May 26, 2017

Re: Reorganization of American Lowline Registry and name change to American Aberdeen Association

Dear Member,

You are receiving this letter because you are a member of American Lowline Registry. The association was originally formed as a non-profit corporation under the laws of North Dakota. It has recently come to the attention of the Board of Directors (BOD) of American Lowline Registry that the corporate filing for American Lowline Registry inadvertently lapsed in sometime prior to 2008. Even though the corporate filing had lapsed, the American Lowline Registry has continued to operate and has filed tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service.

The Board sought the advice of CPAs and attorneys on the issue of the lapse and it was recommended that a new non-profit corporation should be filed in North Dakota under the same name the entity was using when it lapsed; i.e. American Lowline Registry. This is also the name the entity has used for tax returns. In accordance with that advice, a new non-profit corporation has been formed in North Dakota called American Lowline Registry.

The Board was also advised by legal counsel that it had the power to change the name of the corporation and, accordingly, the Board passed a resolution to change the name of the corporation to the American Aberdeen Association and documents have been filed with the North Dakota Secretary of State to that effect.

The Board of Directors were made aware on April 16, 2017, that the offer of the Aberdeen Plus program and use of the Aberdeen Plus + trademark was going to be removed from the American Lowline Registry and given to a new competing association. The new association that was going to be formed would have allowed all “Aberdeen” based cattle currently registered in the herdbooks of the American Lowline Registry, the American Angus Association and the American Red Angus Association to be registered under the same association umbrella, including our current and future Fullblood Lowline animals WITHOUT DNA verification.
The following was taken into consideration:

1.) The imperative need to protect the integrity and purity of our Fullblood cattle,

2.) Discussions with the entities, who were forming the new association and negotiating an agreement with them, that a new competing association would not be formed if the name of our organization was changed,

4.) Attorney confirmation of the rights of the BOD to change the entity name without a membership vote,

5.) An overwhelming majority of the members who participated in the vote to change the bylaws wanted to change the name, and

6.) The BOD’s desire and need to move the breed forward with a strategic and nationally directed promotional campaign as an association as funds would allow.

The board felt the best way to maintain the purity and integrity of our Fullbloods, fulfill our leadership obligation to the organization, to maintain and grow sustainable membership and registration numbers, and to drive and fund the memberships desire to promote our cattle was to change the name in an attempt to suspend the pursuit of our membership and cattle registrations by the new association. A subsequent resolution to change the name to the American Aberdeen Association was passed unanimously. The American Aberdeen Association will retain all rights, marks, and privileges of the former entity and associations with and of American Lowline Registry.

All of you who are members in good standing (i.e. who have paid your current dues) of American Lowline Registry continue to be members of American Aberdeen Association. However, if any member wishes to resign from the Association, you may do so by giving notice to the Board President, Janis Black, at the following address: 19590 E. Mainstreet #104, Parker, CO 80138. If you choose to withdraw, then the dues for the year will be prorated and the portion attributable to the remainder of the year will be refunded. The proration will be done effective May 1, 2017. If you wish to resign from the Association and receive a prorated return of your dues, you must give written notice before the end of the fiscal year which means you must give such notice on or before December 31, 2017.

We are excited about the new name and the changes that it will bring to our association. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Janis Black, President

Wade Coffey, Vice President
Rick Dodd, Director
Larry Watkins, Director

Darwin Engelkes, Secretary
David Shockey, Director
Craig Walker, Director