

**Board of Trustees' Meeting
American Simmental Association
April 6, 2008
Champaign, Illinois**

Chairman Michael Stoltey called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Michael Stoltey, Jim Skillestad, Gregg Bailey, Curtis Russell, John Harker, Bill McDonald, Tommy Brown, Jessie Driggers, Bob Volk, Harold Williams, Kevin Thompson, Mike Mallett, Beth Mercer, Bobby Willis, Jay Rinderknecht,

Absent: Harry Moser

Staff: Jerry Lipsey, Marty Ropp, Wade Shafer, Paulette Cochenour, David Kirschten, Linda Kesler

Legal Counsel: Gene Summerlin

Instructions and Approval of Agenda. Michael Stoltey gave instructions and reviewed the agenda. Moved Gregg Bailey, seconded Bob Volk to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Executive Vice President's Report. Jerry Lipsey reviewed ASA and ASA Publication programs.

Recess for Committee Meetings; reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

Reconvened at 1:15 p.m. All present with the exception of Harry Moser.

Minutes. Moved Bob Volk, seconded Curtis Russell to accept the Minutes of November 09, 2007; November 10, 2007; November 10, 2007 -- Executive Session, November 11, 2007; November 21, 2007; December 10, 2007 and February 27, 2008 as presented. Motion carried.

Foundation Board. Dr. John Harker reviewed Foundation Board teleconference on February 28, 2008. The Foundation is willing to fund travel (up to \$20,000/yr) for youth specific events for a Special Program/Youth position at ASA. The Foundation will also sponsor a youth to WSFF Congress.

Financial Reports. Financial review of current financial reports and proposed budget for FY2009 given by Gregg Bailey.

Finance Resolution #1. The Finance Committee requests an increase in rates in registration fees and enrollment fees. Starting FY2009

Finance Resolution #2. The Finance Committee requests funding for Special Programs/Youth Coordinator position. Starting FY2009

Finance Resolution #3. The Finance Committee requests an increase in transfer rates. Starting FY 2009

Proposed Rate Increases. Gregg Bailey presented possible rate increases discussed by the Finance Committee.

New Position - Special Programs and Youth Coordinator. Gregg Bailey presented the financial impact of a new Special Programs and Youth Coordinator position.

New Position - Tech Operations Coordinator. Jerry Lipsey presented the new position of Tech Operations Coordinator. Kathy Shafer has been hired for this position.

NCBA Young Cattleman's Conference. Bill McDonald would like ASA to consider sponsoring a person to attend this 8-day program next year (2009). Suggested that Marty or a member of the field staff attend. Cost would be around \$3,500.00; must be a member of NCBA and aged 25 - 50. The event occurs in May or June. Bill McDonald is attending this year.

Directive: September agenda item - a report from Bill McDonald about his experience at the NCBA Young Cattleman's Conference this year.

Nominating Report. Report given by Jim Skillestad. John Harker, Bill McDonald, Greg Bailey, Mike Mallet would like to run for another term. Harry Moser term is up. Jay Rinderknecht declined. Contact Jim Skillestad or Paulette Cochenour if you have people who you would like to be considered.

ASA Publication Report. ASA Publication Report given by Curtis Russell. Financial Report for current year; ASA Publication will pay an increase in rent and raised percentage salary to be paid toward field staff salary (to match the amount of work done for ASA Publication) and the FY 2009 budget was presented. Teleconference meetings are planned for the next couple of months to considering re-organization of our print publications.

Directive: Notify full Board of ASA Publication teleconference schedules for discussion of the re-organization of publications. All welcome to join the teleconferences.

Breed Improvement. Tommy Brown presented a report regarding elimination of the cow award program, feed efficiency data; carcass weight EPDs; trial runs on multi-breed calving ease EPDs; marker for spotting gene; identifying bulls at the 70:70 grid.

Breed Improvement Resolution #1. Discontinue the cow award program.

Growth and Development. Marty Ropp gave the report. Proposed budget is the same as last year; reviewed print advertisers and selected the publications. Promotional Events - 70:70 programs with intent to team up with three companies and meet with feed lot personnel.

Policies and Procedures. Jim Skillestad gave the report.

Policies and Procedures Resolution #1. Panama Simmental request.

Policies and Procedures Resolution #2. Electronic Registrations.

Policies and Procedures Resolution #3. THE proposal

Recess and reconvene on April 7 at 8:00 a.m.