

## American Lowline Registry Board of Directors Meeting on May 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM CST by President, Janis Black. Members in attendance was Neil Effertz, Rick Dodd, Larry Watkins, and John Kaeshoefer.

Others Present: Sherry Doubet

Minutes for March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved by email at an earlier date.

Sherry explained the financial report from the ALR.

Sherry also sent the yearly membership payments to each region which totaled 16,500.00.

Payment was sent to the law firm handling the trade marks for the Moderator Program. The payment was 1900.00, which was approved by email.

It was moved by Neil and seconded by Rick to accept the Treasurers financial report. Motion carried.

National sale committee report:

Neil has talked to several committee members and progress is being made on improvements.

National Show committee:

There was a lengthy discussion about the senior heifer classes. The rule now says cow calf pairs are shown in a separate class than the other senior heifers. There will be more discussion on this by the show committee at a later date.

The national show committee will discuss if animals purchased in the national sale can be shown by the new owner in the Junior show.

International Show Committee:

Larry has talked to Nikkei Lambert about translating brochures into Spanish for the international show. This will be discussed after more investigation.

Promotion committee:

We have made progress on improvements to the Lowline Ledger. Rick will oversee getting a new member list into each Ledger issue.

Regional Association committee:

John had a meeting with the regional Presidents. There were several suggestions and concerns voiced by the regions. One major concern was not having a show in the Western part of the US. There was discussion about the possibility of having a show Reno, NV, as there is a big cattle show each year in Reno. It was a very productive meeting and John will schedule another after Junior Nationals.

Resolution committee:

John has been working on helping a member get cattle registered.

Old Business:

Neil made a motion that any member who submits DNA on more than one sire for verification needs to pay the extra costs associated, if any, to eliminate all but one sire when additional markers are needed to determine the exact sire of the animal being registered. It was seconded by Rick. Motion carried.

Regional member email addresses to regional associations:

There was a lengthy discussion about giving the regions the email list for their regions. Some board members are worried about privacy issues with giving out email lists.

A motion was made by Neil and seconded by Larry that each region may receive the email list of the members in their region bi-annually, by request of the respective regional president with the following stipulations.

The regions will send any mass emails blind copied or use a program that restricts the list from being seen by each person receiving an email.

At the end of each email from this list will be a statement that any person who wants to be taken off the list can do so by replying to the regional person designated to send out mass emails.

The regions will be charged 25.00 for each list due to extra work from the registry personnel.

Each regional president will have to sign a privacy statement provided by the registry.

The Motion passed unanimously.

## New Business:

A discussion was started by Larry about having DNA on file for percentage bulls. Larry believes DNA on file and not actually ran or verified is not as useful as actually verifying the DNA on the sire. The registration papers can be changed to show if cattle are actually verified on percentage cattle. Right now we don't know who actually verifies their percentage cattle and who just puts DNA on file that may or may not be the actual sire. It needs to be voluntary and we should have the Registration papers that show if someone actually sire and or dam verifies their percentage cattle. We have several members who have checked the DNA on file and it didn't match. If people want to buy cattle certified to be from what is on the papers we need to be able to have the certification on the papers. Breeders that don't see the value of verification of percentage cattle should have that option. Breeders who wish to use verification as a promotional tool should have that option and it should be on the registration papers.

A motion was made by Neil and seconded by Larry that having DNA on file for sire or dam verification on percentage cattle be optional. It needs to be retroactive and the registry will get their programmer to put whether an animal has actually been sire or dam verified on the registration papers. The rule for DNA on file will be amended. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be in Stillwater, June, 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2PM.

The meeting was adjourned.

Larry Watkins, Secretary