

AMERICAN LOWLINE REGISTRY

BOARD MEETING ~ April 22, 2014

Present: All ALR Board members present were, Janis, Neil, Cindy, Mike, and Wade. Sherry and Dean were also present.

Next Meeting: May 13, 2014, at 6 PM MST

President, Janis Black, called the meeting to order via conference call at 6:07 PM MST.

Minutes and Financial Report – Upon completion, the minutes from the last meeting will be forwarded ASAP to the board for approval.

It was noted that the Mountain States Region is disbanding with approximately \$8,000, which will be returned to the general fund. Motion was made by Neil, seconded by Wade to approve the March 2014 financial reports. Motion carried.

Old Business

Motion was made by Neil, seconded by Cindy to accept the ALR rule changes submitted by Sherry with respect to the Ausline association. Motion carried.

GeneSeek has not yet given the ALR office a spreadsheet listing the cattle that have been SNP tested.

New Business

The SLABA treasurer made a request to the ALR, and this was passed to our CPA, for information needed to acquire a Texas sales tax exemption. In order to protect the ALR status, per the CPA's advice, the board recommends that SLABA pursue their own 501(c)5 not-for-profit entity. Motion was made by Mike and seconded by Cindy; motion carried.

John Kaeshoefer resigned due to personal circumstances as a member of the ALR Board effective today. The board determined that his seat will remain vacant until the end of his term, December 31, 2014. A note of appreciation will be added to the President's message in the Ledger, and his name will be removed from the next Ledger and the website.

Committee Reports

- 1. Junior Committee** – The Junior newsletter will be mailed tomorrow and is now posted on the website. Junior cattle entry deadline for the Junior National show is June 1, 2014. Correct any discrepancy on the website. Shea Esser went to the YBIC Leadership Conference workshop at St. Louis, which included a tour of Purina Feeds and motivational workshops.
- 2. Show Committee** – Judges list and steer rules are complete and published in the next issue of the Ledger. Get of Sire for all shows will be changed to one get with 3 head, including both sexes and no age limits, and can be multiple owners. Rules will be changed on the website. Motion was made by Neil and seconded by Wade. Motion carried.
A Lowline show at Tulsa will be added in September of 2015. Cattle will come in on the 24th, show on the 26th, and be released on the 28th.
On behalf of SLABA, Larry Watkins attended the meeting briefly to give details regarding a possible show at Ft Worth in January of 2015, with cattle to come in on the 16th, show on the 17th and 18th, then out on the 21st (firm). This will coincide with the eared cattle breeds. The timing of this show conflicts with NWSS and would make any Ft Worth entries unable to also attend the National Show at Denver. There is no possibility to move the National Show date for 2015. Motion was made by Neil and seconded by Mike to hold the show at Ft Worth for 2015. Motion carried, with one nay vote by Cindy. This recommendation was given to SLABA.

As a matter of note, the 2016 show at Denver will lose about 1,000 tie-outs due to the high speed rail construction there.

3. **Promotion & Ledger Committee** – Co-Chairs, Cindy and Shelley Dodd. All board members are included on the committee. Jan Effertz will be added. There are 2 interested parties in the Ledger contract, Lakota and Blue Print. Bids will be received until May 10, 2014.
4. **Regional Associations Committee** – Mountain States Regions has disbanded.
5. **Breeders Services** – Dean is receiving calls often for advice to members regarding selling their cattle. The recent sale of Trust Me, a Moderator Plus (halfblood, aka Aberdeen Plus) bull, for \$85,000 for semen interest has ignited interest in buying and selling percentage Lowline (Moderator) bulls. Per Mike, Arkansas is also promoting smaller size cows to 1200-1300 pounds.
6. **International Show** – In 2015 a “bull battle” will be added, with final approval from the Houston facility. Already 30+ bulls have been entered. Inquiries can be made to SLABA.
7. **National Meeting & Hotel Committee** – The contract with Embassy Suites for 2015 has been signed.

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM MST – Motion to adjourn was made by Mike, seconded by Wade; motion carried.