. Carried.

Supplementary information such as forecasting, rate of gain and financial summary and condition scoring may be added?????

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Janet Kerr gave us some information about Canadian Fairs and Exhibitions , we must be aware of the protection of persons coming into contact with livestock at our shows and sales. It will be a good idea to remind people with signs to WASH YOUR HANDS it is possible that producers may be more immune than the general public to the dangers. AAAS(Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies) will be offering training on dangers of E.coli, etc. it will likely become mandatory for fairs and exhibitions to have trained personnel on hand in the future. This is information only at this point for operators of sales and petting zoos.

CONSTITUTION REVIEW

Any changes need to be submitted by April 23,2007 before our AGM on June 12,2007 next meeting

Meeting adjourned at approx. 2:30p.m.

Next meeting will be on June 12, 2007 in Stettler