

ALR Board Meeting
May 25, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by President, George Jenkins.

Members present: George Jenkins, Neil Effertz, Trevor Smith, Rick Dodd and Janis Black.
Guests present: Sherry Doubet

Rick moved and Janis seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the March 2, 2010 meeting as printed and distributed to the board.

Sherry reported on the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) She mentioned that she has had a conversation with Joey Friend concerning our problems with the current proposed schedule for 2011 and that we haven't heard on our request to change those dates and that we have been told that it might be August before we have confirmed dates. George and Neil reported on their conversations with Glenn Benjamin concerning the 2011 NWSS schedule.

Sherry reported that there are currently 57 entries from 9 states for the Junior Nationals. The Junior board is working on contests, trophies, etc. The insurance policy has been updated to make sure this event is covered.

Sherry reported that 90% of the membership is updated for the website. They have cleaned up the name listing, made changes on member look-up screen, and added a % sign to give a variable look up in the herd book and membership listings in an effort to make it more user friendly.

Sherry asked the board to consider making a rule to have animal tattoos be consistent. She will email a proposal to the board. She also suggested that we have a FAQ place on the website to answer such simple questions as what is a Dam?; a Sire?; a Tattoo?. She also reported that AI certificates can now be released electronically via the website and that she will send an email to all members explaining the new process. She suggested different ways and fees to register a herd sire and on releasing the AI certificates. Currently the fee to register a herd sire is \$25.00 and it includes 10 AI certificates. We also discussed creating a simple form to complete when a cow is serviced naturally that would be signed by the owner of the sire as the AI certificate is not really true or necessary. We will work in the form. We also discussed the fact that existing paper AI certificates will still be accepted.

Glenn Benjamin joined the call to directly report on his discussions with NWSS concerning the schedule. Currently the schedule has the sale on January 17, the Pen show and Female show on January 18 and the Bull show on January 19. We are uncertain and to when we could be on the grounds and released.

We discussed the upcoming dates for the journal at length. Trevor made a motion and Janis seconded it that the deadline for the remaining 2010 issues by August 1st and November 1st and that we have 5 issues in 2011. The motion was passed unanimously.

Trevor brought up the current way that elections for the board are done. We discussed different processes. Sherry will investigate this and report back to the board.

Janis moved and Neil seconded that we release the 2010 funds to all regions except the Northwest region now. We will release the funds to the Northwest region after we receive their 2009 financial information necessary to prepare our tax return. The motion was passed unanimously. Janis will ask Sherry to do this as soon as possible.

Neil moved and Rick seconded that we change Rule X.5 to say the following:

“Regions are covered under the NPO status of the National ALR. Every region desiring to be covered under the National NPO status must have a summary of their income, expenses, assets and liabilities to the ALR Secretary no later than March 15, of the following year to be eligible to receive sponsorship funds from the ALR. i.e. Calendar year 2009 information should be reported by March 15, 2010 and similar deadline for subsequent years. If the region votes to maintain its own NPO status, then it must maintain that status to be eligible to receive sponsorship funds from the ALR. Once a region has chosen to opt out of the National ALR reporting, they will remain that way.”

The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis Black
Secretary/Treasurer