

# **American Lowline Registry**

## **Annual Meeting Minutes**

**January 20, 2012**

**Denver, Colorado**

The meeting was called to order by President Janis Black at 7:52 p.m.

An opening meeting prayer was given by John Reed.

### **Secretary's Report**

Neil Effertz moved with a second from Larry Watkins to dispense with the reading of the minutes as they are part of the Annual Meeting packet. Motion carried.

### **Registry Report**

Sherry Doubet presented the 2011 ALR Registry office report. She noted the Lowline registry statistics are part of the Annual meeting handout. It was noted ALR has 193 new members and 54 new Junior members in 2011. ALR received 2234 registrations and 1774 transfers in 2011. The registrations represented a 27% increase and transfers were up 8.83% Top states for membership were Texas with 143, Colorado with 70, Washington with 45, Ohio with 39 followed by Oklahoma with 38. Total Dues paid members for 2011 were 940.

Sherry Doubet also reviewed the ALR Balance sheet for 2011. ALR has total assets of \$115,343.88, total liabilities of \$14,417.01 and positive Year-to-Date Earnings of \$17,149.32. She noted the income statement was also part of the packet. Following the report a motion to approve was requested.

Glen Benjamin moved to approve the report followed by a second from Donna Boekel. Motion carried.

### **Introduction of 2012 Board Members**

Janis Black thanked retiring board member Trevor Smith for his service on the board and presented him with a gift. She then noted the results of the election were listed in the packet and introduced the 2012 ALR board members as: John Kaeshoefer, Larry Watkins, Neil Effertz, Rick Dodd and Janis Black.

### **American Lowline Junior Association Report**

Shea Esser presented the report. He introduces the ALJA board members including: Marcus Goodwin, Haleigh Pike, Bailey Skinner, Emma Rademacher, Bridget Hoffman and Ashley Mugnier. He noted Lowline Junior National is scheduled from June 20 – 23 in Stillwater, Oklahoma with the theme of "Twisting Heads and Leaving Them Spinning." He thanked the buyers and the donors and noted over \$15,000 was raised for the Juniors at the banquet. He did note the Junior Balance Sheet was also part of the meeting packet.

### **Old Business**

No Old Business was presented

## **New Business**

### **Board Restructuring Committee**

Janis Black presented information on the Board Restructuring Committee. She noted the committee minutes were also part of the board packet. It was her hope to continue to have functioning and useful committees.

### **Member Round Up Program**

Larry Watkins presented the report. He noted information about the Member Round up program was part of the packet, is on the website and has also been in the magazine. He wanted each member to focus on getting new members. He noted the programs included several levels of prizes with the largest prize to be a heifer.

### **National Sale Report**

Sale manager John Reed presented the report. He summarized the sale results.

#### **Gross Sale Receipts - \$252,787**

19 Open Fullblood Females	\$4029
16 Open Percentage Heifers	\$2638
18 Bred Fullblood Females	\$4444
5 Bred Percentage Females	\$3790
6 Bulls	\$2300
34 Embryos	\$713

### **International Committee**

Larry Watkins presented the report. He noted the Houston Livestock Show will now be named the International Lowline Show and Sale. Houston is already set-up as an International Show for all breeds to calling the Lowline event the International Lowline Show and Sale really fit with the current environment. He then introduced the international visitors in the crowd and thanked each of them for attending.

### **Promotion Committee**

Larry asked Neil Effertz to present the report on the flyer that the Board developed in 2011 for ALR member use called "Why Lowline" Neil noted the flyer was set-up to answer questions about what Lowline cattle are and what they can be used for. The flyer set out to summarize the good traits of Lowline. The flyer can be personalized by each Lowline member to include a farm name for local promotion purposes.

Larry Watkins then talked about the success Lowline has had distributing the informative articles in various publications throughout the country. He thanked Dean Pike for the idea.

### **Other New Business**

Pat Ahr – vice President of SLABA wanted to propose an amendment to the Bylaws.

The minutes do include the proposed amendment as read by Pat Ahr.

That, in order to fairly represent diverse views and convey consent on behalf of all members of the ALR, Article IV of the current Bylaws of the American Lowline Registry (adopted August 1, 2010) shall be amended as follows:

Article IV – Board of Directors

A. Composition:

The Board of Directors shall be increased to not less than Seven (7) Directors; the Board of Directors shall consist of One (1) active member of the ALR elected by and residing in each Recognized Region and at least Two(2) Directors elected “at-large” from the membership; the Directors including the President shall constitute the voting membership of the Board; the officers of this corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors; and

C. Nomination and Election:

The two (2) at-large Directors shall be nominated and elected by the Registry’s membership by mail-in ballot prior to its Annual Meeting; the Secretary of the Registry shall promptly report the election of Directors to the membership; and

D. Term of Office:

Each Recognized Region shall decide the term for that region’s representative on the Board of Directors. The Two (2) at-large Directors shall serve staggered two-year terms; the consecutive tenure of an at-large Director shall be limited to Eight (8) years.

That, in compliance with the Prior Notice requirement in the ALR Bylaws, Article XIII, adopted August 1, 2010, consideration and vote on the proposed amendment shall be Postponed to a Certain Time – that being the next called Session of the Membership, where the proposed amendment shall be debated as “committee of the whole” , whereby any member is allowed to address the assembly to present his view; and

That, in order to protect every member’s right to vote on a critical item such as an amendment to an adopted statute, the vote shall be taken by ballot immediately following the close of debate; balloting must be done in such a way that no member is compelled to disclose his vote, and balloting shall continue until the proposed amendment is passed or rejected.

Trevor Smith moved to adjourn the meeting Jacqui Duran seconded. Motion carried.