

**Colorado Independent Cattlegrowers Association
Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting**

04/19/2016

1. Call to Order

President Lorene Bonds called the meeting to order via conference call at 7:38 PM.

2. Roll Call of Directors and Guests by Secretary Curt Werner

Present: Lorene Bonds, President; Cody Jolly, Janell Reid, Curt Werner, Tom Robb, John Beaty, Paul Schmucker, and Wayne Rusher. Also present were Past Presidents Kimmi Lewis, John Reid and Wil Bledsoe. Past President Gerald Schreiber joined the call late. Guests on the call were Bill Bullard from R-CALF, Belinda Groner, Elisabeth Erickson-Noe, David Cundiff, and Kelli Jo Brubaker.

Not Present: Dr. John Maulsby, Don Gittleson, Kristine Lewis, and Totsy Rees.

3. Minutes from previous meeting

Janell Reid moved to approve the March 15, 2016 minutes as submitted. Wayne Rusher seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report (see attached)

Janell Reid reported that the following checks were written:

- Rees Consulting for \$1,300.00 monthly lobbying fee
- Sarah Nuss \$207.60 for newsletter/postage
- Baca Weekly \$323.70 for newsletter
- Kelli Jo Brubaker for \$40.00 for monthly recording secretary fee
- Sarah Nuss for Mindy Dutro \$15.00 for newsletter help

Total Expenses: \$1,886.30

Income

- \$700.00 (14 producer renewals)
- \$150.00 (3 new producers)
- \$245.00 (7 associate member renewals)
- \$35.00 (1 new associate member)
- \$150.00 (2 affiliate renewals)
- \$180.00 (regular donations)
- \$150.00 (intern donations)

Total Income	=	\$1,610.00
March 2016 balance		\$27,381.38
Less expenses		\$1,886.30
Balance Forward		<u>\$27,105.08</u>

Raffle Account balance is \$683.58
Intern Account is \$895.00
Intern CD Balance is \$1958.00 + interest \$0.48 = \$1,958.48
Total Balance of all assets as of 03/14/2016 is \$30,642.14

There were no questions or discussion regarding the treasurer's report. Wayne Rusher moved to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. Tom Robb seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. New Board Member

Lorene Bonds introduced David Cundiff who is a CICA member from Region 5 and stated that he was interested in joining the CICA Board of Directors. Janell Reid moved to appoint David Cundiff as a Region 5 Director. Paul Schmucker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. R-CALF Report

Bill Bullard spoke about the TPP and a rejection letter that has been drafted. He urged the Board to sign the rejection letter. Curt Werner moved that CICA sign the rejection letter to the TPP. Paul Schmucker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Guest: Belinda Groner

Belinda Groner spoke to the group about her recent experience with BLM 2.0 through the SECPPRC. She gave a history of what has led up to this and then informed the Board that comments can be submitted regarding this with a deadline of May 24, 2016. Lorene requested that Belinda send her the information via email and then she will distribute it to the rest of the Board for review and further discussion. Belinda agreed to do so.

8. Legislative report

John Reid reported that he had received communication from Leellen Koroulis that she still wishes to be on the Legislative Committee. John also reported on the following three legislative issues:

Issue #1-- he had spoken to Totsy and she didn't think the hunters and anglers bill would reappear.

Issue #2--John Becker's conservation easement remedy bill died in the appropriations committee on Friday and the details of exactly why are unclear. Gerald Schreiber reported that it was sabotaged by someone from the Colorado Land Trust.

Issue #3--John was pleased to announce that CICA Past President Kimmi Lewis was nominated from the floor and earned enough votes for the top spot on the ballot to run against Tim Dore for Colorado House District 64.

Kimmi Lewis then announced that her website would be up very soon and she is organizing her campaign now.

A motion was made by Wayne Rusher for CICA to endorse Kimmi Lewis for Colorado House District 64. Janell Reid seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Membership report

Kimmi Lewis reported that two or three more new memberships have come in since last month.

10. Old Business

- SECPPRC—Kimmi Lewis recommended on behalf of SECPPRC that the CICA Board respond to the comments regarding BLM 2.0 that Belinda Groner had spoken about earlier in the meeting. Janell Reid moved to ask Kori Lewis to help the CICA Board write a strong letter regarding BLM 2.0. John Beaty seconded the motion. Wayne Rusher questioned what exactly the letter would include and who exactly it would be sent to. Discussion followed. Kimmi Lewis suggested Kori draft the letter with Belinda's input and then the letter would be sent out for the Board's final approval before it was sent. Motion carried unanimously.
- Convention (July 16th) Speakers Update—Kimmi Lewis reported that Jillane Hixon has agreed to come and speak for \$500.00 plus travel expenses. She will speak on her personal experience with conservation easements and the defaults.
- Window Stickers/Membership Cards/Banners—these did not get mailed out with the newsletter so Lorene is going to coordinate with Kristine about getting these mailed out in a separate mailing.
- Central Colorado Cattlemen's (Lake George, April 2nd)—Cody Jolly attended but Wil Bledsoe wasn't able to attend. They are interested in becoming more active in CICA.
- Website Update/Agriculture News Release—Elisabeth Erickson-Noe reported that the last press release was announcing the intern position. The next press release will be about the TPP. She has been sending the press releases to Robert to be added to the website but up to this point they have not been added.

11. New Business

- Land and Water-Hage Case—Elisabeth will forward further info to Lorene and she will then share it with the Board for further discussion.
- Intern Applications—Janell Reid reported that that the application for the 2016 intern position is on the website. The deadline for submitting the application is

May 1, 2016. Janell is hopeful that some applications will come in soon and she is certain an intern will be selected for the 2016 convention.

Other New Business:

- Gerald Schreiber asked the Board if a gun raffle was going to be held leading up to convention. Janell Reid moved to have a gun raffle. Second came from Curt Werner. Motion carried unanimously. Wayne Rusher volunteered to make the arrangements to obtain the gun. The Board directed Wayne to use his discretion in picking the gun. Wayne said that it would be an American made firearm that Kelly's Guns has in stock. He will report back with the specific details at the next meeting. Gerald asked that the info be forwarded to him ASAP so that he can get the tickets printed in a timely manner. Lorene asked for other suggestions for raffle items. Wil stated a fire pit would be a good seller and that he would probably be able to get it donated. Motion from Janell Reid to have 1 firearm and 1 fire pit both to be raffled. Second from Wayne Rusher. Motion carried unanimously.
- Wil Bledsoe reported that the Cattlemen's Beef Board put out a news release that they have a vacancy to be filled. Discussion followed. No action taken.
- John Reid reported that Leellen Koroulis' mother had passed away recently. Wayne Rusher moved to send a \$75.00 memorial contribution from CICA as a condolence. Second from Paul Schmucker. Motion carried unanimously.
- Janell Reid reported that Mindy Dutro who was CICA's intern a few years ago is now helping Sarah Nuss with the newsletter. Mindy doesn't want to be paid because she wants to help CICA but Sarah thinks she should be paid. Janell wanted to put this before the Board for discussion. Lorene suggested a gift certificate of some kind at Janell's discretion. Group consensus was in agreement with this.

12. Officer & Director Reports

13. Next Meeting: May 17, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

Janell Reid reported that she would not be on the call next month. She stated she will join the call late if she is able but the treasurer's report will be sent to someone else in case she isn't able to join the call.

14. Adjournment: 9:17pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli Jo Brubaker
CICA Recording Secretary