

Provincial 4-H Sheep Advisory Committee Meeting

Saturday, September 28, 2013

Sheep Room @ Airdrie Agriculture Centre

Meeting called to order at approx. 2:15pm

4-H Pledge led by Arlene Good

In attendance was Andrea Church, Andy and Francis Pittman, Arlene Good, Deanna Krys, Jodi Gingras

Absent: Bernadette Nikkel, Dawna Hughes, Dianne Vermeeren, Heather Hebbes, Linda Kosheiff, Yvonne Yaremicio

The results of the elections are as follows:

Chair – Arlene Good

Vice-Chair – Francis Pittman

Recording Secretary – Jodi Gingras (south) and Deanna Krys (north)

Motion to accept the Minutes from April 21 meeting was made by Francis Pittman and seconded by Jodi Gingras.

REPORTS

a. Regional Highlights:

Andy Pittman - A sheep learning day was proposed in the Southern area. Possibility of the event to be recorded and shown via a Webinar, film, YouTube or Facebook. Topics could include nutrition and/or trailering of animals.

b. 4-H Council of Alberta:

Andrea Church – We are required to send changes to the ShAC Policy to 4-H Council of Alberta for approval. These policies are reviewed every 3 years by the Policy Committee.

c. Provincial 4-H Sheep Show:

Entries had gone up from previous year. The new facilities are fantastic. A 4-H family from Ontario were involved. Team Show judging was displayed this year and will be expanded next year. The event was well received.

d. 4-H Specialist:

There were staff changes. However, Andrea Church will remain the Sheep Specialist.

Old Business:

a. Sheep Resources

Distributed the pamphlet produced by 4-H Ontario on Fitting and Showing your Sheep. It covers a lot of management information. It can be made available on the 4-H Alberta website with a disclaimer that this is a general guideline and that there are differences throughout the province on how to specifically show/trim sheep.

Deanna mentioned that she has a one page suggestion on how to wash a sheep and is willing to share.

Deanna brought the sheep green certificate manual. It would be a good resource to have at the DACUM.

b. Terms of Reference

They are based on what the Beef Advisory Committee (BAC) and Provincial 4-H Horse Advisory Committee (PEAC) have. Based on these Terms of Reference we do not have a quorum, voting can be accepted through email.

c. Sheep Leaders Update:

BUD – Bring ideas to Andrea. Andy mentioned that more ideas will come from the Sheep Breeders Meeting in October.

d. Sheep Policy Review and Update

Tabled, bring ideas and changes to Andrea.

e. Alberta Sheep Breeders Symposium

Will take place this year on October 18 – 20, 2013. The meeting take place every second year. There is still time to register.

f. Westerner Days

Heather Hebbes attended. Arlene heard it advertised on The Call of the Land. We will notify members of the event and recommend attendance. The dates of this event are very close to the Calgary Stampede and the Provincial Sheep Show.

There are many sheep producers in the West Central area and yet no sheep clubs.

Is 4-H Alberta attending this event, can we share resources? Andy to check.

Is there an opportunity for the green certificate to be a part of it?

New Business

a. **4-H featured on Heartland**

A character will be working on their sheep project animal in an episode to air in January. Great exposure for 4-H

b. **Sheep Clinic/Workshop Funding**

ShAC and Regions with sheep should make a proposal to 4-H Foundation for \$300.00 to put on an education program yearly.

MOTION: moved to ask for funding from 4-H Alberta in the amount of \$300.00 yearly for an education program for ShAC and for the Regions with sheep projects. Seconded by Francis and Deanna

c. **Green Certificate:**

Deanna reported that the testers for the Sheep Green Certificate have sheep raising experience. The instruction manual is taught at the technical level of the learner. Every 5 years the Green Certificate is to be updated. Andrea mentioned that the Beef Green Certificate has links to supplement the information in case the information in print is out-of-date. The beef members found that the online activities are geared to the junior members. The sheep certificate manual is a great resource. It is written for the intermediate level and up through college level.

Next Meeting will be January 25 or 26, 2014. Andrea will send out an email request. Our next meeting may be scheduled for Stettler.

The Terms of Reference meeting should be held in Feb/March (DACUM style).

The third meeting may be scheduled at the end of March. This date will be set at our next meeting.

Andrea will send out proposed changes to the Policy and Terms of Reference.

Deanna moved to adjourn at 5:05pm.