

**Board of Trustees' Meeting
American Simmental Association
April 26-28, 2012
Bozeman, Montana**

Chairman McDonald called the meeting to order at 7:50 a.m. Thursday, April 26.

Roll Call: Bill McDonald, Harold Williams, Jessie Driggers, Jim Butcher, Jimmy Holliman, Calvin Drake, Roger Finke, Robert Lanting, Mike Mallett, Beth Mercer, Dale Miller, Blake Nelson, Susan Russell, Kevin Thompson, Scott Cowger, Brian DeFreese, and Jon Willis

Legal Counsel: Gene Summerlin

Staff: Jerry Lipsey, Steve McGuire, Wade Shafer, Linda Kesler, Paulette Cochenour, Marilyn Roth

1. Instructions and Approval of Agenda. McDonald reviewed the Board Meeting Agenda. Moved Russell, seconded Mallett to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.
2. Approval of the Minutes. Moved Lanting, seconded Driggers to approve the minutes from January 13 and January 14, 2012. Motion carried.
3. Staff Presentation. Lipsey gave a presentation focusing on ways to continue to improve and advance the "Future of ASA Business through Science".
4. Award. On behalf of the ASA Board, Calvin Drake presented Wade Shafer with an award honoring his and Lauren Hyde's scientific accomplishments and advancement of ASA's genetic evaluation program.
5. Staff Presentation. Shafer gave a presentation focusing on the development of a "Business Vision" pertaining to ASA's scientific genetic evaluation.

Board recessed for lunch followed by Committee Meetings.

Meeting reconvened at 6:00 pm Thursday, April 26 for the RAAA presentation.

6. Red Angus Marketing Presentation. Greg Comstock, Executive Vice President of RAAA, gave a presentation on Red Angus Operations and marketing the Allied Access Ear Tag Program.

Chairman McDonald called the meeting to order on Friday, April 27, 2012, at 8:30 am.

Roll Call: McDonald, Williams, Driggers, Butcher, Holliman, Drake, Finke, Lanting, Mallett, Mercer, Miller, Nelson, Russell, Thompson, Cowger, DeFreese, and Willis.

7. Staff Announcement. McGuire announced that the ASA/RAAA database transfer should take place within the next few weeks, as RAAA has recently employed their IT Programmer for the project.
8. Staff Presentation. Lipsey gave a brief presentation related to ASA's Budget and FY Financials.

Committee Reports and Resolutions

9. **Finance Committee**. Williams presented the ASA Financial Report and FY 2013 Budget.

10. **ASA Publications, Inc.** Driggers and Kesler presented the ASA Publications Financial Report.

11. **Activities & Events Committee**. Russell presented the Activities & Events Committee report and resolutions.

- **Resolution #1**. Activities and Events Committee recommends that ASA accept the AJSA Board's recommendation and Illinois Simmental Association's application that the 2014 AJSA National Classic be hosted by Illinois.
- **Resolution #2**. Activities and Events Committee recommends that ASA allocate \$12,000 annually under the travel expense line item on the finance report, with the funds allocated for AJSA board of trustees travel.

Points of Discussion:

- The individual AJSA board members currently pay their own travel expenses, except for biannual meetings in Bozeman, thus the AJSA board members experience a financial burden to serve on the board.
- The \$12,000 is a calculation to help pay for up to 4 AJSA board members to attend NWSS, since the Foundation auction is held in Denver annually; and up to 2 AJSA board members to go to other major shows whether they be NAILE, American Royal, or Fort Worth, with the exception of allocating travel allowance for 4 to attend wherever the National Show rotation is being hosted that year.
- AJSA board members help with processing and as ring stewards, yet, as volunteers, are burdened with their own travel expenses to attend.
- Approval of the funding would be coordinated by the ASA youth coordinator.

12. **Breed Improvement Committee**. Drake presented Breed Improvement Committee's report. Committee topics included: DNA Enhanced EPDs; Multi-breed Calving Ease EPDs; Spotting Gene Marker; Carcass Merit Program; ASA/AR base; Performance Advocate; Docility EPD; Embryo Transfer Data Use in EPD Formulation; Multi-breed Stayability; Solving overstated accuracies on EPDs; testing for Leucosis and Johnes; Carcass Data from Tri County; University Collaborations.

