

Minutes of Beef Cattle Advisory Meeting
Thursday, September 17, 2009 - 6:30 p.m.
LCES Office

Members present were: Vince Deshotel, Robert Floyed, Dr. Craig Fontenot, Keith Fontenot, Mike Fontenot, Todd Fontenot, Jake Guillory, David Miller, Felix Morein, Dale Reed, and Wayne Vidrine.

Meeting was called to order at 6:45. Discussion began with the following order of business:

Review of the United Blood Services Blood Drive in conjunction with Cattleman's Association held at Wal Mart Parking lot on June 10. It was very successful with 41 people signing up and donated blood. We cooked hamburgers for all donors to promote beef, with the assistance of Robert Joyner, Executive Secretary and Cattleman's Association Queen Brooke Prather.

Reviewed field day educational activity held June 29 at D & D Farms and 4 G Cattle Co. sponsored by Dupont, Toby McCown, and Dow Chemical, David Ball. Evaluation of field day activities was exceptionally good from all participants, We had very good participation with 70 people in attendance for the tour and also the presentations & meal at the show facility.

Dominiques Livestock and Kinder Livestock sale activities and their support of cattleman's activities was next reviewed. Both of these local sale facilities support our local Cattleman's Association activities and educational functions.

Reviewed plans for Parish Cattleman's Association Annual Meeting and Ladies night social and dance to be held on November 13 at the Crawfish Barn Restaurant. Kyle Veillon and the Flatland Band has agreed to play for the dance The barn will work with us on plates with potato, salad bar, roll and soft drink, with the association supplying the ribeye steaks.

Planning continues for our Fall Beef Classic open show to be held on Sunday, November 22, the day after the Jim bowie show in Opelousas. It was felt we may get some folks attending that show that would want to hit two shows in one weekend. Plans are under way with awards selected, judges contacted, overnight security contacted , and plans for the meal for all participants on the Saturday night before the show.

Future plans for educational activities included:

Possible Spring Blood drive in conjunction with the Cattleman's Association.

Spring field day with discussions on chicken manure, spray rig calibration, herbicide selection, possible use of brassicas, such as turnips, etc. in ryegrass plantings.

After other incidental discussion on potential topics, the meeting was adjourned and everyone enjoyed a meal prepared for the meeting.