

NYBPA Region 2 Meeting Minutes

Cattaraugus County Fairgrounds – Corporate Building

March 14, 2020

Co-Chair Ted Card welcomed everyone & thanked them for attending. We had 63 members & guests in attendance.

A Buffet Dinner was provided by 3C's Catering of Kennedy, NY.

NYS Association President Phil Trowbridge also thanked everyone for attending & was impressed by the number of people in attendance.

Secretary/Treasurer Sherry Charlesworth read the minutes from the 2019 meeting. Motion was made by Sarah Nickerson & 2nd by Jeff Williams to approve the minutes. Carried.

Balance in our checking account as of March 14th is \$2011.85. Our only fundraising this year was the Beef Sundae sales at the WNY Farm Show in Hamburg in which we raised \$410.44.

Election of officers was held as follows: Ted let everyone know that the by-laws do state that board members are limited to a 4 year term & that he & Sherry have completed their 4 year terms. It has been discussed with the State Association however, & would allow for this to be extended. Nominations were sought from the floor. With no nominations from the floor for any of the positions, a motion was made by Dave Schuaman & 2nd by Vicky Williams that 1 ballot be cast to keep the Co-Chairs of Ted Card & Amanda Dackowsky as well as the Secretary/Treasurer Sherry Charlesworth for another year. Carried.

Old Business: BQA certification was held at the Nelsons Valley View Farms with 32 in attendance.

Beef Sundae sales at the WNY Farm Show were discussed. There is talk of changing the hours of the show next year. There have been other food vendors on site the past couple of years & this has had an impact on the sales of the Sundaes. Ted asked that we consider whether or not we should continue to do this as there is a lot of time put into this with minimal profits. Tabled.

BQAT certification was held at Cherry Creek

New Business: Dr. Shannon Carpenter has graciously offered to hold a BQA certification this year at their farm in October. Thank you Dr Shannon.

Cargill trip scheduled for April 8th was discussed. It is not feasible to provide a bus for the trip therefore we will be carpooling. We will be leaving the Jamestown area around 8:00 AM. The NYS Beef Council will be providing Bag lunches & there are plans to stop for dinner on the way home. This is all contingent on Cargill remaining open for tours due to the Coronavirus situation.

Ted is looking for someone interested in hosting a Field Day event this year. Phil Trowbridge suggested the Charlesworth Family Farm. The Charlesworth's will consider this.

Ted asked everyone to be sure to get on the NYBPA website to check on all upcoming Regional meetings for other regions. Thanks to everyone who paid their annual dues & if you have not done so yet you may do it online.

The NYS Jr program is moving in a new direction. It will now be under the direction of the Executive Board. If you know of anyone who wishes to participate in the Jr Program, please have them reach out to Ted or anyone on the Executive Board. Remember, our Jr's are our future!

The Cattaraugus County Fairgrounds have not charged us for the use of their building. A Motion was made by Dr Shannon Carpenter & 2nd by Dr Katie Card to make a donation of \$100 to the Fair. Carried.

Motion by Jeff Williams & 2nd by Sarah Nickerson to adjourn. Carried.

Katherine Staiger of the NYS Beef Council spoke of the importance of paying your check-off dollars & the benefits of the check-off dollars. She also spoke about BQA re-certification & that attending this dinner/meeting tonight will qualify for your re-certification. She also spoke about alternative proteins as well as Beef in the Classroom. If you know anyone in the schools that could benefit from this, please have them contact the NYS Beef Council.

Phil Keppler & Billy Martin spoke about selling your cattle & what they look for when they purchase cattle. Many factors go into their decision when purchasing including cleanliness of the cattle. PLEASE ween your cattle at least 3-4 weeks before selling them. VACCINATE your cattle. They like to have cattle that have been given a dose of Inforce 2-3 days before moving them. If you are castrating your cattle, please count to 2. They don't like any surprises.

Dr. Shannon Carpenter gave a presentation on pre-conditioning your cattle & the importance of it.

50/50 drawing was for \$82.50 & Donations of \$38 were received for the beverages provided.

Thank you to everyone who donated door prizes for our event.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Charlesworth
Secretary/Treasurer