

MEETING MINUTES

Northwest Regional Beef Committee

November 17, 2018



Call to order: 12:57

Attendance: 4 members and 17 parents/leaders signed in

Districts in attendance were: Parkland/Evansburg, Thorhild, Drayton Valley, Lac St. Anne, Westlock, Sturgeon, Strathcona, Leduc, Athabasca, Barrhead and Yellowhead County.

Additions to agenda: none

Agenda approved: **Motion** by Bertha Kasbohm and seconded by Colleen Whittal. All in favor.

Minutes: no minutes were available from the March 2018 meeting

Old Business:

- a. Record books – approx. 144 were marked for 2017-18. Discussion was to see if we should put them in rotation but some districts are too small for this so this won't happen at this time. Noted was the fact that some record books were disqualified last year due to no one in attendance at both regional beef meetings.
 - i. There is no money at Regional for prizes for this current year. We discussed if we should just do certificates or if we should try to get sponsors. Members in attendance said they would like to get awards/gifts.

A **motion** was made by Bertha to seek sponsorship and seconded by Shannon Grabler. All in favor. Sue Starr volunteered to solicit sponsors and obtain gifts for the 2018-2019 year.

It was noted that some 2nd place awards were not distributed last year. Jocelyn Toronchuk will speak with Stacy Murray on this matter.

- b. Focus on 4-H – there were 28 animals registered at the event and it went very well. Judging was added for this year and they are looking at some changes for next year.

New Business:

- a. Help is needed on the Beef Focus Committee. Volunteers were: Glen Gilmor, Heather Rogus, Hannah Bowman. If anyone else is interested please let Jocelyn T. know.
- b. Focus on 4-H 2019 will be held at Thorhild the 1st weekend in July.
 - i. No discussion about prizes at this time.
 - ii. Sponsorship is always needed. If you have suggestions please pass them along to Beef Focus Committee as we need \$3500.00
 - iii. There was discussion about improving the wash rack station. Sue Starr said she would ask about getting rig mats donated. Tent will be rented again. We will be looking at

registration fees. Time of event may be moved. Ideas for beef classes were judging, team marketing, showmanship & grooming.

c. Regional Beef Learning Day

- i. Do we need to have one every year as our numbers keep dropping? Members in attendance would like one every year. Should this be put on a rotation list? All agreed to not do this as we do have some small districts.
- ii. Host District this year? Robyn Jackson from the Athabasca Region will ask her district. Yellowhead County said they would look at hosting next year and may ask another district for assistance. There is \$500.00 available to go towards facility rental. Any other expenses will be up to the host district.

d. Record book competition

- i. Carcass books: should we include them for record book marking next year? Discussion was held and it was suggested to draft guidelines and send to Regional for review. Shannon Grabler and Collen Whittal offered to build guidelines. Once this is done we can move forward.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

A member asked about online beef record books can be used. The answer was yes BUT it will not be accepted at a regional level for marking. It was also suggested that members approach their club and district to confirm their rules.

Provincial Beef Advisory Update:

- A meeting is being held soon to discuss the role of the committee and to see what is happening for the current year. Funding is a topic they will be discussing.
- They are looking for volunteers from each region to sit on the committee. They meet 4 times a year, on a week day in Stettler. Glen Gilmor and Kirby DuBlanko volunteered to sit on this committee.

Approximate number of beef in each district was reported:

14 Thorhild / 46 Drayton Valley / 44 Yellowhead / 48 Westlock / 12 Strathcona / 26 Parkland + Evansburg / 52 Barrhead / 15 Athabasca / 30 Leduc / 33 Sturgeon (+ 14 carcass)

Meeting adjourned: at 1:47 pm by Bertha.

Next meeting: March 17, 2019 at the Villeneuve Hall