



FARM & RANCH CLUB FLASH

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Breinn Richter

I just love the holiday season...but it's hard to get into the spirit when it's 80 degrees outside! It's even hotter on the floor of the Senate, as the Farm Bill debate comes to a stand still. So far, both parties have been unable to agree on a way to proceed with debate on the bill, even though most farm organizations want the bill this year. With more than 250 amendments, I can only imagine how long those conversations will be!

Also in Washington, the Department of Labor quietly proposed last week that they would like to ease the rules for employers looking for temporary ag laborers – now employers don't have to advertise jobs past the area in which the temporary workers will be used...should be interesting to see how this effects us, since Congress didn't pass any immigration reform this year. And, the USDA has launched a safety review of the approved methods of killing livestock predators, following the deaths of two land owners in June who were shooting coyotes from a small plane. Lots going on that will affect our industry for years to come!

Just a few housekeeping items...our December Board of Directors meeting will be on Wednesday, December 5, at 3:00pm at the Stock Show Board Room. Also, let me remind you if you haven't already, send me your nominations for incoming Secretary before the 5th. As always, we will not be meeting in December...we will meet again at the Livestock Appreciation Luncheon on January 17. Please let one of the officers know if you would like a ticket or a table.

Have a wonderful holiday!

Breinn Richter

NOVEMBER:

Shanna Weaver

Tuesday, November 27, 2007
12 Noon
TSCRA Brand Room
1301 West 7th Street, Fort Worth

Enchiladas/Tacos - \$10.00

Speaker = Nick Nicholson with Standard Meat Company will talk about the science and technology that are so important to today's beef industry. Standard Meat Company's mission is to provide the highest quality product at a competitive price, while maintaining the highest level of food safety standards.

CLUB NOTES:

Encourage someone you know to join us for lunch!





FARM & RANCH CLUB MINUTES

Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Museum, Brand Room

October 23, 2007

24 MEMBERS AND GUESTS

CALL TO ORDER: President Breinn Richter

INVOCATION: A.J. Fidler

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS:

Tim Parker; Tom Harkrider, National Finance

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Treasurer's Report was given by Rosalind Sullivan reporting an beginning balance of \$7,163.26 and ending balance of \$7,095.26

Texas Beef Ambassador Contest – Public Speaking Opportunity
Sponsor, Texas Cattlewomen

Manuel Martinez is going to Chile representing Texas Ag Industry

Correction: John Dudley (not Dickey) of Comanche, Texas was selected as the recipient of the Bill King Award.

PROGRAM:

Shanna Weaver introduced Patricia Evans of Delaney Vineyards to speak on the Texas Wine Industry. She has lived in Australia in the past and Texas and Australia are now competing in wine production. Delaney is a 10 acre vineyard in Grapevine and uses the Norton Cynthiona grape. Mr. Delaney started the winery in a cotton field out in West Texas. T.V. Munson saved vineyards in Europe and he was the one that used Texas rootstock in Europe and spliced in European grapes. The majority of grape acreage is in the Texas High Plains. There are approximately 10 tons of grapes harvested from the Delaney Vineyard annually. There are approximately 800 grapes to a bottle of wine

DOOR PRIZES:

Guest Drawing –Tim Parker, free lunch

Member Drawings: Shanna Weaver – lead rope; Roman Aday – thermos; A.J. Fidler – Swiss Army Knife; James Lopez – turkey print; Matt Brockman – wine journal; Butch Beardsley – wine journal; Pam – wine opener.

ADJOURNED: Breinn Richter adjourned our meeting at 1:00PM