

Board of Trustees' Meeting
American Simmental Association
January 12, 2007
Denver, Colorado

Roll Call: Aaron Owen, Harry Moser, Michael Stoltey, Michael Dikeman, Fred Schuetze, Jim Skillestad, Mike Wells, Curtis Russell, Bob Volk, Bobby Willis, Van Neidig, John Harker, Ron Moulton, Gregg Bailey, Jay Rinderknecht, Mike Mallett

Tommy Brown will be present this afternoon.

Staff: Jerry Lipsey, Steve McGuire, Wade Shafer, Paulette Cochenour, Marty Ropp, Linda Kesler
Legal Counsel: Gene Summerlin
Guests: Beth Mercer, Jim Gibb, Bob McQuiston

Chairman Aaron Owen called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

Prayer led by Jim Skillestad.

Instructions and Approval of Agenda. Move Michael Dikeman, seconded Ron Moulton to amend the agenda to accept a resolution from the Breed Improvement committee. Motion carried.

DNA Issues. Presentation and discussion lead by Jim Gibb and Jerry Lipsey.

Directive: The Executive Committee will meet with Jim Gibb and ASA Staff by teleconference to re-visit the commitments that Igenity (Jim Gibb) has presented to improve services in 60 days (around March 12, 2007).

Directive: Staff to review current contract and research other companies for DNA services. Staff is to set up expected parameters before contacting other companies and present preliminary proposals to the Executive Committee before the April Board meeting and prepare final report to the Board in April.

Minutes. Moved Fred Schuetze, seconded Mike Wells to approve the Minutes of September 10-13, 2006 as is. Motion carried. Moved Gregg Bailey, seconded Michael Stoltey to accept the Minutes of December 7, 2006 as is. Motion carried

Financial Report - Report given by Michael Stoltey. Move Fred Schuetze, seconded Jim Skillestad to accept the financial reports.

Directive: Reporting the balance sheet to please add the previous year column along with the current year for each months reporting.

DNA Contract - Gene Summerlin reviewed our contract with Merial and Igenity and presented a report. July 29, 2009 is the natural expiration of our contract. There is a required 90 days notice to advise Igenity that ASA intends to terminate contract.

Activities & Events - Resolution #1 - Annual Meeting - Moved Michael Stoltey, seconded Bob Volk to move the annual meeting and all activities with the annual meeting to follow the National show. Michael Stoltey presented items for consideration to move the annual meeting.

Breed Improvement - Resolution #1 - Program to Recognize Breeders as Performance Advocates. Moved Michael Dikeman, seconded Curtis Russell the Breed Improvement Committee moves that the ASA recognize breeders as "Performance Advocates" who submit calving ease, birth weight, weaning weight, yearling weight, yearling hip height, and ultrasound data on all bulls and heifers. Animals that were sold as feeder cattle or as seed stock before the age or time that specific data could be obtained would be coded as such using the disposal code approved at the September Board meeting. Breeders who meet these criteria would be listed in *the Register* in the spring of 2008.

Points of Discussion:

- The goal is to provide an incentive to obtain and submit more complete performance data.
- Because of the extremely low numbers of cows that have had weights and hip heights submitted, mature weights and heights will be predicted from yearling weights and heights using a regression equation
- Staff has indicated that the mechanics of identifying members/breeders who meet the criteria would be relatively straightforward.
- Several articles and/or communications will be needed and used throughout 2007 to inform/educate members about the program so that they can obtain the data needed to qualify.
- Wade is confident that ultrasound data on ET calves can be used in genetic evaluation or have a caveat that ultrasound data on ET calves can be exempt until it can be included.

NCBA Report - Jerry Lipsey gave the report for NCBA. Wade Shafer will represent ASA for NCBA.

Special Session to revisit Board Duties and Obligations/New Member Orientation. Discussions lead by Gene Summerlin, Fred Schuetze, and Aaron Owen.

Recess at 12:00 p.m.