

Wyoming CattleWomen

June 6, 2018

Approved at Wyoming CattleWomen meeting held September 22, 2018. Motion made by Angela Whitlock, seconded by Kim DesEnfants; motion carried

Holiday Inn Convention Center – Riverton, WY

MINUTES

President Kahla Mills called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

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

American National CattleWomen Report – Gwen Geis, ANCW President

American National CattleWomen President Gwen Geis thanked the Wyoming CattleWomen membership for their support. She has been doing a lot of traveling for her position visiting with CattleWomen coast to coast. Membership numbers have been on the increase. A part-time staff person, Jill Worthington, out of Oklahoma, has been hired. She is a member of the Oklahoma CattleWomen and will be helping with membership and finance business. The National Cattleman's Beef Association/American National CattleWomen summer conference will be held July 31-August 1, 2018 in Denver, Colorado. The winter conference will be held January 2019 in New Orleans, Louisiana. ANCW is seeking suggestions for guest speakers at that event. In May Gwen traveled to Texas for the first Women in Ranching symposium. Sixty-two ladies participated. Low stress handling of cattle was a main topic, including chute and horse handling, castration, and vaccinating. Branding had been planned but was cancelled due to heat so as not to cause undue stress on the cattle. Drought planning was also discussed. The Region V conference was held in May in Burlington, Colorado. There was good participation. As a fund-raiser the ANCW is selling "Beef, It's What's for Dinner" signs. These are metal signs customized with your farm or ranch name. Look for information on the ANCW website, ancw.org, and Facebook page, [facebook.com/pg/AmericanCW](https://www.facebook.com/pg/AmericanCW).

Wyoming CattleWomen is participating in the American National CattleWomen "Moove" contest. Region V (Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington states) is the only participant with 100% participation from all states. The contest is a membership-based competition. Powder River is donating a \$1,500 piece of livestock handling equipment to the state that gains the highest percentage and hosts a national meeting or activity or invites a national representative to speak at one of their state events.

National Ag Statistics Service – Guest: Rhonda Brandt, Statistician

The census of agriculture was mailed out before the first of the year. As of this morning, 97% of the large farms, 86% of the medium farms, and 50-65% of small farms (depending on

dollar value) in Wyoming had responded. The results affect all farmers: large and small, full-time and those with off-farm incomes. The survey is a tool used by the United States Secretary of Agriculture that helps determine the dollars needed for rural infrastructure items such as wireless internet access. Rhonda recommends writing letters to editors, senators and congressmen, to inform them of the need for these types of things in rural agriculture-based communities. Contact lists are created by using county assessor's ownership records for agriculturally zoned properties, as well as Farm Service Agency and past NASS lists. Changes can be made when the survey is completed. Rhonda also noted that each USDA agency has user groups which producers are encouraged to sit on. Any producer wishing to do so is encouraged to seek these positions out.

Last year Wyoming had 9,214 4H members. There are approximately 11,400 farms and ranches in Wyoming. Those 4H members have the potential to continue in careers in the Ag. Industry as adults. As a part of her job, Rhonda travels to area Ag Expos to teach Wyoming youth about agriculture in the state. She invites members to contact her to participate in their local events.

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS:

Minutes

Minutes for the April 7, 2018 meeting were distributed via email for review prior to the meeting. The names of Becky Langley as Treasurer and Melissa Dutcher as Parliamentarian were added to the slate of officer nominations. The Grass Roots funding deadline was May 20th, not May 22nd. It is noted that the minutes were submitted by Bobbi Geis. A MOTION IS MADE to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes with noted changes was made by Angela Whitlock, seconded by Gwen Geis; MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes Approval Committee for the June 6th meeting minutes will be Janet Givens, Leslie Miech and Angela McCann.

Treasurer's Report

Becky Langley reports that the General Fund checking account has a current balance of \$59,906.92. The Platte Valley Money Market Checking account for Grass Roots funding has a balance of \$68,744.37. The CDs held at First State Bank both will mature September 18, 2018. They currently have respective balances of \$20,332.48 and \$10,166.25. There has been no remittance to or from the Wyoming Beef Council. The total net worth (excluding Beef Gift Certificates) is \$159,150.02.

