BAC Meeting

June 10, 2008 Stettler AB

In attendance:

Colleen called the meeting to order at 10:55. Pledge was said.

Colleen asked for additions to the agenda. Old business: Vergreville Club Letter, New Business Bashaw Jackpot Show. Agenda was moved by Barb and seconded by Della.

Secretaries mintues were circulated. Chairman asked for any errors or ommisions. Bill moved minutes adopted as read – seconded by Fred.

Peace: Steers remain the same and has a heifer show planned.

Northeast: Shows & Sales went well. Heifer show has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Northwest: Sales went well, Multi judging in April and have 4-Hers ready to go to the Provincial Judging.

East Central: Sales went well.

Calgary: 4-H on Parade was a success. Female classes crossbred & purebred ran at the same time. So day went quicker. Sales went very well on 145 steers.

Provincial Council: Food drive being in partnership with FCC. Reunion planned for past members of provincial council to be held in July.

Beef Heifer Show: Entries are done however invitations were sent out late. Expected maybe lower entries. July 6-9 are the dates for the show. There are a couple of changes to the format. They have taken the freshman program out and moved things around so that the program day will end at 5:00.

Beef Survey was discussed. Circulated was part of the results. 18% return of the survey but expect 20 %, which was an excellent response. Discussion was held about how we want all the survey's compiled. This is going to be a excellent tool for the beef project in Alberta. Discussion will be held at BUD in November.

Regional Beef Project Workshops. Request from the South has been made. Reminder that each region can get \$500.00 for a workshop. Money is allocated per year, money can not be put together from previous years. Has not been a lot of workshops held.

On Line Beef Bowl- Results were circulated. Comments were made about the wording of some questions. Suggestion was made about doing more multiply choice questions.

BAC Research Trip – only 2 people responded. Maybe timing was a problem. Other opportunites that Yvonne has looked into. It is getting harder to find conferences. We could also plan our own trip. Maybe try the middle of June next year. Look into a State Fair where 4-H projects are exhibited.

Vergreville Letter- Della wanted to thank the powers that be, they had got things done very quickly about 2 animals being sold. Discussion ensued about the actions that are being taken.

BUD Planning: We would like to firm up the schedule for BUD. Clothing was discussed. Windshirts for the Committee. Vests for delegates. Delegates to get binder instead of a conference bag.

NEW BUSINESS:

Livestock Safety Workshops- Introducing again and adding farm safety into the program. Do you think that this is something 4-H should be doing again. Della mentioned about animal safety in accidents. The group felt that the workshops should be something that we endorse.

Pen Project Sale: Discussion of the policy about marketing a pen project.

Sale of projects: 4-H members may not sell more that one project representing a single beef animal at their local achievement day sale. These projects would typically be: a)one-1 market beef-live; or b)one-1 market beef –carcass; or c)one-1 beef breeding; or d) one-1 from a registered Beef Pen (remaining animals from the pen not to be marketed at the local achievement day sale.)
This could be put as a bullet before <u>Project include</u>: Bill moved that this line be added to Policy#6.05 and taken to provincial council seconded by Fred.

Horns policy – Discussion took place about what a horn was. Change sentence in policy on project animals. Horns may not exceed more than 2 inches from the hair line at time of show. Owen moved that this be brought to provincial council. Seconded by Della.

Bashaw Jackpot Show: Della brought up junior show that was held in Bashaw and using the 4-H name. Bill & Tracy will talk to Pagets about putting different wording on the registration form.

Breed Association Application should maybe be changed and updated for easier access.

Della nominated Colleen for Vice Chair. Barb nominated Tracy for secretary. Bill moved nomination ceased. Seconded by Fred.

Next meeting: Conference call before BUD would be enough. Suggestion to meet early so that we can discuss the Survey. Suggested date was October 21st @7:00. Suggested meeting June 10-11th for meeting and travel plans

Barb adjoined the meeting at 3:00.