

AMERICAN LOWLINE REGISTRY

BOARD MEETING ~ January 14, 2014

Present: All ALR Board members present and Dean and Mike Hudlow were also present.

Next Meeting: January 24, 2014

President, Janis Black, called the meeting to order via conference call at 6:03 PM MST.

Minutes and Financial Report – Minutes of the last meeting will be corrected and approved by email in the near future. There were no financial reports. The Annual Report will be presented at the Annual Meeting in Denver. Sherry will present comparative financial statements (to the previous year) in the future.

Committee Reports

- 1 **National Sale Committee** – There is plenty of interest in the sale offering, and Neil is optimistic for a good sale. A supplemental sheet on sale day will correct any errors in the catalog. Rick suggested we get the sale catalog out one week earlier next year. There will be an anonymous sifting committee
- 2 **Junior Committee** – Dean reported the Juniors had a conference call meeting on January 12, 2014. He listed several of the items that will be auctioned after the Annual Banquet. So far, in excess of \$6,500 has been collected in heifer raffle tickets. Jimmy Williams will judge the Junior National Show at Lebanon, TN.
- 3 **Show Committee** – Those cattle with DNA in process will be allowed and given a fair amount of time for completion after the show and sale. If there is any discrepancy, awards will be lost. NWSS rules require registration numbers to show. Neil continues to ask for more judge names and would like to finish the list. Wade suggested we need to review the steer show rules to include fall born steers. Janis has the buckles for the national show, and the vests will be in soon. We will need people to help at the gate to get show entries to the ring on time. We will need an announcer for the heifer show.
- 4 **Promotion & Ledger Committee** – Neil made a motion to hire Joe Pike to do the audio portion of the ALR video for \$1,200. Larry seconded and the motion carried. The audio portion will be completed by January 17, 2014. Cindy assured the board that the video will be completed in time for the Annual Banquet and asked the board to waive a script preview in order to avoid any delays. The video will be shown at the Annual Banquet upon approval by the board. Larry and Cindy will prepare a checklist for the Ledger to help to make a timely publication.
- 5 **Regional Associations Committee** – All of the regions except 2 have submitted their financial data for year end. The data will be compiled with the ALR and is required before regional distributions.
- 6 **Breeders Services** – Dean has not given his presentation in the Midwest or the northeast. Some possible suggestions are field days, Iowa Beef Expo, Ohio Expo or a pending spring event sponsored by the ELAA.
- 7 **Resolutions Committee** – not sure if disputed claim has been completed. Janis will ask Sherry.
- 8 **International Show** – Holiday Inn has confirmed the block of rooms. Cindy will work with Paula Kluding and the video will be shown in the International Room. The Southern Beef Alliance will supply the beef for the SLABA Banquet.
- 9 **National Meeting & Hotel Committee** – There were 291 room nights sold, +12 over 2013. There are 145 reservations for the banquet, and prime rib donated by Muddy Creek will be served. Our cost to the hotel is \$33.95 per plate. Encourage people to sign up ASAP. Board members will each be given one free night, complements of the hotel. Nine additional complementary rooms will be given to banquet attendees.

Old Business

Calving books will be ready for distribution at the Annual Meeting. Dr Gibb, from GeneSeek, will be our speaker with a 20-30 minute presentation.

Neil made a motion to change Rule V.2 to add “and Australian Cattle Association (Ausline)” to the first sentence and to say “ALCA and Ausline” in every spot that currently says “ALCA” in order to allow the Ausline Cattle Association to register cattle with the ALR, seconded by Rick. Motion carried. It was determined that Sherry can decide if they (Ausline) will be required to have their DNA completed by GeneSeek.

Bull owners are responsible for converting to SNP testing. At this time, breeders need to contact bull owners to see if they are SNP tested. AI bulls that are SNP tested need to be posted on the website. Negotiations with GeneSeek are still ongoing, and nothing is determined yet. There is no ALR contract at this time.

New Business

In recognition from the board to the people who came from Canada with cattle to the sale and show—a huge commitment--Janis will announce at the banquet a free room night for each of them.

The entire board wishes to go on record to commend Larry Watkins for his years of service.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM MST -- Motion was made to adjourn by Cindy, seconded by Rick. Motion carried.