

BAC Meeting
October 18, 2013
Leduc, AB Agri-Food Business Centre

- 1) 9:00am Beef Project Resource with Jalissa Barnett and Lance Johnson. The online resource was uploaded to our computers and we were given information on the use, benefits and the availability of the new program.
- 2) Meeting called to order at 1:04pm
- 3) 4-H Pledge lead by everyone
- 4) Introductions & Members present: Marina Oatway, Lyndon Mansell, Yvonne Yaremicio, Dorothy Carlson, Jocelyn Toronchuk, Leisa Gallelli, Stacy Murray, Brent Christenson, Carrey Kopp, Vanessa Wever, Erin Wells
- 5) Agenda additions: Old Business – Beef Safety Video, New Business – Beef Project Resource, Mobile Beef, Charity Sales, Key Advocate. Dorothy moved to approve the agenda with changes, 2nd by Marina. Carried
- 6) Minutes of the June Meeting were read by acting secretary, Dorothy Carlson and adopted as read. Errors and omissions are as follows: Spelling of Synergy & Jalissa Barnett to be corrected. Addition to Ribbons- stays the same. Premise ID – members 18 and over need to have one as well as acreage owners and hosting Ag Societies. Brent moved the minutes be amended. 2nd by Lyndon.
- 7) **Reports:**
 - a) **Regional Highlights**
 - Peace – 1st fall meeting is sometime during the first week of November & planning a regional workshop in the spring
 - North West – no news
 - North East – planning a 100 year celebration in November with a talent show/memorabilia/supper
 - Calgary – Leisa has been asked to participate with a U of C Advanced Community – Faculty for veterinarian medicine – sharing information in the relationship with vet medicine and 4-H.
 - South – hosting a regional celebration honoring approximately 150 people of 4-H & will have a workshop promoting the beef on line resource
 - b) **4-H Council of Alberta Liaison:**
 - Report given by Dorothy Carlson.
 - Clever Kids – has been approved to be a permanent part of 4-H. The process of gathering material for a work book has been started. The membership fee has now gone up from \$10

to \$20 and will be registered separately due to insurance reasons. Must have their own assigned leader that goes through the leader screening process. The process of forming a Cleaver Kids Advisory Committee is underway. The club must vote and approve the Cleaver project every year. As well, they must have approval to participate in any and each district event. They do not have to follow basic 4-H member requirements.

c) **Provincial Beef Heifer Show**

Report given by Stacy Murray.

Approximately 105 members registered. It was in conjunction with Synergy, keeping it amalgamated will continue. Having two sets of rules has been addressed and will change for next year. They held workshops and it helped to split costs.

d) **4-H Specialist**

Stacy Murray will continue to be our beef advocate.

Webinars – A live slide show/video presentation. Would like to compile a list of what you would like to see covered, need times/dates to coordinate province wide. Possible subjects are feeding/cow bites (feed management ratio). Would possibly ask for Barry Yaremicio for assistance.

8) **Old Business**

a) **Regional Beef Project Workshops** - \$300 per region may be applied for to help with workshops. Send proposals to Yvonne.

b) **BUD 2014** – planning process, date and location is set .Key note speaker ideas are needed, must be able to address both beef and sheep together. Reviews of the previous speaker were well received. Possible subjects covered could be as follows: A vet specialist covering topics of drug use/withdrawal times/disease/ pros & cons of anti hormone and additives/ parasite resistance. Possible session/round tables and classes mentioned are new code, use of pain killers/social media/games/animal handling/grass management/meat grading/judging/marketing ideas/achievement day & project options .Possible key note subjects may include hormone/steroid use, UCVM drug and disease parasite resistance, and Genomics. Demonstration ideas for the arena were clipping/showmanship and stock dog use.

c) **Policy 6.05 update** – market beef clarification – districts and shows can go beyond 4-H guidelines to make stronger rules. Premise ID – everyone must have one. Members 18 and over must hold their own, as well as any venue that steers will congregate. E.g. Hosting Ag societies. Stacy will make sure this message is sent out again. All districts and regions should check their rules and regulations for min and maximum start & finish weights. Ribbons – clubs must look for other venues for their ribbons other than the province for this will no longer be available.

d) **Beef Safety Video** – still ongoing. Currently compiling a list of topics.

9) **New Business**

a) **Charity Sales** - Currently collecting information within the province. The goal is to help promote 4-H and what they can do for charity work. Please take back to your show and sale committees asking who their charity benefactor was, the dollar amount donated, and how was it raised. E.g. Live beef/was it sold numerous times/raffle tickets sold

b) **Beef sales/mobile butcher** – Stacy raised awareness of illegal sale of butchered beef. Use of mobile butchers for pooled calves is against rules and don't want repeat a previous mistake. Information for rules regarding this will be coming out to distribute soon.

c) **Advocate for the Online Beef Recourse** – Discussed if there is a viable need for an advocate. Take back to our regions these questions: Do we like the idea? How do we see it working? What would their job description be? Could we recruit 1 or 2 per region/district? Is this voluntary or a project?

10) Next Meeting: February 4th 2014 @ 10:30am in Stettler

11) Meeting Adjourned at 2:54pm. Brent moves the meeting to be adjourned. Erin 2nd motion.