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#### **NBA Information Alert! Please Read**

The National Bison Association recently issued an information alert that many buffalo producers and/or processors will find applicable to their operations. Please be aware of the following:

A new federal regulation was issued on October 9, 2003 and it requires all food processors, including buffalo processing facilities, to register their facilities with the federal Food and Drug Administration by December 12, 2003.

The new regulation was issued as an "interim final rule", meaning that the provisions of the new rule will start being enforced immediately, even though the agency is accepting public comment on the registration requirement.

Specifically, the rule requires that the owner, operator or agent in charge of a domestic (U.S.) or foreign facility that manufactures/processes, packs or holds foods for human or animal consumption in the United States, must register that facility with the FDA by the deadline. Facilities are required to register even if the food from that facility does not enter interstate commerce.

Individual farms, restaurants and retail food establishments

are exempt from the new registration requirement.

For processors owning multiple plants, each facility must be separately registered and the registration must include the name and address of the facility and all trade names under which the registrant conducts business from that facility. FDA also may require each registration to include the general food category (as identified under Sec. 170.3) of the food manufactured, processed, packed or held at the facility, if FDA determines through guidance that this submission is necessary.

Facilities can register online via the internet at: www.fda.gov/furls. Processors wanting to obtain a paper regis-

tration form can call FDA at 877-332-3882.

# **Chairpersons Named For Committees**

At the July board meeting, chairpersons were named for several committees. Lorene Bender will chair the Budget/Finance Committee and Rick Knobe will head up Marketing/Advertising segment. Scott Peterson will be in charge of the Health Regulations Committee and Rod Sather has agreed to chair the Nominations Committee. Jacki Limpert is our Conference chairperson. If you are interested in assisting with any of these committees, please contact the chairperson.

#### Two Board Positions Available

Wanted! New Board Members for the DTBA. There will be two positions available and they will be for three year terms. The election will be held during the DTBA Winter Conference the end of January.

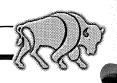
What's needed? Fresh ideas. Enthusiasm. Time to donate to the organization.

If you are interested in volunteering for this important role, please contact our nominating committee chairman, Rod Sather, at (605) 683-4120 or Karen Conley at (605) 923-6383.

There are still openings in both the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show in all classes and in the Carcass Class. If you are interested in entering, please do so as soon as possible. If you need additional information or entry rules/forms, please contact the DTBA office.

9akota Territory Buffalo Association Newsletter





# **Remarks From The President: Scott Peterson**



Well, we're still not out of the woods yet, but it has been a better year for most producers. In our area, we did get quite a bit of good, spring rains and even after they quit and it got hot and dry again, the rain had made enough difference that most of us got a good hay crop and had some pasture for our animals. Let's hope for lots of snow this winter and good rains this coming spring.

The industry is much stronger and interest is growing. Like many other producers, I am getting calls from people looking for animals, especially butcher animals. It seems like they are hard to find right now, but I would caution you to keep in mind that our industry is in constant flux and we shouldn't get overzealous and go on a buying spree or pay exorbitant prices for animals. This industry won't heal in the next few months. It will take years and we need to plan ahead for the future. Be diligent and know what your needs are and make your plans accordingly.

Your association has been working hard for you. We have attended many trade and farm shows, served up buffalo meat at Dakotafest, attended the Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup and Arts Festival and many more appearances are on tap for this fall. Not only are many of these functions an opportunity to educate the public about buffalo and buffalo meat, they also offer us a chance to promote you, the members. A lot of information is distributed at these events and many of those referrals end up being product sales for our members.

On that note, I would like to thank all of our volunteers and

supporters who have taken time out of their busy schedules to help man booths or serve burgers. Without your assistance, we would not be able to promote our association and our industry in this fashion. You are all valuable members of the team and we appreciate all that you do to help the DTBA accomplish its mission.

We are busy planning for our winter conference and show and sale. If you have not already sent in your animal entries, I would encourage you to do so immediately. Even if you are hesitant about entering the carcass class or a live animal, remember this is an excellent venue to "get your feet wet", so to speak. The carcass class will return you some valuable data that you could use to improve your meat animals. Entering live animals will give you the opportunity to see how your breeding operation measures up to fellow producers. Take a chance and learn and grow in the industry. If you have any questions about either of these events, just ask. Plenty of our members are veterans in the show ring and carcass class and I'm sure they would have the answers you are looking for, as well as some encouraging words to help you make up your mind to enter.

