

BAC Meeting – June 12, 2007

Attendance at meeting:

Tracy & Bill Dietrich, Cheryl Elias, Nora Paulovich, Barbara Granigan, Leisa Gallelli, Pat & Mark Sayers, Fred Vandeligt, Marina Oatway, Colleen Prefontaine, Sheena Jones, Tami Gardner, Della Joseph, Staff Members were Rob Smith, Yvonne Yaremcio.

Bill called the meeting to order at 9:25, with introductions to follow.

Bill asked for additions to agenda, Colleen asked for addition to agenda item e. Vermilion Carcass projects.

- Mark Sayers moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Colleen.
- Colleen moved the minutes as circulated, Sheena seconded. Carried

South: Club shows and Sales have gone well. Regional heifer show will be on rotation basis, and having better luck getting regional beef committee.

East Central: Show & Sales have gone well. Trying to get a regional beef committee. Disappointed with turn out at Focus group.

West Central: Trouble with beef committees having too much power. Shows that are not following rules. Talk of a regional heifer show again.

Peace – Regional Beef Committee struggling. Trying also to get regional rules passed. Dropping membership a concern. Focus group meetings not good timing. Sales are winding done, they have gone very well. Cattle seemed to be unfinished. Need more judging workshops. Regional Days were poorly attended, information needs to get out sooner, approx. 50 members in attendance. Timing could be a factor.

Northeast – Northeast adventure went very well, attendance down a little, good for kids to see other projects. They also have a regional ball tournament that is well attended. Club shows are just winding down. Calves on average looked good and were in good shape. Focus group was held in Chipman, 12 members in attendance. Members liked to have their opinion listened to. Getting ready for the show, 50 members there. Judging, Showmanship, and Grooming workshops, fulfilled and busy time. Regional beef meeting held in April and the attendance was poor 1 leader. Show and sales have gone good.

Calgary – 4-H on Parade is a highlight for 4-Hers. Sale went well 153 steers @ 2.06/lb. Clubs average out prices for all members. Discussion followed on methods of pricing and making things fair.

Northwest – Beef Workshop 80 members in attendance. Focus group was also held that day. Regional judging held 130 members, and team going to Provincial Judging. Sales have been up, concern about low resale value. Regional record book marking has been change, regional show moved to Mayerthorpe from Northlands. Buyers in region want to benefit all members.

Provincial council – Last meeting end of March, Females not being not shown locally and then going to Provincial show. 90 th Anniversary July 28-29 at Battle Lake. Theme for weekend is to get the Hall of Fame Recipients. Camps fees will be increasing in 2008. Provincial Alumni is struggling, trying to keep youth on provincial council. Presentations are a problem, trying to set more guidelines. Clubtime reels are on DVD and available at Bruce Banks Office. Project Livestock Code of Practice, 1st reading was passed, and will be red at next meeting and likely going into effect next year. Policy 6.05 was discussed as per changes.

Beef Heifer Show – No major changes to program. Seniors not participating in grooming, they will participate in a job interview. Maybe include list of things needed to bring to show.

OLD BUSINESS:

Focus on 4-H Beef Project Analysis: Review overview of the findings of the focus groups. The focus group findings need to be validated, a survey possibly to all 4-H Beef Club Members to be sent out in August.

- Mark moved that there be a survey sent out to all Beef Members in regards to the focus group findings. Nora seconded. Discussion followed. Carried. Suggestion that there be a self addressed envelope included.

Regional Beef Project Workshops – Change to grant year – funds will be allocated annually.

On-Line Beef Bowl – Results had been circulated. Is this a project to continue? Suggested that the program should be given another year. Not enough lead time to get prepared. Suggestion to go into the school as a group.

By Laws –

- Barb moved that the by Laws be accepted as circulated, exception given to item 3b. seconded by Colleen.

Terms of Reference- this will be a useful tool for regions to let representatives know what is going on.

- Mark moved that Terms of Reference be a tool that is used. Sheena seconded.

BAC Research Trip - many options have been explored. Watch for details to follow about things that are a possibility.

Beef Breeding Record Book – Committee to review it , Liesa, Nora, Della.

NEW BUSINESS:

Beef Committee recommendations: add to policy Under Project Animal

- All project animals with horns, belly nuts or testicles are prohibited to show. Definitions addition: Market beef live, steer(both testicles removed), heifer
- Insert into second bullet after second sentence. Market beef -live projects must be shown in order to be marketed by public auction.

- Add third bullet – Members may sell market beef-carcass animal through private means.

Nora moved that the above additions be added to policy. Cheryl seconded

Livestock Insurance: Should there be a livestock insurance through BAC. Suggested that district or clubs continue with programs in place.

Show Cattle Camp: Proposal was circulated. Members of the committee thought the program looked great and very well planned. BAC committee could endorse the idea with a letter of support. Yvonne will clarify dates and prices for this camp.

Emergency Response Plan: What to do if a 4-H calf goes down or is hurt. Tami will communicate a plan with Yvonne.

Election of Officers:

Nominations open for Chairman: Mark nominated Colleen, Colleen nominated Tami – decline. Colleen nominated Sheena, decline. Tami nominated Mark, Sheena moved nomination ceased. Mark is the new Chair man.

Nominations for V- Chair, Mark nominated Colleen. Della moved nomination ceased. Colleen is V-Chair.

Nominations for recording secretary, Della nominated Tracy, Sheena moved nomination cease. Tracy is recording secretary.

Beef Heifer Show Liaison, 2 year term – Della Volunteered, Tami volunteered.

Next meeting date – November 27@ 10:00 in Stettler.

Bill thanked Yvonne & Barry for their hospitality last nigh. Tami thanked Bill for his leadership through the last years.

Colleen read a editorial that was in a local paper.

Nora adjourned the meeting.