

Board of Trustees' Meeting
American Simmental Association
January 30, 2009
Fort Worth, Texas

Meeting reconvened at 8:10 a.m.

Roll Call: Michael Stoltey, Jim Skillestad, Gregg Bailey, Curtis Russell, John Harker, Tommy Brown, Bobby Willis, Mike Mallett, Jay Rinderknecht, Beth Mercer, Harry Moser, Bob Volk, Jessie Driggers, Bill McDonald, Kevin Thompson, Harold Williams

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

Legal Counsel: Gene Summerlin

Guests: Roger Finke, Harrell Watts, Roger Kenner, Michael Dikeman

Policy and Procedures Resolution #1 – Genetic Defect Policy. Moved Jim Skillestad, seconded John Harker to adopt the following policy (effective June 1, 2009) to describe a suspect for genetic defects and testing policies to identify carriers of genetic defects that have DNA tests available.

A. Identifying Suspect Animals.

1. Any animal with a documented carrier in the pedigree, unless the intermediary ancestors are tested-free or designated pedigree-free.
2. Any sire or embryo donor dam with 1/8 blood or more of the defective-gene source (breed, line, herd), unless the intermediary ancestors are tested-free or pedigree-free.

B. Recommendations for requiring testing:

1. 50 most-used sires (managed and paid by ASA).
2. All suspect A.I. sires
3. All suspect natural sires
4. All progeny of suspect sires, if the suspect sire DNA is unavailable for testing.
5. All suspect donor dams.

C. Managing these policies

1. Genetic abnormality designations will be real-time. Test completions (DNA determination of carrier or free) will affect animals in downstream pedigrees.
2. Progeny (of untested suspect sires or suspect donor dams) that has performance data submitted or request to be registered requires compliance (DNA testing) to satisfy B2, B3, B4, or B5.

Points of Discussion:

1. For AM (Curly Calf), any untested sire or donor dam, 1/8 or more Angus, with pedigree suspects not tested defect-free or their pedigree not traceable to designated-free ancestors will be defined as a suspect.

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2. We recognize this allows tested-carrier and potential-carrier females (1680 daughters for example) to enter the ASA database as "commercial Angus cow" and avoid the suspect label. However, labeling commercial Angus females as suspects would create exceptional processing resources and member testing expenses. By a very wide margin, the most cost-effective method to manage genetics is through sire testing. The above recommendations put almost all ASA policy pressure and member social pressure on the bulls where results will be most effective.

Motion carried.

Policy and Procedures Resolution #2 – Registration of steers from unregistered (commercial) sires. Moved Jim Skillestad, seconded Harry Moser for the following rule change effective immediately but subject to approval of membership at the next annual meeting. The rule change is required to allow the registration of steers as American SimGenetics from unregistered (commercial) sires:

Rule II.B. Eligibility for Registration of American SimGenetics (Simmental-cross) and Foundation Cattle:

1. To be eligible for registration, an animal must be the progeny of a registered ASA sire and a registered ASA dam with the exception of American SimGenetic animals that have one-half (½) or less Simmental blood where either parent must be an ASA-registered American Simmental or American SimGenetic animal.

2. ~~Applicants desiring to register~~ American SimGenetic animals produced by sires from another breed **are only eligible for registration if the sire is registered** ~~must first register the sire as a foundation animal~~ **or the SimGenetic animal is a steer at the time of registration.** The dam from another breed producing an American SimGenetic animal may be registered as a foundation animal. A copy of the registration certificate from an ASA-recognized breed association, along with an application form and the proper registration fee, must be submitted to ASA before the sire or dam will be eligible for registration as a foundation animal.

Rule II.E.

1. Applications for registration of animals must be typed or printed in ink (blue or black) on forms obtained from the Association, and must give:

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f. The ASA number of the sire, **or, if not registered, his individual private herd number.**

Motion carried.

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Relocation Committee - Beth Mercer reported the results of the relocation study. No further action taken.

2009 Board - Turn Over to Chairman Jim Skillestad.

Mission Statement and 2009 Committee Appointments. Jim Skillestad revisited ASA's mission statement and 2009 committee appointments.

Elections of Officers and Executive Committee.

- a. **Nominations for Vice-Chairman.** Moved Bob Volk, seconded John Harker to nominate Gregg Bailey. Moved Mike Mallett, seconded Tommy Brown to cease nominations. Gregg Bailey elected by acclamation.
- b. **Nominations for Treasurer.** Moved Michael Stoltey, seconded Harold Williams to nominate John Harker. Moved Mike Mallett, seconded Beth Mercer to cease nominations. John Harker elected by acclamation.
- c. **Nominations for 1st position.** Moved Mike Mallett to nominate Jessie Driggers, Moved Curtis Russell to nominate Beth Mercer, Moved Jessie Driggers to nominate Mike Mallett. Moved Michael Stoltey, seconded Curtis Russell to cease nominations. Tie vote. Vote again. Mike Mallett elected by vote.
- d. **Nominations for 2nd position.** Moved Gregg Bailey to nominate Bill McDonald, Moved Curtis Russell to nominate Beth Mercer, Moved Jessie Driggers for Tommy Brown. Beth Mercer declines nomination. Moved Michael Stoltey, seconded Bob Volk to cease nominations. Tommy Brown elected by vote.

Moved Michael Stoltey, seconded Curtis Russell to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

Moved Curtis Russell, seconded Bobby Willis to adjourn.