Our winter conference will be one that everyone will enjoy. We are taking a bit of a different approach this year, so be ready to buckle up and go for the ride. You'll find out all the details in our conference newsletter that will mail next month. I think you'll find it will be lots of fun but we'll also accomplish some much needed work that will benefit the association and you as members.

I hope to see many of you at the auctions and events this fall

#### **Balance Sheet - As of October 9, 2003**

ASSETS:			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
Checking 7258 WF	12,495.77		
Petty Cash	426.69		
Piper Jaffray-Mutual Funds	16,193.73		
Savings 1738 WF	8,959.41		
Savings 1736 W	0,737.71		
Total Checking/Savings	38,075.60		
Total Current Assets	38,075.60		
Fixed Assets			
Cargo Trailer	2.550.00		
Trade Show Displays	2,550.00		
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Total Fixed Assets	6,387.08		
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TOTAL ASSETS	44,462.68		
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
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Opening Balance Equity	38,881.25		
Net Income	5,581.43		
Total Equity	44,462.68		
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Submissions and information for the DTBA newsletters are always welcome and encouraged. The next issue will print and mail the beginning of December 2003. This will be our Winter Conference issue.

### **Welcome New DTBA Members!**

**Scott Butcher** 

Diamond Tail Ranch, Jelm, WY

**Corey Snyder** 

North Slope Buffalo Ranch, Lyman, WY

Katherine Jonjak

Blue Mountain Bison, Lyons, CO

William & Norma Jonas

Jonas's Eagle Roost Ranch

Pickstown, SD

J.W. Cunningham

Tishomingo, OK

**Bryan & Mary Adams** 

Arizona Buffalo Company, Buckeye, AZ

**Bob Lindner** 

DigiSage, Inc., Antigo, WI





#### Make Your Hotel Reservations Now To Ensure You Obtain A Room!

It's time to make your reservations for our 2004 Black Hills Buffalo Classic and our Winter Conference. Once again, our host hotel will be the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn, located right across the parking lot from the civic center where the show and sale is held. Room rates are the same, with a regular room rate of \$71 per night and suites at \$91 per night. Our room block is reserved through Sunday, January 4, 2004, but you are encouraged to get rooms reserved early, as the hotel fills up with stock show participants.

Our conference schedule will tentatively be as follows:

Friday, January 30: show animals will arrive until 2 p.m. and we are planning for a Consignor's Meeting at 3 p.m. that afternoon in the hotel. Our Welcoming Reception will be held at Prairie Edge from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. that evening and a rodeo performance will be held that night at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center arena.

Our annual meeting and activities will take place on Saturday, January 31 with the awards banquet that evening. Sunday, February 1 will be the live animal auction, which will begin promptly at 10 a.m.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE RUSHMORE PLAZA HOLIDAY INN REQUIRES A 24 HOUR CANCELLATION NOTICE FOR ANY ROOMS BOOKED DURING THIS WEEKEND! IF YOU DO NOT GIVE THEM THE NOTICE, YOU RISK BEING CHARGED FOR THE ROOM.

To make reservations, you may call the hotel directly or book rooms via the internet.

To make phone reservations, the Rushmore Plaza Holiday

# Watertown Winter Farm Show Help

In the last couple of years, a number of our eastern South Dakota members have expressed an interest in having the DTBA be a part of the Watertown Winter Farm Show. Two years ago, we participated as the "Commodity for a Day" and the response was very good. However, that program was not offered last year, so we inquired about participating in the trade show portion of this event.

The 2004 Watertown Winter Farm Show will be held from Tuesday, February 10 through Sunday, February 15. Set up will take place on Monday, February 9. Please keep in mind that the Black Hills Stock Show booth in Rapid City will end on Sunday, February 8.

With the near overlap of dates, we are wondering if there is anyone interested in chairing this project. The association is willing to pay for booth space and Karen will make arrangements to get the DTBA trailer to Watertown that Monday and make sure it is stocked with goodies for the booth. However, she can't spend the week in Watertown, so we will need volunteers to man the booth each day. It would be helpful for someone from that area to head up the affair, so there will be a local contact person and someone familiar with the producers in the area so they can enlist their help. Arrangements will be made at the end of the show to get the DTBA trailer back to Rapid City, so all we need is someone to organize the booth during the Farm Show.

If you are interested in working in the booth during those dates or would like to participate as a chairperson for this event, please contact Karen as soon as possible. The early deadline for booth space is November 21. Our participation in this event depends on the response from the members. It's just not feasible any other way. This is a good chance for our eastern producers to showcase our association and area producers, so please step forward if you can volunteer your time and expertise.

