

# Wyoming CattleWomen

September 29, 2017

Fire Rock Steak House – Casper, WY

## MINUTES

*Approved at Wyoming CattleWomen meeting held November 27, 2017. Motion made by Gwen Geis, seconded by Becky Langley; motion carried.*

President Kahla Mills called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance and CattleWomen's Creed were recited by all present. Introductions of all present were made. There were sixteen attendees.

### ASSOCIATION BUSINESS:

#### Minutes

Minutes for the June 9, 2017 meeting were distributed via email for review prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Gwen Geis, seconded by Liz Lauck; motion carried.

Minutes Approval Committee will be Liz Lauck and Gwen Geis.

#### Correspondence

There was no correspondence received since the last meeting

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Membership – Jenny Conrad

An email was received regarding a past member who stopped paying dues because she never received her news letter. After some discussion it was agreed to give her a complimentary membership for 2018. Leslie Miech will verify her correct contact information to ensure that she receives her newsletters. A motion to provide a complimentary 2018 membership to Betsy DeBolt of Washakie County in acknowledgment of past newsletters not received was made by Gwen Geis, seconded by Ricki Davidson; motion carried

Jenny Conrad reports that there are 409 active 2017 members, 8 of whom are life members. There are 55 members from 2017 who remain delinquent.

The 2018 membership drive begins October 1<sup>st</sup> as per the change to the Bylaws voted on in June of this year. Forms were emailed along with notice of this meeting to the membership.

One has been received. Nine ladies paid their 2017 dues twice. They have been credited for payment in 2018. This brings the 2018 membership to 18 members.

It was noted that the American National CattleWomen will once again accept memberships through the state.

Wyoming CattleWomen Associate memberships can be accepted at any time. \$10.00 of the \$40.00 fee goes to the Affiliate club whose area the associate is in. Associate member chair Lindsay Wood sent out notices to current associates in March for renewal.

The annual membership fee is \$25.00 (\$15.00 for collegiate, and \$300.00 lifetime) and the form can be found online at <http://wyocattlewomen.org/membership.htm>.

### **Bylaws**

No report was given.

### **Beef Gift Certificates – Gwen Geis**

Gwen Geis reported that the Beef Gift Certificate account has had no activity since last September except for a \$0.08 interest gain monthly. The current account balance is \$9,991.68. Gwen suggests that ideas be generated for what else can be done with this money. American National CattleWomen has a collegiate beef advocacy program, similar to the Beef Ambassador program, this may be a good place to divert the money to. Gwen suggests that \$1,000.00 be allocated to American National CattleWomen for this program. This program is in need of funding help. Collegiate advocates are selected in November and will be announced at the National Convention in January. There is a desire to work on this on a state level. It is suggested that the leader of the national program create a video outlining how to put a state program together. It is suggested that a committee be formed to look into implementing a state program. A motion to allocate \$1,000.00 of Beef Gift Certificate program money to the American National CattleWomen Collegiate Beef Education Program was made by Liz Lauck, seconded by Jenny Conrad; motion withdrawn

### **Grass Roots Funding and Beef Council**

At the March meeting a committee was formed to look at ways the Beef Gift Certificate program money could be used to help grass roots programs for affiliates that don't meet the Beef Council criteria. Nothing has been done by the committee so far. In order to avoid redundancy of committees this committee will also work on the collegiate beef advocacy program discussed previously.

Committee members selected in March were: Ladonna Good, Kim DesEnfants and Janet Givens. New members to help with the collegiate beef advocacy selected today: Leslie Miech and Liz Lauck.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Kim DesEnfants reports that the General Fund checking account has a current balance of \$50,316.13. The CDs held at First State Bank both will mature September 18, 2018. They currently have respective balances of \$20,254.58 and \$10,128.31. The CD held at Platte Valley National Bank for beef gift certificates has a balance of \$58,876.83. It will mature January 13, 2018. There is no contract this year with the Wyoming Beef Council. The total net worth (excluding Beef Gift Certificates) is \$139,575.85.

## **Audit Report**

The 2017 audit will be completed immediately following this meeting.

## **Beef It Newsletter – Liz Lauck**

The deadline for the next newsletter will be around November 1<sup>st</sup>. Sponsorships are being sought to help offset the cost of color printing.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **2017 American National CattleWomen Region V Meeting – Gwen Geis**

Gwen Geis reports that the Region V Convention went extremely well. Ten women from Wyoming were in attendance and 35 total. Everyone had a good time and Campbell Co. had money left over after receiving sponsorships. They are allocating \$500 to be used as scholarships for women to attend the 2018 Meeting in Burlington Co. next May. They are also donating some to Kahla Mills for travel to the next Region Meeting, some funds to the past Region Director Jeannie Kiehn, and incoming Director Angela Whitlock and some to Gwen Geis for travels.

### **Wyoming Stock Grower's Association Convention, Auction Basket – Janet Givens**

Donations are needed from the WCW for the WSGA Winter Convention silent auction. Becky Langley will coordinate this. She will send information to Jenny Conrad to send to membership.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Southern Women's Shows – Gwen Geis**

Wyoming Beef Council allotted Wyoming Cattlewomen \$1500.00 to assist two women to travel to the Southern Women's shows if ANCW pursues these venues for beef promotion. At this time it is unclear if ANCW will participate in one this year.

## **Next Meeting**

The next Wyoming CattleWomen meeting is tentatively planned for 2:00, Monday, November 27, 2017 at the Ramkota in Casper, Wyoming. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the WSGA Winter Convention.

**Adjournment** - At 12:58 p.m.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wyoming Stock Growers Association/WCW joint conference – November 27-30, 2017; Casper, WY

American National CattleWomen and National Cattlemen’s Beef Association Convention – January 31-February 2, 2018; Phoenix, AZ

American National CattleWomen combined Region IV & V Meeting – May 3-5, 2018 in Burlington, CO.