**Idaho Cattlewomen Council Meeting Minutes**

**November 13,2017**

Chairwoman, Megan Satterwhite called the meeting to order at 4:54pm

32 members were present and everyone introduced themselves.

Minutes from the June 2017 meeting were approved.

**Financial Report:** Megan detailed the ICW Council’s Balance Sheet explaining that the balance includes $2000.00 that has been donated thru the Julie Kerner Memorial Scholarship. The ICW is facilitating the collection and awarding of this scholarship, as we do for WSI/Simplot.

**Update on Saddle and Scholarship Report:** Saddle ticket sales prior to the convention were brisk and there is a spreadsheet and will be recognition for those selling the most tickets. Linda Ramsey updated the meeting on the RC Bean handmade bridal and it was passed around for everyone to look at. Linda reported that RC Bean had committed for another headstall in 2018 which is a $900.00+ headstall. Linda reminded everyone to be sure and show recognition with all sponsors to family and friends and while doing business with sponsors.

2017 Scholarship had three winners: Ross Blatner, Emilee Holt and Chanelle Bruseau. Past Scholarship winner Valene Lickley was at the meeting and spoke to the group. Valene state it was a true honor to be chosen and it would have been impossible to have gotten her civil engineering degree in four year without scholarships. She encouraged everyone of college age to apply.

Linda Ramsey was given a gift for heading up the saddle/scholarship committee. Anita Miller will be the new saddle chairman and she had already taken the 2018 saddle made by Nancy Martiny to Bruneau Cowboy Christmas. Volunteers were called for to help with the saddle raffle on Tuesday evening.

Linda acknowledged North West Farm Credit has been our True Blue sponsor on the saddle. It was noted it is hard to get a decent saddle for less than $4,000.00. Discussion for ideas for saddle sponsors and it was decided we want at least a $1,500.00 sponsor to be equal in recognition. Also discussed we would limit the sponsors to three. We lost Tree Top Ranches this year as a sponsor. There was talk that we might be able to get Tree Top back and also that River Bend Ranches showed a lot of interest we had just ran out of time on the 17 saddle.

**Calendar with Pics from Photo Contest:** Megan reported pricing for calendars Option 1: 11 x 8 Spiral Bound calendar no less than 500 would cost $8.00 each with $100.00 Set-up Fee. Option 2: Different Company same size spiral bound bleed 8 x 10 $5.90 or 12 x 9 $6.90 the more you order the cheaper they are. Megan ask how everyone felt about calendars? Maggie would like to explore more options. There was general consensus everyone wanted to proceed with calendars. Options brought up was listing sales dates, Thank you to sponsors on calendars. Selling Ads on calendars. It was moved and seconded to set up a committee for Calendars and for them to report back at the June meeting. Calendar Committee is Maggie Malson, Chyenne, Anita Miller and Amy Halstead.

**Introduction of the New Executive Director of the Idaho Beef Council:** TK Kuwahara introduced herself and staff. She told the group she started November 1, 2017 she came to the Beef Council after 17 years with Potatoes USA. TK grew up on a family farm in Oregon.

**Beef Counts Program**. It was a unanimous concern among the group that you can not go to the Idaho Food Bank Website and donate for BEEF. It was mentioned you can donate turkey this time of year.

Laurie Lickley had approached the ICW about the Beef Counts program and a possible opportunity to coordinate the Beef Counts Program. Maggie shared information about the program. You have to raise $1500.00 to do a distribution and we need bodies and excitement to be part of it. In the fall of 2016 the Beef Counts hit the one million servings of beef mark .It was noted it is part of the Idaho Cattle Women’s mission and Agri-Beef matches the food bank program is still active and a great opportunity to educate about beef.

Maggie Malson accepted to be the chairperson to head up a committee to work on Beef Counts and we had the following volunteer to serve on this committee. Anita Miller, Megan Satterwhite, Cheyenne and Mattie.

**Idaho Cattle Women’s Mission Statement** “ The Idaho Cattlewomen Council’s primary focus is beef education and promotion through teamwork and fellowship”. A survey to rank cattlewomen’s priorities in degree of importance to each person present was passed around for completion.

**Legislative Breakfast** is February 6, 2018 the ICW will be doing the breakfast again. Christie Prescott, Paula Brackett and Mattie volunteered for the committee to take care of details.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:48