

BAC Meeting – November 27, 2007  
Stettler Provincial Building

Attendance at Meeting:

South - Mark Sayers & Martin Puch

East Central - Owen Almberg & Tracy Dietrich

North East - Barb Granigan & Della Joseph

Peace - Marina Oatway

Calgary - Leisa Gallelli & Tami Gardner

West Central - Greg Coleman & Sheena Jones

West Central - Colleen Prefontaine

4-H Staff - Rob Smith & Yvonne Yaremicio

Mark called the meeting to order at 10:43, with pledge and introductions following.

Mark asked for additions to agenda, Consumer productions in Old Business.

Minutes have been circulated and a motion was made to adopt minutes, Sheena so moved and Colleen seconded.

**REPORTS:**

Many of the regions are planning heifer shows, many regional have lots of females.

Provincial Council- must have a sign up sheet for volunteers for every 4-H event (i.e. show volunteers and judges) because of insurance. Hall of Fame applications need to be submitted on time. New cookbook is out, club application for grants. Trying to get license plate for Alberta. Electronics roundup is happening in many regions.

Beef Heifer Show: 4<sup>th</sup> Year in Olds – 180 kids- Senior “You’re Hired” contest was new, was a highlight for a number of members. Dates have been changed, it will be 1 week earlier – July 6-9, 2008. Deadline for show will be June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Focus on 4-H Beef – questionnaire about focus groups and how parents, members, and leaders feel about the changes. This will be going out about the first week of December.

Regional Beef Project Workshop – Money allocated for this year can not roll forward into the next year. Each year every region will be allocated new funds. All regions must get their paperwork into Yvonne ASAP.

Online Beef Bowl – will be happening again – watch the 4-H Magazine for details. Encourage members to do this.

BAC Research Trip – Washington State – Livestock Judge School – June 18-20. Does the committee wish for Yvonne to keep working on this? The Judging school in Calgary was also discussed as a potential opportunity.

Beef Breeding Record Book - New books are available to all clubs – there are many options to the 3 year book. Let Yvonne know if there are any concerns with the book. Some talk on the review of the market steer record book.

Show Cattle Camp - Proposal from the Northeast region, Rob reviewed the proposal; the program will cost a lot. The would like some direction as to whether this should be funded by 4-H. Suggestion that Lakeland College could run with this rather than just 4-H. The committee wanted to say that they liked the idea but felt we didn't have budget to fully endorse it. We feel that the cost needs to be down so that more 4-Hers have the opportunity to attend.

It was suggested that the Charolais publication – Ready for the Ring – could be on the list of resources. Leisa will go to the Charolais board as to rather they would like to partner with 4-H. Rob and Yvonne will write as letter to the Board

Emergency Response Plan – tabled to next meeting

Consumer Protection - Janet has written a document in the 4-H Magazine – just letting everyone know that this is something that we should be paying attention to. Hand out of some of the signs that could be posted.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Hormone Free Cattle – Della brought up about using growth hormones. Discussion of banning TBA hormone implants due to the safety issue. Should be a BUD Workshop-informative.

TAGS – Do the regions use the tags from 4-H Branch?

FEED AFIDAVIT – This is still required.

VITAMIN E – These are no longer required.

CALF INSURANCE – Does anyone use the plan in the start up package, this up to individual districts. Majority of calves are insured by own club or district.

FEED RECORD BOOK – Owen suggested combining the project and record books. Provost District is going to try this with some of the younger members.

BUD 2008- November 14-16, 2008 – Time was spent on planning speakers and sessions. Yvonne will be sending out session ideas. Anyone with ideas please let her know. It was suggested that we have binders instead of conference bags. Personal name tags for the committee would be great for identification.

Next meeting date – Tuesday, March 11, 2008 –10:30 am - Stettler Provincial Building.

Motion to adjourn was made by Greg.