

AMERICAN LOWLINE REGISTRY

BOARD MEETING ~ December 17, 2013

Present: All ALR Board members present except John; Dean was also present.

Next Meeting: January 14, 2014

President, Janis Black, called the meeting to order via conference call at 6:04 PM MST.

Minutes and Financial Report – Motion was made by Neil, seconded by Wade to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2013, meeting. Motion carried. Motion was made by Rick, seconded by Larry to approve the financial reports.

Committee Reports

- 1 **National Sale Committee** – NWSS sale catalog is at the printers will be out the last week of December. There are 70 lots in the sale.
- 2 **Junior Committee** – Dean reports the Juniors met right after the NAILE. At the ELAA annual meeting in Louisville, Junior directors made a power point presentation regarding the coming Junior Nationals in 2014. The Junior board made a 2-day visit to the Lebanon, Tennessee location to plan. A tour bus to Nashville is being considered. The ALR Board has received the scholarship entries to judge. The three \$500 scholarships will be awarded at the banquet. Fund raising items to be auctioned at the banquet are being coordinated, and they are raffling off a heifer--donating a portion to Cancer research. The raffle tickets are available on the ALR website.
- 3 **Show Committee** – Janis has ordered the buckles for the national show. The show committee will meet in Denver. Neil asks for more names to add to the judges list. Herdsman of the Year will be Brad and Julie Tummons, to be a surprise. Motion was made by Wade and seconded by Neil, motion carried. They will both be awarded with belt buckles.
- 4 **Promotion & Ledger Committee** – Cindy will discuss needed updates for the website with Shelley (and/or Rick). We hope to have the new video completed for Denver. For the Ledger, Larry and Cindy will work on a list of items for the publisher to be included in every issue, including a calendar of events, to help avoid last minute omissions and/or delays.
- 5 **Regional Associations Committee** – Rick will meet with the regional Presidents in Denver to discuss issues and to discuss how we can help add members in some regions. Regions need help to motivate and encourage participation. Dean suggests that the regions have more field days, especially for those who don't participate in the shows. Dean has been talking to newcomers and others for advice and enjoys doing it. [Repeat from last meeting to emphasize -- Would like to see a half page in each Ledger issue to support and boost regional associations including membership info and campaigns--in addition to the regional news from each region in every issue.]
- 6 **Breeders Services** – Dean gave his presentation at the NAILE. Attendance was low, but it was a very good meeting. He suggests that shows may not allow enough time for attendance, and field days may provide a better venue. Copies of the presentation can be emailed to anyone to print out. He may also add a liquid formula for protein to finish and retain grass finished label.
- 7 **Resolutions Committee** – not sure if disputed claim has been completed. Janis will ask Sherry.
- 8 **International Show** – Motion was made by Neil, seconded by Wade to approve the contract for the meeting room for \$300 at the 2014 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, in early March 2014. Motion carried. Neil will manage a video sale at the Holiday Inn, adjacent to the fairgrounds. Most of the sale cattle will be present at the show. The sale will be on Sunday at 4 PM, March 9, 2014, and the show on Monday morning, March 10, 2014.
- 9 **National Meeting & Hotel Committee** – Block of rooms is filling up, and doubles are sold out. Rates apply from Jan. 17-26, 2014, if reserved before Dec. 31, 2013. Food decisions will be made in January. Banquet will be on Thursday. The board unanimously commended Rick for his planning regarding the hotel, banquet, etc. Neil will firm up a speaker from GeneSeek by Dec. 18, 2013. Motion was made by Rick, seconded by Larry for ALR to repeat sponsorship of the Collegiate Livestock Judging Award at NWSS in the amount of \$300. Motion carried. John and Larry will be unable to attend the NWSS.

Old Business

Calving books will be ready for distribution in Denver.

GeneSeek is still in the process of reporting which animals are SNP tested. Sherry will include in an e-blast that using the old blood sample card will cost an additional \$8.

Ausline request—Sherry feels we need to change rule 5.2 to accept the Ausline Cattle Assn. Janis has sent the information to Jan Effertz for her comments before we make any changes. We will discuss this at our next meeting.

Election results are not in yet. We will invite the winners to monitor our next meeting.

Next Meeting – In addition to the next monthly meeting posted above -- There will be a brief board meeting in Denver, immediately following the annual meeting, to elect the 2014 officers, and the newly elected board members will officially be installed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM MST -- Motion was made to adjourn by Neil, seconded by Rick. Motion carried.