Inn has assigned two reservation specialists to assist us with our group. Sherry and Amy will be available to you Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They will ensure your needs and the needs of this group are a top priority. Amy may be reached by calling (605) 348-4000, extension 7035 and Sherry is available at (605) 348-4000, extension 7035. Our group booking code is "ABU" and make sure you indicate you are with the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association.

To make reservations online, do the following:

- 1. Got to: www.holidayinnrapidcity.com.
- 2. Click on reservations.
- 3. Input your arrival date and number of nights you will be staying.
- 4. Input the code "ABU" in the GROUP BOOKING CODE space at the bottom of the page.
  - 5. Click on CHECK AVAILABILITY.
- 6. A list of available rooms in the DTBA block will display. Please click on the room type you prefer.
  - 7. Enter all your information with the reservation.
- 8. A confirmation number will appear when the reservation is complete.

Additional rooms may be available at another nearby hotel, The Howard Johnson Express Inn and Suites. We have not made any arrangements with this hotel for group rates, but you are welcome to call them to find out about rates and availability during our conference. They are located on the west side of the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center and it's approximately three blocks from our host hotel. Their number is: (605) 737-4656.

## **Noteworthy DTBA Members**

Congratulations to Jamie (Hepper) and Casey Byrd on their marriage this past August. Jamie is the daughter of Curt and Marcie Hepper of Raleigh, ND and Casey is the son of Larry and Dixie Byrd of Presho, SD. The couple makes their home in Ridgeview, SD.

Our congratulations to Bruce and Martha Anderson on the birth of their son, Wyatt, in August.

Our sympathy goes to the Greg and Sherry Smeenk family on the passing of Greg's mother, Kathleen Smeenk, in early September.

Jerry and Bev Austin, owners of Two Heart Bison Ranch near Fairburn, SD, recently donated a buffalo hunt to the Catch-A-Dream program. Through their donation, a 13 year old boy, Luke Sorrel of Roann, IN, was able to come to their ranch and go on a buffalo hunt. Luke has already undergone a heart transplant. Catch-A-Dream is similar to the Make A Wish Foundation, in that it grants wishes to children who face life-threatening illnesses. However, Bev noted that the Catch-A-Dream program focuses on letting the recipients experience outdoor adventure.

Our thanks to the Austins for their generous contribution to a worthy cause.

Dakota Territory Buffalo Association
Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale
and Winter Conference
Friday, January 30 - Sunday, February 1, 2004
Rapid City, SD

# 2003 Dakotafest Event - Cooking Up Fun In The Sun!

www.dakotabuffalo.com

By Rick Knobe, Dakotafest Chairman

We made it! Our second year at the Dakotafest in Mitchell is now history. We opened the cash register over 1,000 times in the

three days. We were busy!!!! Below you will see an outline of how we did during our three days of cooking.

We sent out bids for the meat. Western Buffalo Company was the successful bidder.

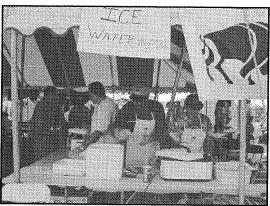
Our menu choices included: one-third pound buffalo burgers, shredded buffalo roast sandwich, chips, sweet corn, pop and water.

Several folks deserve credit and our thanks:

Ralph and Mary Mahoney used their freezers, kitchen and People waited in line for some of our tender, tasty and healthy buffalo!

roasters to hold and prepare the meat and to clean utensils, too. Ralph helped dry! They worked each morning. Without them, this event would be much harder to do.

Steve Schmitz lined up the "Sweet Corn Guys." Having the corn as an alternative product helped make our booth unique. The



The crew gets busy making roast sandwiches.

corn was delicious. They also provided the grill for us to cook the burgers. was a big help. Steve's experience last year was very valuable. His group, Dakota Bison Meats, lent us a cash register. A valuable item to

have available.

Jerry, Judy, and Bryan Mardian donated their homemade bar-

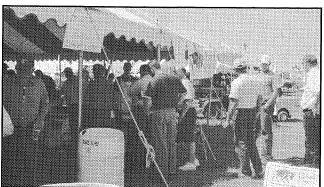


Dave Staum...our cooking model!

becue sauce. Original, Smoky and Spicy. My favorite is Smoky. Jerry worked all three days. Judy and Bryan two days. They were a big help.

