



University of Florida Block and Bridle Club
General Meeting
ANS 156 –3/27/2018

Meeting Called to Order- 7:06 PM

Motion to Approve the Minutes: Kori Brook

Motion Seconded by Sarah Orrell

Motion passes

- **Treasure's Report**
 - **Total:** \$22,074
 - **Rodeo Team:** \$4,637
 - Made around \$11,000 from RITS. We still have a couple sponsorships coming in. Last year we made 7,000 from RITS, so this is an improvement.
- **Old Business**
 - **Ropin' in the Swamp**
 - Sam: thank you to everyone who helped. We couldn't do it without you!
 - Merchandise made \$4,111
 - Shirts are still available from RITS. If you want an extra or know someone who wants to purchase one you can. Price may be reduced.
 - **Convention Checks**
 - They are available for pick up. Contact Sam to claim your check.
- **New Business**
 - **Family Day at the Dairy- March 31st**
 - Sam has link for anyone who wants to help the dairy science club with the event. Dr. Scheffler also posted about the event on the BnB app.
 - **Scrapbook**
 - We need write ups for all events (RITS, Boots on the Hill, etc) to include in the scrapbook. If you are interested please let us know.
 - Also need write ups for fall events
 - Anne will make a list of all the events and people can sign up to write an event summary
 - Can earn a point by doing so
 - **Ray Kempfer Clay Shoot- April 14th (OK Corral, Okeechobee)**
 - Need about 18 people to help with registration and stations
 - Registration starts at 11, shoot will be after lunch at 1pm
 - All proceeds go to the Ray Kempfer scholarship fund which benefits students in the club
 - Eden: it's a pretty laid back day and a good day of service for the club
 - There will be a gun raffle. Tickets aren't here tonight but should be in within the next few days. Contact Sam or Anne to get tickets. Everyone should try to sell raffle tickets even if its just a few. The winner doesn't need to be present at the event to win, but they need to be over 18.
 - We will hold another silent auction at the clayshoot
 - If you know the Kempfer family, see if they would like to sponsor the event or have a team
 - Check with your local feed store to see if they would sponsor an item in the silent auction
 - **Rodeo Team Barrel Race- July 7th**

- The rodeo team will need help with set up and running the benefit barrel race
- Get with Callie Ward or Courtney McCreary to volunteer
- **Point System Update**
 - To be an active member you must have 1 Social point, 2 consecutive attendance points (or 4 non-consecutive points), and 2 event points
 - Anne has the spreadsheet mostly updated, still working on adding a few ropings
 - If your name is in green you have met your membership requirements
 - If you didn't sign in or out at RITS, see Anne so she can give you your points
- **Beef Cattle Short Course (May 9th-11th)**
 - Short course is the annual Beef Cattle Extension event hosted by UF
 - Will need the most help for on May 10th, the day of the steak out
 - Will be held at the Beef Teaching Unit & Straughn Center
 - 2 ½ days of seminars
 - Thursday will have seminars at BTU and steak dinner
 - Volunteering here is a good way to mingle with beef industry people and network
- **Florida Cattlemen's Convention (Jun. 19th-21st) Champion's Gate Resort, Orlando**
 - There will be an application, they will be sent out over the listserv. **Due Date: April 10th** (Next Meeting!)
 - The 21st is an optional day (if we stay until the 21st to go to the banquet everyone will be asked to pay \$50 for your hotel room)
 - *Bre Barrett motions for at \$50 non-refundable deposit to be made on each hotel room to stay until the 21st*
 - *James Willis seconds*
 - *Motion passes*
 - **You will be required to do work while you are there:** Simple tasks- helping sell merchandise, registration, etc. There will still be time for networking and exploring
- **Officer Nominations**
 - Will open April 10th (next meeting)
 - Positions open: President (Semester term), Vice President (Semester term), Secretary (yearlong), Treasurer (yearlong)
 - **To be eligible for President or VP** you must have previously held another officer or chairman position
 - Chair positions opening: food chair, merchandise chair, RITS chair
 - Be thinking of people you will like to nominate and encourage people to be present at the next meeting
 - If you are interested in a position, talk to the current officer or chair to find out more about the responsibilities of the position
- **Industry Rep. Reports**
 - **Meat: Callie Ward**
 - The choice/select spread is .71/lbs
 - The Meat Industry Suppliers open up a scholarship every year. Any student with an interest in meat science can apply. Find fpsa.org applications are due May 11th
 - JBS Beef Processing just sold its feed yards to 5 Rivers for 200 Million dollars; this is a big deal because they're one of the 3 major processors and the last to sell their feedlots, so now none of the major packers own feedlots. 5 Rivers will still provide JBS with cattle.
 - **Dairy: Kaitlyn Staszewski**
 - US Dairy Export Council released estimates for dairy exports, they are up 9%
 - Us Milk production saw an 1.8 increase in February
 - Cow numbers have grown for the 4th consecutive month= 49,000 additional head
 - Florida numbers increased by 1000 head, TX grew the most with 17,000 head.
 - **Beef: Kori Brooke**

- Calf and Feeder prices trending lower. USDA Beef inventories down 8.4%. With the omnibus bill passing, it has changed emissions reporting for ranchers, it will further exempt livestock haulers from implementing ELDs. It will also fix the 19a tax bill.
- The Florida Beef Council will be launching a new website with recipes, info for consumers, and teaching tools
- **Equine: Meghan Wentzel**
 - o The 2018 Omnibus bill has caused horse processing facilities to remain closed. Bureau of Land Management cannot sell wild horses. USDA Inspectors receive additional money to ensure compliance of animal welfare standards for wild horses.
 - o American Horse Council reported the current economic impact of the equine industry is \$122 million, creating \$79 Billion in salaries,
 - o Fun fact: 30% of households contain a horse enthusiast
 - o BML is testing new plan to reduce long term holding in wild horse facilities. They hope to tame mustangs and raise awareness for mustang adoption

- **Other Announcements**

- **Club Awards**
 - Will open on April 10th with officer nominations.
 - 5 awards: Adviser Award, Teacher Award, Workhorse Award, Outstanding Junior, Outstanding Senior, Honorary Member
- **Brahman Steers**
 - Talk to Tina if you have Beef experience
 - Dr. Scheffler will need help halter breaking Brahman steers for a research project

Meeting Adjourned: 7:43 PM

Important Dates

- Family Day at the Dairy- March 31st
- Ray Kempfer Clay Shoot: Apr. 14th, OK Corral, Okeechobee
- State Livestock Judging Contest- Apr. 14th HTU
- Beef Dinner- Apr. 14th
- CALS Scholarship Banquet- April 19th
- Sale in the Swamp- Apr. 11th
- Last day of class- Apr. 25th
- Animal Science Senior Luncheon & Scholarship Banquet- Apr. 27th
- Graduation! May 5th
- FCA Convention- Jun. 19th-Jun. 21st
- UF Rodeo Team Benefit- July 7th