The question is raised of what to do with the CDs as they are due to mature before the next meeting. Becky will look in to what the interest rate currently is. It is unknown at this time what the interest rate on the accounts is, but Becky reports that between \$900.00 and \$1,000.00 in interest was transferred to the general fund. A MOTION IS MADE by Gwen Geis to allow the

Treasurer Becky Langley and past treasurer Kim DesEnfants to make the decision of what to do with the CDs held at First State Bank in Torrington, Wyoming, seconded by Karen Buchanan; MOTION CARRIED. A MOTION IS MADE by Gwen Geis to name Treasurer Becky Langley and past-treasurer Kim DesEnfants as designated signers on the First State Bank accounts held in Torrington, Wyoming, seconded by Angela Whitlock; MOTION CARRIED.

The Pinnacle Bank account signature cards were updated for 2018-2019 as per motion made in the April 7, 2018 meeting.

An updated Quickbooks program has been purchased for \$300.00-\$400.00 (the final billing for this has not been received). This has been set up for Becky on her computer. Work is being done to create an understandable report for the State Grass Roots fund.

There is a remaining balance of \$0.05 in the Beef Gift Certificates account held at Bank of the West, the balance of the account having been moved to the Money Market Checking account held at Platte Valley Bank to be used for state Grass Roots funding. The account was not closed at that time as the bank was unable to locate a signature card for the account. A MOTION IS MADE by Kahla Mills to allow Gwen Geis to close the Bank of the West Account; seconded by Leslie Miech. MOTION PASSED.

It is suggested that three line-items be added to the budget in the future: beef education, beef promotion, and interest, so that these might be more easily tracked.

The treasure's report was filed for audit.

Correspondence

Notes from American National CattleWomen President Gwen Geis and ANCW Region V Director Angela Whitlock thanking the Wyoming CattleWomen for their support were read.

Regular correspondence of upcoming events is received from Wyoming Stock Grower's Association.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership – Jenny Conrad

Jenny Conrad reports that there are 398 active members for 2018, 9 of whom are life members. There are 73 members from 2017 who remain delinquent.

The 2019 membership drive begins October 1, 2018. American National CattleWomen will 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>.

Condolences – Karen Buchanan

Jeanette Smith conveyed that Beverly Seely and Margaret Ellsbury, both of Crook County, have recently passed away. Recent condolences were shown in the *Beef It* newsletter sent out in May. The complete list for both CattleWomen and Stock Growers will be read at the prayer breakfast to be held Friday Morning, June 8, 2018. Karen encourages members to inform her of any members who have passed. Karen will have the scrapbook available for viewing at the prayer breakfast.

Website – Liz Lauck No report given

Beef Promotion – Liz Lauck No report given

Grass Roots Funding and Beef Council – Angela Whitlock

Angela Whitlock reports that no projects have been submitted for Grass Roots funding from the Beef Council. The final deadline to get applications to Beef Council is June 1st, so they needed to be to the Wyoming CattleWomen committee by May 20th. This money was approved, so affiliates are encouraged to submit their projects for the next year. It is noted that this funding is restricted to activities targeting millennials (adults between that ages of 18 and 32), producers, or dieticians. High school culinary arts class demonstrations do qualify for the funds. Guidelines should be found on the Beef Council's website, wybeef.com. Questions can also be directed to Ann Whittmann at the Beef Council's office. Angela McCann will take on the Grass Roots committee in Angela Whitlock's place in the coming year.

Beef It Newsletter – Marcia Campbell (via email)

Kahla Mills read Marcia Campbell's report that was sent via email. Stephanie Russell helped with this issue in place of Liz Lauck. Many *County Happenings* reports were received, but few pictures. Marcia inserted pictures herself to improve the look. She is willing to pay for the extra expense of this if need be. Printing was done by *The Voice* in Kaycee at a cost of \$576.00: \$288.00 for black/white, which will be covered by the Wyoming CattleWomen; and \$288.00 for added color, Platte Valley Bank will donate this. Three rolls of stamps were purchased for \$150.00. A MOTION IS MADE to pay for the cost of the insert to the May issue of the *Beef It* newsletter by Angela Whitlock, seconded by Karen Buchanan; MOTION CARRIED.