13. **Buildings & Grounds Committee**. Lanting presented the Buildings & Grounds Committee resolution and directives.

- **Resolution #1**: Buildings & Grounds Committee recommends that ASA accept the bid of \$3,245 for an exterior building sign to be erected at front east entrance and give staff the discretion to run an electrical line to the sign, subject to Executive Committee approval.

Point of Discussion:

- For completion as soon as possible.
- **Directive #1:** Buildings & Grounds Committee recommends that ASA staff explore the possibility of lettering on the side of the storage building on the west edge of the property.

Point of Discussion:

- Look into a mural painting or vinyl letters.
- **Directive #2:** Building & Grounds Committee recommends the Board direct staff to further investigate a vertical platform lift for wheelchair access.

Points of Discussion:

- Study and compare all feasible locations
- Check city codes and regulations

14. **Growth & Development Committee.** Miller presented the Growth & Development Committee Resolution.

- **Resolution #1.** Growth and Development Committee recommends that the Board raise the amount ASA pays for Cost Share to State Associations by 10% (ASA pays 70%) for two categories (Media and Breeders' Directory/Newsletters) if ASA Publication services are used.

Point of Discussion:

- Encourages State Associations' utilization of ASA Publications' services.

15. **Policies & Procedures Committee.** Finke presented Policies & Procedures Committee report and resolutions.

- **Resolution #1:** Policies & Procedures recommends that ASA add as ASA Policy on "Genetic Defects Required Testing of ASA's 50 most-used sires" the following statement: ASA staff has discretion as to which tests should be run.

Points of Discussion:

- The number of DNA tests for different genetic defects continues to grow.
- A number of genetic defects for which tests exist are in isolated populations with little or no exposure to the population ASA deals with.
- It is not effective use of ASA money, time and DNA reserve to test for all genetic defects regardless of risk.
- **Resolution #2:** Policies & Procedures Committee recommends that ASA add the following to ASA Policy on Genetic Defects: An untested animal verified through the American Chianina Association as 100% Chianina will be assumed free of TH, PHA, AM, NH, and CA. A non pedigreed/ non tested animal being added to ASA's database as purebred Chianina will be considered "population risk" for the genetic defects TH, PHA, AM, NH and CA.

Points of Discussion:

- ASA currently considers the Chianina breed to be a source of TH and PHA.
- No 100% Chianina animals have been found to carry these defects.
- TH and PHA as well as AM, NH and CA exist in Chi population that are not 100% because of the large number percentage cattle containing Angus, Maine-Anjou, or Shorthorn.
- In ASA's database an unknown number of non pedigree animals (mostly dams) are listed as purebred Chianina, but are actually Chi-Angus or Chi-Maine, etc.
- **Resolution #3:** Policies & Procedures recommends that ASA add the following to the Prefix Policy: A membership that has not paid an annual service fee (ASF) for the previous 5 years relinquishes their registered prefix(s) and that prefix(s) will be available to other members.

Points of discussion:

- Currently all registered prefixes are reserved and cannot be used by any other membership.
- There are over 2,000 prefixes registered to memberships that have not paid an ASF for 5 or more years. (Most will never do business with ASA in the future).
- **Resolution #4:** Policies & Procedures Committee recommends that ASA require a 50K SNP analysis for every AI sire and donor dam not previously tested.

Points of Discussion:

- Currently ASA requires a DNA (parentage) profile on all AI sires and donor dams (\$45). This profile is used to check parentage if profiles exist on parents.
- The cost of a 50K SNP analysis is \$90 and includes a DNA profile for parentage.
- Collection of 50K SNP information is important to continually improve the training population.
- MBVs from the 50K SNP will enhance EPDs of new AI sires and donor dams.

16. **Simbrah Committee.** Mercer presented the Simbrah Committee Resolution.

- **Resolution #1.** Simbrah Committee recommends that the ASA Board of Trustees approve designating on the registration certificate SimAngus™ HT for animals that meet ASA's SimAngus™ requirements plus have a minimum of 1/8 *Bos indicus*.

Point of Discussion:

- Both parents must be registered in ASA's database.

