



Evangeline Beef Advisory Council Meeting September 22, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Jake Guillory. Members present were: Tom Ardoin, Vince Deshotel, Randy Deshotel, Dr. Craig Fontenot, Keith Fontenot, Michael Fontenot, Todd Fontenot, Jake Guillory, David Miller, Felix Morein, Dr. Dale Reed, Wayne Vidrine, & Kyle Fontenot. Not present were: Ike Morein, & Tony Rozas (at work), Jake Nichols (offshore).

President Guillory welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for reading of the minutes of the last meeting held on July 21, 2011, which Secretary Keith Fontenot did. Motion for approval by Felix, seconded by Dale Reed, passed.

Discussion of the **ryegrass project** ensued, with number of members who placed an order and deposit, and the agreed upon conclusion of the committee that not enough members decided to participate to make it economically advantageous for the group. All deposits were returned or destroyed. Members decided to attempt again next year possibly in the month of August.

The results of the **blood drive program** were mentioned by Tom Ardoin. He stated that our parish organization needed to have someone present at the State LCA Annual Meeting in January, in Monroe to receive a plaque for the Parish Association. This will be January 20-22, 2012, the same time as our parish livestock show. Tom stated the awards program may be moved to Sunday, as the state group recognized that several parish shows would be ongoing at that time. He will keep us informed on this meeting.

Dominique's Bi-Parish sale report was next by Secretary Keith Fontenot, stating he contacted Mr. Billy at Dominique's accounting office; he will review the receipts for the sale date, Tuesday June 21, 2011, and split the cattle receipts with Evangeline and St. Landry parishes. This is what has been done the last 2 years and has worked very well. Keith also contacted the St. Landry board member, Chris Bertrand, and he stated this was what the St. Landry board was expecting, and happy with it. The amount was not known at the time of this meeting.

Tom Ardoin, State LCA First Vice President then gave an update on several **LCA activities** that are ongoing or coming up in the near future. These included: McNeese Heifer Development program; LCA Age & Source Verification program; LCA Convention; Changes in the LCA Market Steer and Commercial Heifer Show Program; LCA grooming clinic for Jr. Cattlemen's Association Members held in Alexandria with Mrs. Natalie Guillory being one of the new state junior advisors for the program along with Ashley Pitre and Brandon Dubois; Revision of the State Board By-Laws; and the Newer Improved LCA magazine.

Next item of discussion was the Parish **Annual Membership Meeting and Ladies Night** Program. Decided it will be held on Friday night, November 11, 2011, at the Crawfish Barn Restaurant. They will furnish either a steak plate or fried shrimp plate, salad bar, with trimmings and cold drink. Music will be furnished by DJ, Marshall Vidrine. Nominating committee appointed were: Dr. Craig, Wayne Vidrine, David Miller, and Jake Guillory. There was also discussion of board member attendance at meetings and our parish ruling on attendance. Motion made by Dr. Reed, seconded by several members at once, that we enforce the ruling. This would mean that board member Ike Morein would not be asked to be on the board next year. Wayne Vidrine will give the nominating committee report at Ladies Night. Several members commented that active participation was needed for members, whatever their age.

The **Evangeline Beef Classic Open Beef Show** was the next item discussed. Date will be Sunday November 20, 2011 at the Chauncey Pitre Barn. Items discussed in relation to the show were:

- Tractor, Dr. Reed volunteered his.
- Paperwork being sent in - with the AgCenter budget cuts and the Evangeline Parish office being cut by two of the secretaries, the board wanted to know if we would be able to handle the paperwork, we think so. Michael Fontenot urged us to get information out early so people could respond early to allow easier handling and processing of paperwork.
- Work committees for barn cleanup before and after show - we will rely on police jury with work crews to assist.
- Inquiry to the sign for the highway to direct people to the barn, sign is completed, just needs to be put on the frame.
- Meal for the Saturday night group of exhibitors, parents, and others will be beef stew, board members will be contacted to assist in preparation that afternoon and night. Several members commented how this activity is a very good one appreciated by many people and “brings people together” lets them get to know one another.
- Final item of business for the night was Dr. Craig Fontenot; DVM, giving everyone an update on the “**Health Situation & Recent Happenings**” for livestock in and around the Evangeline Parish area.

Dr. Craig brought up recent parasite control failures, dealing with a parasite control medication that has been used repeatedly for the last 10-12 years and in some cases even longer. It would appear that at least in one location resistance, or very high tolerance to the product is being seen. A different type of chemistry in a different product was also used in this situation to eventually bring the situation back to a controllable situation. Dr. Craig stressed the importance of rotation of products in using these and other type of pest control measures.

He also brought out the positive identification of Anaplasmosis in a local small herd of cattle. Discussed how it is a blood borne pathogen and can be moved easily by different vectors.

He discussed the physical symptoms dealing with the “flight or fight” tendencies with animals and the lowering of the red blood cell count, leading to physical distress and tendency of these animals to want to fight because they cannot flee the area. When they attempt to do so they usually collapse from lack of oxygen in the blood.

Dr. Fontenot also brought out the problems caused by the mosquito influx after the rains from the remnants of the tropical storm. Several bulls were lost by cattlemen as well as other livestock.

With their being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to a meal prepared by Tom Ardoin & Kyle Fontenot of meatball stew, rice, and rolls. Dessert was a banana pudding prepared by Mrs. Cathy Guillory.