

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture
November 19, 2009
Conference Call

Present: Juan Reyes
Jack Corson
Jim Bennage
Dave Graham
Gene Hardy, President
Dalin Winters

Absent: Jim Mickelson
Joe Thomas, Vice President
Patrick Zimmerer
John Hansen
Bridget Kukowski
Frank Galey, UW College of Agriculture Dean
Ryan Lance, Governor Freudenthal's Office
John Etchepare, Director

Staff: Muff Parker, Recording Secretary
Jason Fearneyhough, Deputy Director

Guests: James Goodrich
Larry Lippincott

Tail Docking

Larry Lippincott, a lamb & cattle feeder, joined the board to explain a new process he has been using for three years to reduce stress on the lambs. He said by reducing the dust, he has also reduced the number of prolapsed lambs. The current policy at State Fair states no lamb is admitted with rectal prolaps. He also said that no show are lambs subjected to x-ray. He went on to say the National Western Stock Show is using a visual check and he feels Wyoming State Fair should also use that system. He said number eight, in the policy, needs to be changed to say no surgical reconstruction is allowed, and number 9 should read no prolapsed labs will be admitted. He went on to say that those purchasing labs at auctions don't have the time during the sale to know if the lamb has problems. They are buying them on faith. He also observed a private show last year and he didn't think they (the lambs) would have passed the policy if changed. He would like to have the board reconsider the policy because the current policy has done more harm than anything else in the last 30-40 years. He welcomes calls regarding this issue.

Jack Corson stresses quality not quantity at State Fair. Kids have been showing for 38 years at State Fair. Gene Hardy said he doesn't feel the board is in a position at this time to reconsider the tail docking policy and as President, cannot make any guarantees they will reconsider it at a later time.

James Goodrich said what Larry had talked about was similar to what he had presented a previous meeting in Casper. He did want to remind the board the fair book is required to go out ninety days before fair, which will be March, 2009. Dalin suggested the board discuss the issue before March. Gene agreed

to bring it back up at the next face-to-face meeting. Jack Corson said someone who voted against changing the rule has to make a motion to bring the issue back up for discussion.

Brucellosis Testing

Gene had heard that Game and Fish would notify the landowner if a blood sample were to come back positive for Brucellosis. Jason will get a hold of Scott Talbott and/or Steve Ferrell about this. Evidently they get a small percentage of the test tubes back, and Dr. Galey indicated that several of those are not usable because they are not handled properly.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Hardy, President

Date