17. **Nominating Committee.** Driggers presented the Nominating Committee report.

18. **Allied Access Tag Program.** Moved Mallett, seconded Mercer to direct ASA staff to negotiate with RAAA staff and develop a plan to implement the Allied Access tagging

system and report back to ASA's Executive Committee for final approval. Motion carried.

19. Fall Board Meeting Schedule. Cochenour reviewed dates and meeting times for the Fall Board Meeting to be held in Manhattan, Kansas July 22-24, 2012.

Meeting recessed until Saturday, April 28 at 8:00 am.

Chairman McDonald called the meeting to order at 8:00 am Saturday, April 28, 2012.

Voting of Resolutions

Roll Call: McDonald, Williams, Driggers, Butcher, Holliman, Drake, Finke, Lanting, Mallett, Mercer, Miller, Nelson, Russell, Thompson, Cowger, DeFreese, and Willis.

20. Activities & Events

- **Resolution #1:** that ASA accept the AJSA Board's recommendation and Illinois Simmental Association's application that the 2014 AJSA National Classic be hosted by Illinois. Resolution passed.
- **Resolution #2:** that ASA allocate \$12,000 annually under the travel expense line item on the finance report, with the funds allocated for AJSA board of trustees' travel. Resolution passed.

21. Breed Improvement

Moved Driggers, seconded Butcher to go into Executive Session to discuss a potential business relationship. Motion passed.

Moved Cowger, seconded Drake to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed.

Moved Mercer, seconded Holliman to strike Breed Improvement's Directive #1 from the minutes. Motion passed.

22. Growth & Development

- **Resolution #1:** that the Board raise the amount ASA pays for Cost Share to State Associations by 10% (ASA pays 70%) for two categories (Media and Breeders' Directory/Newsletters) if ASA Publication services are used. Resolution passed.

23. Policies & Procedures

- **Resolution #1:** that ASA add as ASA Policy on "Genetic Defects Required Testing of ASA's 50 most-used sires" the following statement: ASA staff has discretion as to which tests should be run. Resolution passed.
- **Resolution #2:** that ASA add the following to ASA Policy on Genetic Defects: An untested animal verified through the American Chianina Association as 100% Chianina will be assumed free of TH,PHA, AM, NH, and CA. A non pedigreed/ non tested animal being added to ASA's database as purebred Chianina will be considered "population risk" for the genetic defects TH, PHA, AM, NH and CA. Resolution passed.

- **Resolution #3:** that ASA add the following to the Prefix Policy: A membership that has not paid an annual service fee (ASF) for the previous 5 years relinquishes their registered prefix(s) and that prefix(s) will be available to other members.
Moved Russell, seconded Willis to amend the resolution to add: effective after August 1, 2012. Motion to amend passed.
Resolution #3 passed as amended.
- **Resolution #4:** that ASA require a 50K SNP analysis for every AI sire and donor dam not previously tested. Resolution passed.

24. **Simbrah Committee**

- **Resolution #1:** that the Board approves ASA's designation on registration certificates SimAngus™ HT for animals that meet ASA's SimAngus™ requirements and have a minimum of 1/8 *Bos indicus*. Resolution passed.

25. **Buildings & Grounds**

- **Resolution #1:** that ASA accept the bid of \$3,245 for an exterior building sign to be erected at front east entrance and give staff the discretion to run an electrical line to the sign, subject to Executive Committee approval.
Moved Butcher, seconded Drake to amend the resolution that the sign will be lighted subject to an appropriate cost. Motion to amend passed.
Resolution as amended passed.
- **Directive #1:** that ASA staff explore the possibility of lettering on the side of the storage building on the west edge of the property. Directive passed.
- **Directive #2:** that staff further investigate a vertical platform lift for wheelchair access. Moved DeFreese, seconded Cowger to amend the directive that staff further investigate disabled access and study space utilization in the building for potential options. Amendment passed.
Directive as amended passed.

26. **Finance Committee**

- **FY2013 Budget:** FY2013 budget passed as presented.

27. **Staff Presentation:** Kathy Shafer demonstrated to the Board the utilization and convenience of "intranet communication".

28. Moved Cowger, seconded Drake to adjourn. Motion passed.