Brad Beavers brought us heavy-duty power cords. A must to run three roasters, pop machine, and cash register\_He\_also does a great job flipping burg-

Here are the folks who made our booth run smoothly: Tuesday: Dave Staum; Ed and Deanna Nolz; Ralph Winegar; Irma and Tom



LaFaive, plus a guest; Steve Schmitz; Jerry, Judy, and Bryan Mardian; Ralph and Mary Mahoney; and Bill Melius. Wednesday: Darla and Harold Loewen; Brian Knobe; Orrin Geide; Dean and Joanne Sherman: Steve Allard; Brad Beavers; Brad Adams; Jerry and Bryan Mardian; Ralph and Mary Mahoney. Thursday: Dixie Byrd; Ralph and Mary Mahoney; Dr. John and Jeanne Bowron; Jerry and Judy Mardian; Don Weinberger; Mark and Sharon Stime; Tom and Karen

> All of these folks were great volunteers. They made my job as chair very easy. When you see them, please say thanks. Ask them about the experience. I think you will be pleasantly surprised. You'll want to help next time....

Karen Conley was a very important part of our success. We now have professional signs to let folks

know we are around. Karen went shopping each morning, to keep us in supplies. She ran the DTBA booth, which was under the same tent as our food concession. Many gun raffle tickets, and other DTBA items were sold. Having the DTBA trailer on site was wonderful.

The weather was hot on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Cooler

and Tom and Mike ... aka "The Corn Guys".

Thursday. The hot weather made selling water and pop, very

At the winter meeting in Rapid City, we will discuss the future of serving food at events where masses of hungry people can be found.

That's all for now. Hope to see you at an auction or for sure in Rapid City this winter!

We sold 500 1/3 pound buffalo burgers. We prepared and sold 340 buffalo roast sandwiches. There were 223 ears of sweet

used seven cases

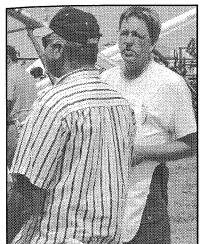


corn sold. We Brad Beavers and Orrin Geide grilling up burgers.

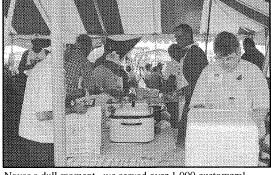
of potato chips, 110 packages of buns, 18 cases of water, 28 bags of ice, approximately 150 pounds of roast and 17 cases of burg-

Lunch anyone??

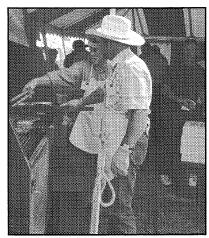
# More Fun At Dakotafest...You Should Have Been There!



Rick spent lots of time on "customer retrieval".



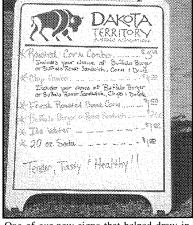
Never a dull moment...we served over 1,000 customers!



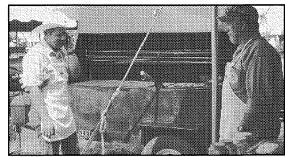
Tom and Mark burning up the grill!



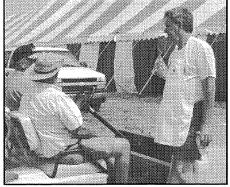
More satisfied customers!



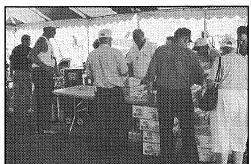
One of our new signs that helped draw in customers



Tom Swan does it all...on the phone while grilling burgers. Mark Stime can only watch and wonder at Tom's ability!



Rick worked tirelessly in the promotion department.



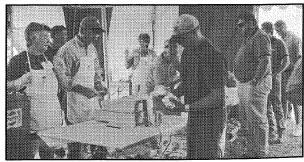
Many times, it seemed like the line never ceased!



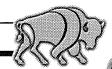
Awww shucks! Mike and Dave talk corn.



Relaxing in our tent on a hot afternoon.



Judy Mardian and Don Weinberger wait on customers.



# Give Your Time And Talents To Help Take Care Of The Buffalo!

As we gear up for our annual show and sale, our sale chairman, Chad Kremer, is once again asking for volunteers to help work animals and also to feed and water them each day. Any of our DTBA members are welcome to come and help...you don't have to be participating in the activities. This is an excellent opportunity to pitch in and help with a major part of our association. Last year, a number of new folks stepped forward to help with this and Chad and the rest of the crew really appreciated their help and expertise. It's a fun and interesting experience! Even if you can only help for one feeding, we appreciate your assistance and you are welcome to come and help.

