ALR Board Meeting Minutes 12-8-15

The meeting was called to order by Janis Black, President

Members in attendance were Janis Black, Wade Coffey, Neil Effertz, Craig Walker, Rick Dodd and Larry Watkins. Others in attendance were Lisa and Kelsey from Blue Print and Dean Pike.

Lisa and Kelsey wanted to go over where we are with the Ledger. The upcoming issue will contain the national sale catalog and should be mailed around December 15. Lisa will be available to speak at the national meeting for 5 to 10 minutes about opportunities with the Lowline Ledger. Lisa and Kelsey left the meeting.

There were no minutes from the November 10, 2015 meeting and no treasurer's report

Old Business:

We discussed some awards we would like to give this year in Denver. It was moved by Neil Effertz and seconded by Craig Walker to have one of them be the "Hall of Fame Award" and the other the "Distinguished Service Award" and that these awards do not need to be given every year, but when someone is deserving. Motion carried. We did decide who would receive the awards this year.

Committee Reports:

National Sale Committee: Neil reported that there are 58 lots in the National Sale. He will get photos to Shelley so they can be posted on the website.

Show Committee: Wade and Craig are continuing to work on the show rules and classifications. Wade reported that the Junior's decided to adopt showing market animals that ate 49.99% to 25% Lowline as long as the member also shows a breeding animal.

Junior Committee: Dean and Wade reported that the Junior board met in Stillwater and made plans for 2016 Junior Nationals. A heifer will be raffled off in Denver and tickets will be available on the website. They are finalizing plans for what they will have in the auction the night of the banquet. They are talking about having a show this spring, possible May 27 & 28 in Columbus MT.

National Meeting & Hotel Committee: Rick reported plans are coming along. We will be able to have a stage for the entertainment at the banquet. Wade will present the Herdsman of the Year award.

International Show Committee: Larry reported that we have paid the fee for the International Room. Move in is February 28, 2016. We discussed allowing people to have brochures if they are printed in both Spanish and English. We will need to have

extra Lowline Ledgers available. We talked about also taking the extra mugs we have with our logo on.

Breeder Services Committee: Neil is continuing to work on a forage based bull test in Kansas that will start around May 1, 2016. A 30% Alfalfa 70% Wheat pellet is being discussed as the feed. There will be a sale in October 2016. This will be for bulls born between September 1, 2014 and June 1, 2015.

We discussed the need to develop some type of trait tracking on our cattle. We discussed several ideas including EPD's. It was decided to form a committee starting with Neil Effertz, David Shockey and Dean Pike. They need to meet and discuss other professionals that could bring ideas/information to this discussion to join the committee.

The next meeting will be January 12, 2016 at 6pm mountain time. It was moved by Rick and seconded by Larry to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

Janis Black, President