

ALR Board Meeting
July 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 MST by President, George Jenkins.

Members present were George Jenkins, Rick Dodd, Janis Black, and Trevor Smith

We discussed an email received from Jim Eldridge concerning his questions on some of the ways registration numbers and a few other things are listed in the herd book. We will look into his suggestions.

Janis has emailed the minutes from the last meeting to everyone for review.

We discussed how the Saler's hold their board elections, which is by ballot prior to the meeting at the NWSS. Trevor moved and Janis seconded that we announce in the August ledger that anyone wishing to run for the board have a biography, a letter of nomination and a letter of second to the nomination to the ALR office by October 1st with a mailing from ALR office to all members with all biographies and a ballot by November 1st and all ballots to be postmarked by December 1st and returned to a third party, to be specified later. Discussion was held including that the By-Laws state that nominations and elections be held at the annual meeting. We determined that the By-Laws have not actually been followed in the past due to all mail in ballots being sent in prior to the nominations. We then discussed announcing in the August ledger and/or doing a special mailing to all members describing the ballot process as it has been and how we are now trying to correct the process. Explain that to follow the By-Laws we would instead have to have all nominations made in Denver and only votes from members attending Denver being able to vote. Question was called. The motion was tabled until August 1. We can propose a change to the By-Laws to be voted on separately

Trevor made a motion and Rick seconded stating "utilizing a mail-in ballot system we inform the general membership as to the election procedure currently in the By-Laws. We would ask the general membership for approval to amend the By-Laws, Section IV. C. to say "A Director shall be nominated and elected by the Registry's membership by mail-in ballot prior to its annual meeting." Discussion was held that we explain that according to the By-Laws the nomination and all voting has to be done in Denver and there is not going to be an opportunity to send in a mail in ballot. Motion was passed unanimously. Trevor is going to type a letter to be sent and email it to all board members with finalization by 7-8-10 by noon and then Trevor will send it to Sherry. We will ask that Sherry have everything sent to the general membership by the end of the following week. We also will ask Sherry to do an email blast to the membership and on the website. We need to ask for returned ballots be postmarked by 7-29-10. All ballots should be back to us 8-4-10, which will be our cut-off so we can publish things in the August ledger. Janis will send an email to all regional presidents to let them know we are sending the out.

Rick reported that the Northwest region is still working on their 2009 financial information. Trevor made a motion and Rick seconded that we give the Northwest region until July 20, 2010, to get the 2009 financial information to Janis or they will not receive their 2010 funding. Motion passed unanimously. Janis will email this to all of the officers of the Northwest Region with a return receipt.

We discussed if it is necessary to have a board meeting at the Iowa State Fair and decided it was not necessary.

Rick asked that we continue to look into getting the definition of Lowline cattle on the NWSS website. Once we get the description written, we can send it to Heather and ask her to make the change. Trevor will work on the actual change and get it to us.

Rick said that we need to update "Show Classifications" on the website to reflect the 2010 updated information. He will ask Neil to take care of that. He also brought up that Sherry Doubet has not sent the email to all members about the electronic AI certificates and natural service certificates. We need to ask her to get this done. We also need to ask her what safeguards we have for the natural service certificates. George will ask Sherry both of these questions and have Sherry email all of us.

Trevor told Rick to get in touch with Dean Pike or Beverly Shirts to get the Junior National results for the website. He also suggested contacting Carl Effertz for his candid photos of Junior Nationals.

Rick will contact the Embassy to get dates and prices for NWSS 2011. He also said that Australia is not sending an Ambassador in 2011, but they will accept one from us if we only send one youth.

Our next phone conference meeting will be on August 10, 2010 at 7pm cst.