

**Board of Trustees' Meeting  
American Simmental Association  
Kansas City, Missouri  
October 29, 2009**

Board Meeting reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

Roll call: Jim Skillestad, Gregg Bailey, John Harker, Mike Mallett, Tommy Brown, Jessie Driggers, Bill McDonald, Bob Volk, Harold Williams, Kevin Thompson, Bobby Willis, Beth Mercer, Mike Stoltey, Curtis Russell, Jim Butcher, Roger Finke

Staff: Jerry Lipsey, Marty Ropp, Wade Shafer, Steve McGuire, Paulette Cochenour, Annie Allen, Linda Kesler

Legal Counsel: Gene Summerlin

Guests: Gordon Hodges, Sally Buxkemper, Sam Anderson, Bob Lanting, Susan Russell, Dr. Calvin Drake

**Executive Vice President's Report.** Dr. Jerry Lipsey's report highlighted the following items:

- Genetic Defects.
- TraitTrac, ASA's Genetic Defect risk assessment system.
- Genetic Defect MOU – 90 day extension for testing.
- Evaluate and planning strategies for ASA.

**Industry Report** was given by Marty Ropp. The following items were discussed:

- 70:70.
- Producing quality cattle and improve services for our members' buyers.
- Sustaining an association that accurately collects, keeps and reports data for the future of the industry.
- Service organization that is economical for members.
- Obtaining largest market share, maintain our position.

Board Meeting recessed for lunch.

Board Meeting reconvened at 1:20 p.m., October 30, 2009

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**Executive Vice President's Report.** Dr. Lipsey's report continues covering the following items:

- Why THE?
  - Total herd enrollment best measurement.
  - THE enrollments advance product quality
- How to maximize THE enrollments?
- Our Products and Industry Values
- Target technical advancement to remain competitive and at the top.

**Activities and Events.**

**Resolution #1.** Moved Dr. Harker, Second Bob Volk to add a percentage cow/calf show at the National and Regional Classis levels.

1. Both cow and calf must be at least 50% Simmental. If either is not a purebred, then the pair is shown as a percentage.
2. Calf-at-side must be the cow's natural calf (no embryo transfer calves). This rule applies to all cow/calf competitions.
3. All regulations relating to the PB and Simbrah cow/calf competitions will be used for the percentage cow/calf competition.

Motion carried.

**Resolution #2.** Moved Dr. Harker, Second Jessie Driggers to change the age of the participating heifers showing at the National and Regional levels, from being born prior to January 1 to March 15 of the present year. This rule would then read that the participating heifers must be born after August 31, 2008 and prior to March 15, 2010. Motion carried.

**Breed Improvement.**

Tommy Brown updated the progress of the Breed Improvement committee's projects.

**Resolution #1.** Moved Tommy Brown, Second Mike Mallett to authorize Dr. Wade Shafer to develop a DNA marker to the spotting gene as presented at the September 21, 2009 eMeeting. Motion carried.

**Policy and Procedures.**

Gregg Bailey updated the progress of the Policy and Procedures committee's projects.

**Resolution #1.** Moved Gregg Bailey, Second Curtis Russell that the genetic information of the convenience traits be listed with the electronic pedigree data on the ASA database. Motion carried.

**Resolution #2.** Moved Gregg Bailey, Second Jim Skillestad to post the following genetic defects disclaimer on the ASA website.

The genetic data, analysis and opinions contained in this report were reported to the American Simmental Association (ASA) or obtained from third party sources. The ASA did not originate the data, perform the genetic testing or undertake the genetic analysis contained in this report and does not guarantee its accuracy. Data and/or information provided to the ASA may contain errors or be incomplete. The ASA provides this information “as is” and hereby specifically disclaims all representations and warranties, terms, conditions or undertakings, whether expressed or implied written or oral, statutory or otherwise, including, but not limited to, the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, with respect to the information contained in this report. In no event shall ASA be liable for any loss, inconvenience or damage, including, but not

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limited to, direct, special, punitive, incidental or consequential damages, arising from the use of the information contained in this report.

Motion carried.

**Resolution #3.** Moved Gregg Bailey, Second Beth Mercer. To replace the current disclaimer on paper registration certificates with the following disclaimer.

The animal described in this registration certificate has been entered in the ASA's Herdbook under the rules and bylaws in effect at the time of registration and may be updated, correct, or cancelled as provided therein. The registration is based upon information provided to the ASA from outside sources and the ASA does not guarantee the genetic makeup, percentage, breeding, ownership or fitness of the animal for any purpose. The official record of any animal registered in the ASA's Herdbook or entered into the ASA's database is the electronic record maintained by the ASA. For the most current information on an animal, contact the ASA or visit the ASA's website: [www.simmental.org](http://www.simmental.org).

Motion carried.

### **Growth & Development.**

Jessie Drigger and Linda Kesler updated the progress of growth and development committee's projects.

**Foundation Board.** Jim Skillestad announced the new board members, Fred Swain and Lori Eberspacher.

Moved Mike Mallett, Second Bob Volk to recess until Friday at 8:00 a.m. Motion carried.