There are a few minor changes to last year's schedule, but this is a rough idea of the help that will be needed for the 2004 event. The times are approximate and if you can only help for a couple of hours, that's fine.

Friday, January 30, 2004: 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - will need five or six people. They will assist in the unloading and penning of show animals and also begin watering and feeding as the animals arrive.

2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - need three people to help the judges move animals and do the evening feed and water.

Saturday, January 31: 7:00 a.m. to noon - need two or three people to assist the judges and do the morning feed and water. 12 noon to 6 p.m. - need two or three people to assist the judges and do the evening feed and water.

Sunday, February 1: 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - need two to three people to feed and water. 10:00 a.m. until the end of the sale - need two or three people to assist Steve Sutton's crew with the sale. End of the sale: need people to help with load out and to feed and water the remaining animals.

Monday, February 2: 7:00 a.m. until noon - need one or two people to assist with final load out. All animals need to be off the civic center grounds by noon on Monday.

Chad says he could use a number of people on Friday, as we are doing all the unloading of show animals on that day only. He is willing to work around anyone's scheduling arrangements. Your help is greatly needed and much appreciated. Thank you!

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Chad Kremer at (605) 255-5636 or e-mail: kremer@blackhills.com. You can also contact Karen at (605) 923-6383 or e-mail: info@dakotabuffalo.com.

# Chairman and Volunteers Needed For Black Hills Stock Show Booth

The Dakota Territory Buffalo Association will again have a booth set up in the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center during the 2004 Black Hills Stock Show. The booth has a display and literature about the association and we will also be selling DTBA/NDBA cookbooks and DTBA merchandise. The highlight of this year's booth will be selling raffle tickets for the Sharps Buffalo Rifle that will be drawn for after the Black Hills Stock Show is over. The dates for the Black Hills Stock Show are January 30 through February 8, 2004.

We are looking for people interested in volunteering to man the booth during this time. The trade show usually opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 8 p.m. each night. The exception is the Wednesday night (February 4) when it closes at 6 p.m. to allow people to attend the Stockman's Banquet and Ball. If someone is interested in chairing the BHSS booth committee, that would be fantastic. The job would entail lining up people to man the booth and making sure we are fully staffed for the ten days. There is already a backup plan in case of inclement weather and someone will be picking up and delivering money and supplies each day,

so no one in the booth will have to be responsible for that. All we need is your great attitude and promotional abilities!

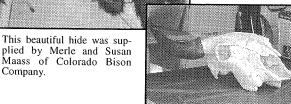
If you would be interested in manning the booth, either for an entire day or part of the day, please call or e-mail Karen at the DTBA office at (605) 923-6383 or info@dakotabuffalo.com to sign up for times or for more information. This is an excellent opportunity for the association to get the message out about buffalo and buffalo meat and it's also lots of fun to visit with people passing through. Your help is needed to make this a successful venture and we appreciate any assistance with this.

There is also a need for people interested in selling DTBA items such as sweatshirts, caps, t-shirts and other items during the Winter Conference. We usually have a table set up in the fover of the hotel and someone needs to man the area during the day of our conference. It would help to have several people taking turns. so no one would have to miss all the activities for the day. Again, if you're interested in volunteering for this, contact Karen to sign up.
Thanks in advance to all our wonderful volunteers!

# Bison-Tennial Dutch Oven Cook-Off Winners Announced

The team "Generation Gap" was the first place winner in the Dutch Oven cook-off. Grandpa, Jeff Harm of Canby, MN teamed up with granddaughter Keisha Henson of Yankton, SD to take home the grand prize buffalo robe.

DTBA was asked to sponsor prizes for first Rison-Tennial Dutch Oven Cook-Off held as part of the Lewis and Člark Festival in Yankton, SD the end of August.



This skull was donated by Scott and Susan Peterson, Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch.



Team "Pierre" won the second prize buffalo skull in the Bison-Tennial Dutch Oven cookoff. Sol Brich and Thomas Cline are both from

Thanks to our donors, DTBA was the major sponsor of this event. We got advertising and web site exposure from this ven-





# Minutes From The July 19, 2003 Board of Directors Meeting

Dakota Territory Buffalo Association Board of Directors meeting • July 19, 2003 Cedar Shores Resort, Chamberlain, SD

President Scott Peterson Called meeting to order

Present at the meeting were board members Scott Peterson, Jacki Limpert, Steve Schmitz, Rick Knobe, and Lorene Bender. Also present were executive director Karen Conley and guests Brian Knobe and Arlie Bender.

