

**Board of Trustees' Meeting
American Simmental Association
November 10, 2007
Louisville, KY**

Meeting reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

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

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

Legal Counsel: Gene Summerlin

Guests: Kevin Thompson, Harold Williams, Jessie Driggers

Committee Reports.

a. Growth and Development. Report given by Jim Skillestad and Marty Ropp.

Items Discussed:
70:70 program
Booths

b. Activities and Events. Report given by John Harker.

Items discussed:
Junior Regional Event
Foundation Auction
SimPlace proposal with April Board Meeting
National Classic schedule

c. Policy and Procedures. Report given by Michael Stoltey.

Items discussed:
Prefix policy
Total Herd Enrollment

Policy & Procedures, Resolution #1 - THE Reporting. Moved Michael Stoltey, seconded John Harker to provide breeders, prior to the next enrollment period, with a list of cows previously enrolled in THE but have not reported calf data or reproductive codes. If calf data or reproductive codes are not sent in by January 15, 2008, then cows will be dropped from enrollment. To be reinstated in the THE program, breeders will have to pay \$35.00 per animal. Motion carried.

Directive: Request that staff notify members in the Register and by E-News.

d. Breed Improvement. Michael Dikeman presented the report.

Items discussed:
Genetic Evaluation run with Guelph.

In-house run including tenderness
Muscular fat for age
Performance Advocate program

Breed Improvement, Resolution #1 - Discontinue Calculating Ratios outside normal age range. Moved Michael Dikeman, seconded Tommy Brown to direct the staff to discontinue calculating ratios for calves that are outside the age range for adjustment. Motion carried.

Reason: Ratios are currently calculated but are not used for genetic evaluation. This could make breeders become more vigilant about collect data within the appropriate age range.

Breed Improvement, Resolution #2 - Genetic Evaluation Contract with the Chinese Simmental Association. Moved Michael Dikeman, seconded Bobby Willis to develop a contract with the Chinese Simmental Association to run a genetic evaluation for minimum of \$3,000 per year for three years and that the Chinese Simmental Association would be charged for extra for ASA staff time that would be required to implement the contract. The American Simmental Association will only provide the Chinese Simmental Association with processed data. Motion carried.

Reason: There should be minimal staff time and expense in allowing use of our software and it brings in some income. It helps a developing beef industry in China and it could open the door for semen sales.

Breed Improvement, Resolution #3 - Electronic Certificates. Moved Michael Dikeman, seconded Jay Rinderknecht that ASA members have the option of checking a box to store registration certificates electronically and a drop down box would explain the options to members regarding transfers and paper certificates. Motion failed.

Reason: Storing registration certificates electronically will save considerable expense in mailing paper corticated to all members.

Breed Improvement, Resolution #4 - Cow Awards. Moved Michael Dikeman, seconded Jim Skillestad that only cows with 50% or more Simmental genetics and have an ASA registration number are eligible to received cow awards.

Reason: A significant proportion of the ASA Cow Award winners in the recent listing are purebred Angus or another breed and no percentage of Simmental genetics. The Breed Improvement committee believes that cows should have at least 50% Simmental genetics to be eligible for cow awards.

Moved Bob Volk, seconded Mike Mallet to amend the motion to remove 50% or more. Motion failed.

Moved Aaron Owen, seconded Van Neidig to table the motion and send back to committee to consider the effect on Simbrah and lower percentage Simmental. Motion carried.

Executive Session. Moved Michael Stoltey, seconded Mike Mallet to go into executive session. Motion carried.

Moved Jay Rinderknecht, seconded Tommy Brown to come out of executive session.

Elections of Officers and Executive Committee.

- a. **Nominations for Vice-Chairman.** Moved Gregg Bailey, seconded Aaron Owen to nominate Jim Skillestad. Moved Mike Mallet, seconded Harry Moser to cease nominations. Jim Skillestad elected by acclamation.
- b. **Nominations for Treasurer.** Moved Aaron Owen, seconded Bobby Willis to nominate Gregg Bailey for treasurer. Moved Curtis Russell, seconded Mike Mallet to cease nominations. Motion Carried. Gregg Bailey elected by acclamation.
- c. **Nominations for 1st position.** Moved Michael Dikeman, seconded Tommy Brown to nominate Curtis Russell. Moved Harry Moser, seconded Mike Mallet to nominate John Harker. Moved Gregg Bailey, seconded Michael Dikeman to cease nominations. Motion carried. John Harker elected by vote.
- d. **Nominations for 2nd position.** Moved Gregg Bailey, seconded Jay Rinderknecht to nominate Beth Mercer. Moved Michael Dikeman, seconded Mike Wells to nominate Curtis Russell. Moved Jay Rinderknecht, seconded Harry Moser to cease nominations. Motion carried. Curtis Russell elected by vote.

Ballots. Moved Aaron Owen, seconded Harry Moser to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

Move Aaron Owen, seconded John Harker to adjourn. Motion carried.