

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

02/16/2016

1. Call to Order

President Lorene Bonds called the meeting to order via conference call at 7:06 PM.

2. Roll Call of Directors and Guests

Present: Lorene Bonds, President; Cody Jolly, Janell Reid, Curt Werner, Tom Robb, John Beaty, and Wayne Rusher. Also present were Past Presidents Gerald Schreiber, John Reid, and Kimmi Lewis. Also present was Mike Shultz from R-CALF.

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

3. Minutes from previous meeting

Motion from Janell Reid to approve the January 16, 2016 minutes as submitted. Second by Cody Jolly. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report (see attached)

Janell Reid reported that the following checks were written:

- Rees Consulting for \$1300.00 for monthly lobbying fee
 - Kristine Lewis for \$557.24 for renewal exp 20 hours
 - Kelli Jo Brubaker for \$40.00 for monthly recording secretary fee
- Total Expenses: \$1897.24

Income

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| • 18 associate dues | \$630.00 |
| • 4 new producers | \$200.00 |
| • 1 affiliate | \$75.00 |
| • 72 producer memberships | \$3600.00 |
| • Donations | \$540.00 |
| Total income | =\$5,045.00 |

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| January 2016 balance | \$26,823.57 |
| plus income | \$5,045.00 |
| less expenses | \$1897.24 |
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| Balance Forward | \$29,971.33 |

Raffle Account balance is \$683.58

Intern Account is \$595.00 + \$300.00 In memory of deceased members = \$895.00

Intern CD Balance is \$1958.00

Total Balance of all assets as of 02/16/2016 is \$33,507.91

There were no questions or discussion regarding the treasurer's report. Motion by Wayne Rusher to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. Second by Cody Jolly. Motion carried unanimously.

5. R-CALF Report

Mike Schultz gave the R-CALF report as Bill Bullard was in Missouri at a Beef Checkoff meeting. Topics covered included a corporate hog bill which was passed, the TPP which continues to be a concern, and the lawsuit/injunction that is being filed against the Beef Checkoff. Gerald Schreiber encouraged everyone to support this effort financially if they are able.

6. Legislative report

Totsy Rees was not on the call due to another obligation. John Reid reported that he believed the legislative day at the capital last week was a success. He would like to have seen more legislators and more CICA members present but overall it was a successful day. One of the issues that was concerning to CICA was a bill introduced to do away with equine brand inspections. This bill was killed in committee. Another issue that remains in a proposal by a hunting group from Gunnison to open all public lands to open access hunting. Totsy has cautioned us to watch closely that this isn't attached to something else later on. Otherwise there isn't anything specific at this time to be concerned with.

7. Membership report

Kimmi Lewis gave the report in Kristine Lewis' absence. Renewals have come in very strong with 90+ being received. There are 29 new members since 2015 convention.

8. Old Business

- **Ken Buck Round Table:** Curt Werner and Gerald Schreiber attended this event. Schreiber spoke to Mr. Buck about CICA's position on the TPP and Werner spoke about private property rights issues. Both Schreiber and Werner felt that Mr. Buck was receptive to CICA's positions.
- **Website update:** Cody Jolly reported that all of the info had been updated but he isn't satisfied with the amount of time it takes Robert to update stuff. He is recommending that the board consider someone else for the job. The current contract is due to expire this summer. General consensus was that no change should be made until the contract is up for renewal. Several members think that the number one consideration when contracting with someone else is security. CICA doesn't want other outside groups to be able to access our website and put things on there that aren't board approved. This has never been a problem with Robert. Group consensus also was that it is important that whoever is maintaining the website receive current information in a timely manner. Curt Werner asked that he be provided with Robert's email address so that he can get minutes and changes to him timely and ask for updates. Elisabeth Erickson-Noe also stated

that she would email press releases directly to Robert as well. No action taken at this time.

- **SECPPRC Report:** Kimmi Lewis reported that they are going to help fund Dr. Angus Macintosh to speak about private property rights, BLM, and Forest Service issues. SECPPRC also paid for the last attorney bill to Mr. Cortese for the tax issue they fought in Bent County. They will be sending out emails to all of those involved to update everyone and get a game plan for any upcoming issues. Janell Reid moved to donate \$500.00 to SECPPRC to fund Dr. Macintosh's speaking engagement. Second by Wayne Rusher. Motion carried unanimously.

Elisabeth Erickson-Noe gave a schedule of the upcoming event and invited all to attend.

- **Convention:** Convention will be the weekend of July 16, 2016. More details will follow. Discussion followed about possible speakers to seek out for convention. Jolly stated that he would like to hear a speaker regarding feed additives and animal health. Schreiber stated he would like to hear another speaker regarding the beef checkoff. No action taken.
- **Four Corners Ag Expo:** Lorene Bonds reported that she is attending this in March and any and all help would be appreciated.

9. New Business

- **American Stewards of Liberty:** Cody Jolly reported that the cost to affiliate with this organization is \$35.00. Discussion followed. Cody Jolly moved to affiliate with American Stewards of Liberty for \$100.00 donation. Second by Janell Reid. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Window Stickers:** Discussion was had about the fact that Kristine needs these as soon as possible so they can be sent out with the membership letters. Cody Jolly is going to La Junta and he will check on this and get them ordered. Motion by Tom Robb to spend up to \$1250.00 for 1000 window stickers. If the total amount exceeds \$1250.00 then Lorene Bonds will conduct a phone/email poll for approval/denial of the excess amount. Second by Wayne Rusher. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Press Releases:** Elisabeth Erickson-Noe has reached out to the Colorado Department of Agriculture and Brian Alnure's *Inside the Barn* daily radio report. She has had good response from both. Janell Reid asked for direction from the board for payment to Elisabeth. Motion by Wayne Rusher to pay Elisabeth Erickson-Noe monthly. Second by Janell Reid. Motion carried unanimously. Janell asked that Elisabeth email her a bill.

- **Ag News Network:** Further discussion ensued regarding press releases. Motion by Cody Jolly to pay \$40.00 to the *Ag News Network* publishers for two press releases and then re-evaluate if we want to continue. Second by Curt Werner. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Committee List Updates:** Lorene Bonds asked the Board about updating the committee lists. She stated she hasn't been able to get in contact with some of them and we need to update the list. She will be sending out the list she has and if anyone wants to be on a committee they will need to respond to the email.
- **Intern Committee:** Cody Jolly stated that we will need to find an intern for convention. Janell Reid stated she will handle the intern committee. Group consensus was that Elisabeth should also include something about the intern search in an upcoming press release.

10. Officer & Director Reports

11. Next Meeting: March 15, 2016 at 7pm

12. Adjournment: 8:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli Jo Brubaker
CICA Recording Secretary