Minutes for the April 5, 2003 meeting were presented by secretary/treasurer, Jacki Limpert. Rick Knobe made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve Schmitz seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was presented by Limpert. Discussion was held and the board decided to publish the balance sheet through June 30, 2003 in the next newsletter. Schmitz moved and Bender seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

John Cole and Gary Taylor, from SDSU, joined the meeting and talked about a proposed research study they are trying to get a grant for. They asked for a letter of support from DTBA to held them obtain funding. Knobe moved to approve the letter and Bender seconded. Motion carried.

John and Gary will talk to the membership at our Winter Conference to explain to them what their research will entail, pending receipt of the grant.

Discussion on the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale. President Peterson will talk to our Show Chairman, Chad Kremer and our Sale Chairman, Steve Sutton, about allowing an veterinarian signed affidavit on a tooth requirement (in regards to the two year old animals) 30 days prior to the event. If the chairpersons agree, the board will allow the change. No rule changes concerning minimum weights or 4-way testing were made.

Discussion and updates on Dakotafest plans. Volunteers are

## **Update On Our Web Site**

Our new website has been up and running since late summer. Many of you have taken the time to check the site and so far, the feedback has been very positive. We are currently looking at some other options on the site and are always open to suggestions and input from the members regarding this. The site is a service to our members, so your input is crucial to make sure we are meeting your needs in this area.

For those of you who like to crunch numbers, we have three months worth of data from the site and it just keeps getting better. In August, we had 8,046 successful server requests. In September, we had 10,775 and in October, there were 12,399 successful requests. As members, you will be glad to know that the "members" section is consistently one of the highest page requests from our visitors. Your information in there is very important and our feedback indicates that people are making product sales and contacts as a direct result of the site.

If you need to update information, please contact Karen and she will take care of that immediately. Happy surfing!

There are still openings in both the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show in all classes and in the Carcass Class. If you are interested in entering, please do so as soon as possible. If you need additional information or entry rules/forms, please contact the DTBA office.

still needed for Wednesday and Thursday.

Discussion on how to get volunteers for Dakotafest and Black Hills Stock Show booth and other activities that DTBA participates in. It was decided that a volunteer could bring brochures and/or their business cards and display them at the booth on the day they are volunteering. Only brochures and business cards are allowed and only on the day they volunteer.

Discussion about revamping committees took place and committee chairs were named. Rick Knobe will chair the Marketing/Public Relations committee; Lorene Bender will head up the Budget and Finance committee; Scott Peterson will chair the Health Committee; Jacki Limpert will chair the Conference Committee; currently, the Nominating Committee position is open. Any member wanting to assist with any of these committees is encouraged to call the chairperson. Volunteers for the Nominating Committee would be greatly appreciated.

The Membership Directory was discussed. Lack of response has slowed down the production and Karen is having a difficult time getting materials, even from those who have already committed to the project. She will try to have the product camera ready by the end of August.

Discussion on the web site. All thought the new web site was great. Discussion on how to price advertising and what policies will be enforced on the site. Will discuss the matter at the next board meeting.

Executive Director and all visitors were asked to leave and the board went into executive session.

The next board meeting will be held via videoconference on Oct. 11, 2003 in Sioux Falls and Belle Fourche. Knobe moved to adjourn the meeting. Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

## **Sponsors Needed For 2004 Events**

It's that time of year again! We are in the process of calling for sponsorships for the 2004 Winter Conference and also for Black Hills Buffalo Classic trophies. If you sponsored something last year, you will have the first chance to sponsor the same again for our 2004 event. We have had great participation in the past with our sponsorships and hope this round will produce the same results!

If you did not sponsor anything in the past but are interested in doing so this year, please contact the DTBA office and we will make arrangements for your sponsorship. An event this size is not possible without the generous donations of our sponsors and donors and we thank each and every one of you for your contributions to help ensure a successful event.

#### CARCASS VIDEO AVAILABLE

If you would like to order a copy of the buffalo carcass cut-up demonstration that was held during our winter conference in January, copies are available.

The cost for a VHS tape, with the hour long demonstration and talk, will be \$20 per tape. This price will include tax, where applicable, and shipning

To order a copy, please call, write or e-mail the DTBA office.

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