
Board to Trustees' Meeting

American Simmental Association

January 5, 2015

Teleconference

Chairman Jim Butcher called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Jim Butcher, Bob Lanting, Susan Russell, Calvin Drake, Brian DeFreese, Bill McDonald, Gordon Hodges, Roger Finke, Erika Kenner, JW Brune, Scott Cowger, Jon Willis, Tim Smith, Jessie Driggers. Dale Miller, Cliff Orley, Blake Nelson not in attendance.

Legal Counsel: Gene Summerlin

Staff: Wade Shafer, Linda Kesler, Paulette Cochenour

Ruth Family Members in attendance: Kyle Ruth, Katlyn Ruth, Donna and Patrick Ruth.

Kyle Ruth Appeal.

Legal Counsel Gene Summerlin presented the overview for this hearing.

Items presented:

- Hearing was held November 11, 2014 where charges and exhibits were presented to the Executive Committee. No members of the Ruth Family attended the hearing or offered evidence against the charges.
- Deliberations held on December 1, 2014 with the Executive Committee's decision to suspend the memberships Katlyn Kay Ruth (junior membership), Kyle Ruth (junior membership), Ruth Family Simmentals (adult membership) and Ruth Family & Thompson Breeding (non-member). Patrick Ruth, Donna Ruth, Katlyn Ruth and Kyle Ruth are authorized representatives of each membership and non-member.
- Kyle Ruth timely filed a notice of appeal and presented medical billing to explain not attending the hearing.

Kyle Ruth addressed the Board regarding the charges.

Items addressed:

- Vanderholm Juno 2013Z, tattoo VAN203Z and Vanderholm Juno 203Z, tattoo 203Z
- Violation of Iowa Junior Beef Breeds Association Ban

Katlyn Ruth addressed the Board regarding the charges.

Items addressed:

- ASA Gold Merit Scholarship Application – letters of recommendation
- ASA Board of Trustees Application – letters of recommendation

Legal Counsel Gene Summerlin called for any further arguments to present to the Board. No further arguments given.

Moved Gordon Hodges seconded Tim Smith for Staff to set a date prior to Denver events (January 16 – January 21, 2015) to schedule an additional board meeting to reconvene and discuss the appeal and make a decision. Motion carried.

Moved Tim Smith seconded Calvin Drake to adjourn. Motion carried.