

**Colorado Independent CattleGrower's Association**

**7:00p.m.**

**December 16, 2013**

- 1) **Call to order:** President Will Bledsoe called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
- 2) **Roll Call Directors& Guests:** Directors on the call were Mack Louden, Curt Werner, Tom Robb and Paul Schmucker. Officers present were President Will Bledsoe, Vice President Lorene Bonds Secretary Cody Jolly, Treasurer Janell Reid and past President, Gerald Schreiber. Directors and past presidents not present on the call were Kimmi Lewis, John Reid, Jerry Koskie, Dr. John Maulsby, Leellen Koroulis, Don Gittleson, Tom Moulden, and Korry Lewis.
- 3) **Minutes of previous meeting:** President Will Bledsoe asked if anyone had any problems with the minutes as emailed by Secretary Cody Jolly. Jerry Koskie so moved to accept the minutes as emailed Lorene Bonds seconded. Motion Carried
- 4) **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Janell Reid reviewed the treasurer's report as it was emailed. There was some discussion how the ad we put in the Colorado Angus Association Directory looked and nobody could answer it since no one had received a copy of the directory. Mack Louden so moved to accept the treasurer's report as emailed. Cody Jolly seconded. Motion Carried
- 5) **Lobbyist Report:** Lobbyist Totsy Rees first reported that there was a Workmen's Comp. bill being talked about and said it could be detrimental to small and large businesses. Tosty thought there wasn't much support for this bill. Will Bledsoe asked if there was anything new on the bill Jerry Sonnenberg's bill on reporting animal abuse within 48 hours and Totsy had nothing new to report on it at this time. The legislated day was brought up when we should have it Totsy will send out ideas when she could meet with us and possibly do it during stock show. Mack Louden stated that Colorado Counties INC. was looking at running a bill to address soil erosion/blowing dirt and is concerned that it could dictate how we run our farms and

ranches. The last legislative item Totsy report on was she was seeing some movement between houses on revoking SB-252.

- 6) **R-CALF Report:** Bill Bullard from R-CALF reported on the status of Country Origin of Labeling (COOL) and competition in the farm bill. The final COOL rule went into law on November 23, 2013 with this rule in place now it means that meat processors will not be able to use the multi-origin label anymore. There will be a hearing on January 9, 2014 on COOL. COOL and completion were the two most controversial items in the farm bill. There has been some language introduced into the house version of the farm that could severely restrict the United States Department of Agriculture properly implementing the Packers and Stockyards Act. Bill talked about the Beef Checkoff and the mis-use of Checkoff money by National Beef Cattlemen's Association (NCBA).
- 7) **Membership Report:** Korry Lewis had sent out the second half of our membership renewals. Steven Newsome paid founding member dues this year. Sarah Nuss was on a state she would send out a rough draft of a new brochure she had made up and wanted feedback on any changes that needed to be made.

### **Old Business**

- a) **Pinon Canyon/Army activity:** Mack Loudon felt they were in deep trouble with the removal of the waiver and funding ban.
- b) **2014 Calendar of Activities/Ideas and Stock Show:** President Will Bledsoe thought it would be good if we could have a face to face meeting in January to be more productive and come up with some ideas of things we would like to do in 2014 and also try to go to the stock show as a group. Mack Loudon and Cody Jolly made the same comment that face to face meetings are more productive.
- c) **Other:** Dr. Maulsby stated that he had attended a veterinary consultants meeting and said that it was interesting the conversations that took place on Zilmax.

Cody Jolly brought up the status of CICA's website and that the website was down for some time but it was up and running again. It is currently being update and Kimmi Lewis suggested something's that needed updating.

**8) New Business**

**a) Heritage Area:** Kathy Daniel with the Southern Colorado Livestock Association (SCLA) was on our call discussing the possibly of southern Colorado being designated a heritage area. SCLA was planning on bringing in Bob Parker to discuss his dealings with heritage area designations. Janell Reid made a motion that we donate \$200 to help with the expenses of getting Bob Parker coming to speak at the SCLA meeting in January. Lorene Bonds seconded. The motion carried. Dr. Maulsby was kind enough to donate \$500 of his own money to help cover Bob Parker's travel expenses to speak at the SCLA meeting. There was discussion to make sure whatever money was leftover of the \$700 goes to the new formed group that will be fighting the heritage area.

**b) Director Reports:**

**c) Other:** Gerald Schreiber talked about some stories that he had heard from the Atlas Blizzard. John Reid stated that he will be attending a Colorado Animal Identification on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>.

**d) Adjourn:** Cody Jolly so moved Lorene Bonds seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cody Jolly

CICA Secretary