

SHASTA COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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Annual Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2011

President Steve Moller called the Annual Meeting of the Shasta County Cattlemen's Association to order at 10:10 a.m. at the I.O.O.F. Hall in Palo Cedro. Steve welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the dignitaries, speakers, CCA representatives and guests in attendance as well as the SCCA officers and directors.

Bob Bailey of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Shasta County spoke briefly, stating that additional funding has allowed NRCS to fill a vacant Rangeland Management Specialist position. He then introduced Jennifer Zill who has been hired to fill the position in the Redding field office. He also stated that additional funding has been received this year for range improvement. He thanked the SCCA for their support and looked forward to working with the SCCA in the future.

The minutes of the January 9, 2010 Annual Meeting were presented as mailed to the membership. **It was motioned, seconded and carried to approve the minutes as submitted.**

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed as follows:

Cash in bank as of December 31, 2009	\$34,549.54
Income	\$9,022.19
Expenses	(\$10,181.78)
Cash in bank as of December 31, 2010	<u>\$ 33,389.95</u>
Total of all accounts as of December 31, 2010	
Bank of America Checking	\$1,731.71
Bank of America Savings	\$7,717.41
North Valley Bank CD #592	\$8,244.72
North Valley Bank CD #593	<u>\$15,696.11</u>
	<u>\$33,389.95</u>

It was motioned, seconded and carried to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Jack Rice, General Counsel for the California Farm Bureau Federation, then spoke about the California Farm Bureau vs. the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) lawsuit in Siskiyou County regarding California Fish and Game Code 1602 permit requirements. The background of 1602 as an agreement between CDFG and aggregate miners for the protection and conservation of wildlife was presented. The lawsuit is about CDFG's more recent interpretation which would require that all California water right diversions have a 1602 permit (and fees) and be regulated and monitored by CDFG. The meaning of the words "substantially divert or obstruct the natural flow" is the basis of the case. The Scott and Shasta Valleys offer CDFG the opportunity to approach a whole watershed, through a water master, rather than individual diversions. Where the case will be tried has not been determined so the merits of the case have not yet been heard. The Farm Bureau is optimistic. Questions followed the presentation.

Matt Byrne, Executive Vice President of the California Cattlemen's Association, presented details of the 2011 estate tax changes. In brief, for 2011 through 2012 there will be a 35% tax after a \$5 million exemption. Because estate taxes remain a significant cause of the breakup of family farms and the loss of open space and a two year tax change makes long term estate planning uncertain, CCA continues to lobby for permanent reform. Despite uncertainties, CCA President Kevin Kester advised knowing the rules, getting good professional advice, planning ahead, keeping updated and communicating with all business associates. The advice from a SCCA member was to keep healthy and not die.

Matt Byrne then discussed the USDA proposed Grain Inspectors, Packer and Stockyards Act (GIPSA) which would regulate the actions of packers, market agencies, dealers and stockyards. Originally intended to monitor poultry and swine contracts, cattle have now been included. Although GIPSA does not specifically cover cattle producers, it is an attempt to prohibit unfair, unjust, discriminative and deceptive practices associated with the marketing of all livestock. There are two significant changes. One change is that competitive injury need no longer be proven, only the likelihood of injury. This could increase frivolous lawsuits. The second change requires justification of pricing, with contracts being submitted to the USDA for review and posting on-line. This could limit premium pricing, reduce incentive and would eliminate confidentiality. There is no schedule for implementation and additional cost-benefit analysis will be conducted by the USDA. There are many unanswered questions. CCA continues to oppose GIPSA and government intervention. Questions followed.

Steve Moller presented the President's Report stating some of the issues the SCCA was involved with during the year. The year began with the Safe Harbor discussion, which was eventually resolved. A letter was written in response to the Water Quality Control Board EIR. A letter was also written regarding the offer of grazing allotments in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, as well as a letter to Wally Herger opposing the Bend Area BLM land becoming a conservation area and a letter to Cal Fire supporting the staffing of fire lookouts. Eli Warden was awarded the SCCA scholarship and brand books were provided for the Sheriff's Department.

Committee Reports:

Paul Bertagna reported on a meeting with the Shasta County Air Quality Climate Action Plan committee which is gathering information from the community to build an inventory of greenhouse gasses produced in Shasta County to comply with AB 32. AB 32 calls for no increase of greenhouse gasses and a reduction of greenhouse gasses by 15% by 2020. Future meetings will evaluate the inventory and develop a plan of action.

CCA President Kevin Kester then presented the CCA 2010 year in review. The CCA staff was praised for their efforts and the CCA officers were named. The California Beef Council was mentioned for its efforts to educate people about the cattle industry and promote the cattlemen's role as environmental stewards who provide safe, healthy beef. The highest priority of CCA continues to be the protection of private property rights. The Williamson Act and the extension of endangered species accidental take protection also

received attention this year. The 2011 Farm Bill was mentioned as well as water and transportation legislation. The benefits of CCA participation in the California Conservation Rangeland Coalition were discussed as well as the benefits of the Beef Councils proposal to raise the Beef Check Off to two dollars per head to increase consumer education. The Foothill abortion vaccine was mentioned with first year trials showing a promising 100% protection. Trials will be repeated in 2011. The market outlook for 2011 looks good with export trade growing and continued good weather.

Shasta County Cattlewomen's President Karen Moller gave a review of the activities the Cattlewomen have participated in during the past year. Members attended the Logging Show, the Steak and Eggs Legislative Breakfast, the State mid-year Convention, the June membership barbeque, Cottonwood Rodeo week, the Shasta District Fair, the State Convention, the Fall Feeder Sale and the Red Bluff Bull Sale. They sponsored the Beef Princess/Beef Ambassador Contest, the Fit and Show Contest at the Shasta District Fair, Farm City Days and a Roses and Rust yard sale. They also cooked for the Cattlemen's Annual Meeting and hosted the Women's Refuge. They were active throughout the year selling beef promotion items to support their scholarship fund. Eli Warden was mentioned as the recipient of the SCCW Scholarship. Karen also mentioned the passing of two members, Charlene Williams and Fran Jenkins, who will both be missed. Out going officers were thanked for their support with special thanks to Betty Bennett for her long service as Secretary. In-coming officers were then installed; Cindy Scott as President, Betty Stephenson as 1st Vice-President, Megan Bullen as 2nd Vice-President and Maxine Morgan as Treasurer. Maudie Gregory was not in attendance and will be installed as Secretary at the next Cattlewomen's meeting. Karen was then presented with a scrapbook of her two years as President.

Nominations and elections:

Bob Moller, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of nominations. There were five director positions open. Rich Morgan, Paul Bertagna, Steve Dabovich, Pete Hufford and Ernie Stephenson were nominated for two year terms. **With no further nominations from the floor, it was moved, seconded and approved that this slate of directors be accepted for a two year term.**

Amber Anderson then gave a brief review of her year as Beef Princess. She attended the Cottonwood and Redding Rodeos as well as the Shasta District Fair. She enjoyed promoting the beef industry and meeting new people and thanked the SCCA and the SCCW for the opportunity.

The Silent Auction, which supports the SCCA scholarship fund, was announced and continued through lunch. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Reed, Secretary

