

## **Meeting of the Major Livestock Show Advisory Committee**

**July 29, 2014 – Abilene, Texas 4pm**

### ***Members Present:***

**Area 1** Trent Houchin-Sudan, Jay Newton-Vega, Michael Collins – Idalou, Will Edwards – Friendship,

**Area 2** David Bray- Westbrook, Joel Bush – Haskell, Brad Bevel – Stamford,

**Area 3** Ardy Tiner-Industrial, Justin Tomascik- Franklin, John Templton – A&M Consolidated, Mike McManners – Iola

**Area 4** – Mike Jackson – Bellevue, Toby Long – Hamilton, Kevin Thomas – Jacksboro

**Area 5** – Brent Wicker - Peaster, Ryan Pieniazek- Krum, Wade Shackelford – Prosper, Ronald Blum – Sherman

**Area 6** – Mark Davis – Carthage, Bennie Whitworth – Mt. Enterprise, Bryce Nations-Grand Saline

**Area 7** – Mike Wallace- Marion, Vennie Heller – Marble Falls, Lorie Kempen – East Central

**Area 8** – Anthony Meuer- West, Larry Little – Abbott

**Area 9** – Kristin Power- Timpson, Damon Acord – Normangee, PT Mahoney- Livingston

**Area 10** – Macro Barrientes – Sharyland Pioneer, Mia Balko- George West, Barry Randolph – Tilden, Mando Herrera – Lyford

**VATAT** Chairman- Kevin Swor, Incoming Chairman – Charles Prause, VATAT Director – Barry McClure

### ***Item 1 of Agenda***

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Swor at 4pm. All members were introduced.

### ***Item 2 of Agenda***

Reorganization of the committee was handled by 1<sup>st</sup> introducing the Major Livestock Show Advisory Committee Document. Barney reminded the committee of the how voting procedures. Each area would have one vote and the Ag Mech Chairman and Competitive Events chair would have a vote. Since these committees are new, the committee recessed to allow the Ag Mech and Competitive Events to elect chairs. The entire committee reconvened and the competitive events chair will be Ryan Pieniazek and the Ag Mech. Chair will be Barry Randolph with Vice Chair Mike Jackson.

### ***Item 3 of Agenda***

Kevin Swor then took nominations for Co-Chair of the entire committee. Wade Shackelford and Kevin Thomas were nominated. Kevin Swor asked both candidates to leave the room so the committee could vote. The vote was 6 for Wade Shackelford and 5 for Kevin Thomas. The announcement of the vote was made public and Wade will serve as Co-Chairman.

### ***Item 4 of Agenda***

Next nominations for Recording Secretary were accepted by Kevin Swor. Lorie Kempen was the only nomination and was supported by the group without rejections. Both Shackelford and Kempen took their position at the head table. Kempen took notes from Charles Prause which had been recording the meeting dialog since the beginning of the meeting.

Kevin Swor congratulated the newly elected leadership. Shackelford thanked the group for their support. Next item of business was the establishment of species chairmen and co-chairmen.

### ***Item 5 of Agenda***

According to the guidelines set forth and adopted by the committee, the Co-Chairmen (or Vice Chairman as Mr. Swor requested that each co-chair be called to eliminate confusion) of each species was moved to Chairmen and the Co-Chair (Vice Chairman) was established within each species. The following will serve the committee for the next two years:

**Steers:** Toby Long –Chair, Ronald Blum Vice Chair

**Heifers:** Anthony Meurer – Chair, Damon Acord – Vice Chair

**Swine:** Kevin Thomas – Chair, Brad Beville – Vice Chair

**Poultry:** Larry Little – Chair, Ray Pieniasek – Vice Chair

**Sheep:** Pt Mahoney – Chair, Mike Collins – Vice Chair

**Goats:** Mike Wallace – Chair, David Bray – Vice Chair

**Ag Mech:** Barry Randolph – Chair, Mike Jackson – Vice Chair

**Competitive Events:** Ryan Pieniasek

### ***Item 6 of Agenda***

Next item of business was the selection of classifiers. Committees were charged with the updating the classifiers list. Barney McClure recommended that the list be updated to also include teacher and industry designations. Each group presented the recording secretary with their list, as revised.

### ***Items 7 of Agenda***

Heifer Validation Program was discussed by Kevin Swor. Training information and program guidelines would be presented at workshop held on Thursday. Everyone was encouraged to attend. Billy Zandolloni has been working in concert with the livestock shows, 4H and FFA. Zandolloni's office will handle paperwork for this process. There has been some delay of getting information out the group. 2014-2015 Texas Heifer Validation Program document was submitted to the group and is included in the minutes.

### ***Item 8 of the Agenda***

The Texas Livestock Project Conference will take place September 5-7, 2014 at the HOT fairgrounds. Barney indicated that he needed to have people from the Major Livestock Show Advisory Committee to assist in the directing some of the workshops at this event. The event was being organized by Zandolloni's office. This event is geared towards: Agents, Teachers, Parents and Students. This is home game for Baylor and rooms are at a premium. Therefore a room block has been established in West. No direct names were given to Mr. McClure for the event.

### ***Next Meeting***

The next meeting for the Major Livestock Show Advisory Committee will be held November 3, 2014 in Austin at the Bob Bullock State History Museum at 9am. Minutes from this meeting will be posted to the web for committee and other interested parties to see.

***Minutes Submitted By Lorie Kempfen, Recording Secretary.***