South Texas Cattlewomen Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021

Oasis Outback, SE Room, Uvalde

Jan Elliott called the meeting to order at 10:19 am. Jan lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to both the US and Texas flags. Linda Landrum lead us in the prayer.

**WELCOMING OF GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS**

Jenny Cordell – guest of Holly VanCleve

Rachel Garcia – guest of Debra Parsons and new member

Diana Ridgway introduced new members:

Leisha Ashley, Lashawn Wardlaw McIvor and Nicole Bradshaw

**SEPTEMBER MINUTES**: Minutes were approved as presented.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Presented by Linda:

Balance forward – Broadway Bank $ 12,182.85

**Deposits:**

Dues $ 1,490.00

Big Give 8,772.22

Total 10,262.22

**Checks:**

 $ 0.00

Balance in Broadway Bank $22,445.07

STOCKMEN’S NATIONAL BANK COTULLA

Balance $21,438.22

TOTAL $43,883.29

The Treasurer’s Report was approved as presented.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jan reminded us that she has forms to apply for Beef reimbursement from the Beef Council. We need to report any beef promotion activities, including the # of hours spent, # of people reached, and the amount of $ spent, even if we do not want to be reimbursed ourselves.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Jan said she was going to approach some foundations she knows for contributions, and asked us again to approach all of our business partners.

She had nothing new to report on Spikes & Spurs and Retama. Retama did not return her phone call. Priscilla Parsons and Holly VanCleve announced they would like to pass the torch on S&S. Priscilla reviewed the history of S&S for the newer members. We have a deposit with the Briscoe Western Art Museum that has been carried over from 2020 due to Covid. We also have a $7,500.00 non-refundable deposit with RK Caterers, which can be used at a different venue if needed. Everyone applauded the great job done.

Jan encouraged using the Briscoe again, and pointed out the availability and discounts offered at hotels close by.

Priscilla said the letters to the big donors needed to go out before Thanksgiving.

Jan reminded us of the upcoming vote set for Nov 2 on 8 propositions, and recommended a “yes” vote on all except Prop 2. She read a summary of Prop 2. She has details on all of them if anyone would like to read them.

Linda Gilleland reported a district court in Arizona recently struck down Trump’s Navigable Waters Protection Ruling (NWPR) and the WOTUS will be coming back. The NWPR scaled down the wetlands subject to federal jurisdiction, and provided needed agricultural exemptions for stock ponds and converted croplands. She suggested writing letters to your Senators, Congressmen and the EPA.

Priscilla reported a rancher she knows had received a letter from the government telling him 2 of his stock tanks were too large.

Jan said the recent special session of the Texas Legislature did not cover HB 141. That bill would make criminal trespass a felony, which will give us more ability to deal with the illegals on our property. She recommended contacting our Legislators (ALL across the state) to push passage of the bill in the next special session.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Jan said the $1,000.00 Miss Rodeo Texas MBA (Masters of Beef Advocacy) scholarship we give each year has become so big there must be a drawing for the winner. It has turned out to be a great thing for MRT, as she then has the knowledge to answer the animal activists that always seem to attack her at public functions for rodeo and her agricultural life. Jan said if no-one has any objection, we will leave the amount at $1,000.00. She said that we still have $30,000.00 at Hondo National Bank as Big Spring has not needed our money for several years. Gail and Pat Jackowski at Uvalde Meat have been donating Beef that was processed but was never picked up. Discussion ensued and consensus was to leave amount as-is.

Jan said all STCW members should get the MBA. She said she will find out the link and send to us. Also there is a Beef Quality Assurance course. She suggested making it a contest between TCW chapters, and will present that at this weekend’s state meeting.

Jan said she just heard from Big Spring after not hearing anything for 2 years. They sent forms on the Childrens Christmas lists at Amazon. Gifts can be purchased anywhere, then delivered; or ordered from Amazon.

Discussion ensued on whether or not Big Spring even needs our money anymore, and Jan asked us to look around for someone else we can help.

Jan said she didn’t know if we needed to have a November meeting.

Jan thanked everyone for her nomination for the Lifetime Achievement Award, and for all the nice notes and remarks.

Diana Ridgway announced a Meet and Greet for Secretary Pompeo this Sunday, Oct. 24. 3:30 -5:30 in San Antonio at Fort Sam Houston Golf Course. Reservations and contributions are required. Brent Moody is the contact 210-709-7888.

Betty Settlemeyer reported that Debbie Walton’s mother passed away. Jan said we should keep her in our prayers.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 for Lunch and Program.

**PROGRAM**

Tony Ashley, TSCRA Special Ranger

(DeWitt, Edwards, Frio, Kinney, LaSalle, Maverick, Medina, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, Zavala Counties)

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**DATE REMINDERS/NEXT MEETING**

Oct 22-23 - TCW Fall Convention, Beef Council, Austin

Oct 28 – TSCRA Urban Gathering, Buckhorn Saloon, San Antonio

Feb 1-3, 2022 – NCBA, Houston

March 25-27, 2022 – TSCRA, Fort Worth

March 2022 – TCW 50th Anniversary

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Waitz