Facebook – Angela Whitlock

The Facebook page continues to be updated. The page has over 1,000 “likes”. Marcia Campbell recently submitted pictures that were published on the page. If you would like to share something to the page, please be sure that the privacy setting for that item is set to public.

State Grass Roots Funding – Angela Whitlock

Seven affiliates requested state Grass Roots funds with a total of \$1,383.61 being distributed. The total number reached in these events was 231 adults, 962 children, 33 producers. There were 90 members participating. A June 1st deadline has been set to have all details cleared by the end of the fiscal year. Each affiliate could be eligible to have up to \$300.00 approved, to a total expenditure of \$3,000.00/year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Working with Wyoming Stock Grower’s Association – Kahla Mills

In the April 6, 2018 meeting it was discussed that the proceeds from the Wyoming Stock Grower's Association December conference silent auction were not what was expected. Although a percentage amount was set several years ago, no written record of that has been found, past minutes have been thoroughly reviewed. Kahla will discuss this issue further with WSGA leadership. Jenny Conrad will continue to research minutes of previous meeting to find the amounts received from prior auctions. A MOTION WAS MADE by Gwen Geis to put an agreement in writing with the Wyoming Stock Grower's Association designating a percentage with a copy to be kept on file by both organizations and that a Wyoming CattleWomen member be placed on the auction committee to help with coordination and communication for the event, seconded by Jeanette Smith; MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Approval – Kahla Mills

The 2018-2019 budget was submitted and reviewed at the April 6, 2018 meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE by Gwen Geis to approve the budget as submitted at the April 6, 2018 meeting, seconded by Janet Givens; MOTION CARRIED.

Cattlemen’s Beef Board Nominations – Kahla Mills

An email was received from Jim Magagna stating that nominations for Wyoming’s seat on the Cattlemen’s Beef Board are due to be submitted by June 8, 2018. Wyoming’s current representative, Irv Petsch, is eligible to serve another term and is interested in doing so. He currently fills a leadership role on the board. Two names must be submitted. Wyoming Stock Grower's Association is planning to submit Irv Petsch and Timmery Hellyer as the state’s nominees. A MOTION IS MADE by Angela McCann to accept the nominations as presented, seconded by Leslie Hendry; MOTION CARRIED.

Wyoming Resource Education Days – Kahla Mills

Kahla Mills reports that she received a telephone call from Wyoming Resource Education Days' William Rose. He asked if the Wyoming CattleWomen would sponsor a dinner. Kahla informed him that we would be unable to do so this year but may be able to support it in the future with more notice. Lander Valley CattleWomen provided the meal for 60 people this year. Wyoming Resource Education Days is a three-day youth camp put on by the Wyoming Society of Range Management where kids interact with local land owners and range managers to learn about Wyoming's natural resources. The summer 2019 camp will be held near Guernsey. It is suggested that in addition to providing the beef for the meal that the WCW send a representative to speak with participants. A MOTION IS MADE by Martha Hellyer to sponsor the beef for the 2019 Wyoming Resource Education Days dinner up to a maximum of \$200.00, seconded by Ladonna Good; MOTION CARRIED.

Election and Installation of Officers – Kahla Mills

The 2018-2019 Wyoming CattleWomen officers were elected and installed as follows:

- President – Kahla Mills
- Vice-President – Leslie Miech
- Secretary – Jenny Conrad
- Treasurer – Becky Langley
- Parliamentarian – Melissa Dutcher
- Auditor - Deanna Crofts

Next Meeting

The next Wyoming CattleWomen meeting is tentatively planned for, Saturday, September 15, 2018 Casper/Bar Nunn, Wyoming. Time and location to be announced.

Adjournment - At 3:58 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

American National CattleWomen and National Cattlemen's Beef Association Summer business meetings – July 31-August 4, 2018; Hyatt Regency Hotel, Denver, CO

Wyoming Stock Growers Association/WCW joint conference – December 3-5, 2018; Casper, WY

American National CattleWomen and National Cattlemen's Beef Association Winter Convention
– January 30-February 1, 2019; New Orleans, LA