

## Provincial 4-H Sheep Advisory Committee Meeting (SHAC)

Sunday, June 15, 2014

Conference Call at 6:30pm

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Meeting called to order at approx. 6:35 pm

In attendance were: Andrea Church, Jodi Gingras, Arlene Good, Deanna Kryz, Bernadette Nikkel, Andy Pittman, Francis Pittman, Yvonne Yaremicio

Absent: Dawna Hughes, Linda Kosheiff, Dianne Vermeeren

**Motion** to accept the Agenda and Minutes and as distributed from January 25, 2014 meeting was made by Arlene Good and seconded by Jodi Gingras.

### REPORTS

#### a. Regional Highlights

**Peace Region:** no reports at this time.

**South Region:** Francis spoke on their Regional Sheep Learning Day; 60 members attended. There were 4 stations: nutrition, trimming, grooming, showmanship. Sungold attended and went through feed and what they are looking for in a market lamb.

**Northeast Region:** Deanna reported that they had 30 kids attend their Regional Learning Day. Their stations were: how to and what to look for in a lamb, judging, showmanship, shearing and trimming and the supplies needed. They have 4 clubs with sheep, one of the new clubs have an Alberta Lamb Producer representative as a leader.

**East Central Region:** no reports at this time.

**Calgary Region:** Jodi reported that they had 86 members attend their Regional Sheep Learning day. They had 6 stations; trimming, Ovine Knowledge Bowl (like the TV game show Jeopardy), Showmanship, Sheep Maintenance, Lamb Judging and a Sheep Farmer Obstacle Course. Received feedback that this might be a bi-annual event instead of an annual event.

**Northwest Region:** no reports at this time.

**West Central:** no reports at this time.

Andrea asked if the various Learning Day sessions should be on the Website as a resource for the regional learning day organizers; a place to share fun and different ways to teach to the members.

#### b. 4-H Council of Alberta:

Andy Pittman – distributed minutes of meeting via email – please contact him with any questions.

#### c. Provincial 4-H Sheep Show:

Andrea mentioned that there are 36 members registered in 2014. Two of the members are from out of province.

There are 3 members that show in Beef as well as Sheep. Andy said the committees will

endeavor to ensure the members can participate in all parts of the shows however they may have to make a choice if there are conflicts in the scheduling. Next Sunday is another planning meeting.

**d. 4-H Specialist:**

A report was not submitted.

**Old Business:**

**a. Sheep Record book and resources:**

We hope to have the record books completed this fall for distribution. Definitely hope to have changes to the Breeding books completed. Therefore we will need to have the books finished before June 30, 2014. This will be a work in progress – Andrea will send out changes this week so we can have any input from the committee by June 25.

**b. Sheep Policy – review and update – number of animals to sell**

The ShAC members had a discussion about the number of projects that are able to be sold at auction. Francis mentioned that the South used to sell Pens of 3 but found that the sponsors were asked to double and triple dip. So they stopped a number of years ago.

Jodi mentioned that if the numbers are causing a problem then maybe we allow those members that have breeding stock sell a market and Pen of 3 to help increase breeding stock numbers. The breeding projects should be encouraged.

Andrea mentioned that members can sell one beef animal; it could be a market steer, carcass or heifer but only one under 4-H. The sheep was not limited because they do not sell for as much.

There are also members who have both sheep and beef projects, is this an issue? The ShAC members did not see a concern in this situation.

Deanna stated that there are 6 members in beef and sheep. They started with sheep expecting to move on to beef but then stayed in both. Their Achievement Day grew because of it.

Further discussion was tabled for the September meeting.

**c. Sheep Leaders Update:**

Yvonne: Jennifer Woods has confirmed.

Arlene: Laura Bodell is a solid yes/maybe.

Andy Pittman: costs for Gord Shroeder will be emailed to Yvonne.

Discussion on how many sessions were needed between beef and sheep and with just sheep. Decided that one session per slot for sheep until we have more leaders attending. The meeting space could change – whatever best suits the group as a whole. May be easier for beef leaders to attend a sheep session if it was downstairs.

The Saturday night speakers were discussed. Would Sungold speak to the group or would Laura Bodell prefer to speak in the evening as opposed to leading a session.

Andrea will contact ALP for a session.

Andy will contact Noreen Moore and Arlene will contact Laura Bodell. They will notify Yvonne.

Email Yvonne with size of jacket – blue with logo and name. Please get back to Yvonne with which choice of jacket for the leaders to purchase.

Silent auction items: anyone can submit items. The funds will go towards research and development type of trips ie. The Brooks tour. PEAC had instructors attend.

Selections for logos – A few liked the full body logo, would be nice to have a female rep as well.

**e. Alberta Sheep Breeders Symposium**

Next symposium will be in 2015. Yvonne mentioned that a portion of the registration fee could come from the money raised from silent auction.

**f. Regional Workshop Funding**

Each livestock project is eligible for up to \$300.00. Four regions accessed funding for this year.

**New Business – none**

Next Meeting will be at 12:30 pm in Stettler on September 6, 2014.

Moved to adjourn at 7:40 pm.