

**Board of Trustees Meeting
American Simmental Association
September 16-18, 2008
Bozeman, Montana**

Chairman Stoltey called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday, September 16, 2008.

Roll Call: Michael Stoltey, Jim Skillestad, Gregg Bailey, Curtis Russell, John Harker, Harry Moser, Bill McDonald, Tommy Brown, Jesse Driggers, Bob Volk, Harold Williams, Kevin Thompson, Mike Mallett, Bobby Willis, Jay Rinderknecht.

Absent: Beth Mercer

Staff: Jerry Lipsey, Steve McGuire, Wade Shafer, Marty Ropp, Kathy Shafer, Linda Kesler, Chase Groves, Paulette Cochenour, Marilyn Roth

Legal Counsel: Gene Summerlin

1. Instructions and Approval of the Agenda Chairman Stoltey reviewed the agenda. Moved Skillestad, seconded Willis to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes
Moved Brown, seconded Volk to approve the minutes of April 6, 2008. Motion carried.

3. Staff Presentations

Marty Ropp gave a presentation on the Process Verified Program (PVP) and 70:70 Grid. He also instructed the Board of promotional marketing tools that are available on the ASA website, as well as introduced new field staff member, Chase Groves.

Kathy Shafer gave a presentation on the newly developed capabilities of the ASA and Pub websites.

Wade Shafer gave a presentation on DNA analysis, EPD calculations, and genetic evaluation.

Jerry Lipsey gave an informational presentation on the history of Simmental genetics and its influence on the cattle industry in the U.S. today.

Meeting recessed for lunch.

4. Relocation Committee Teleconference

Board went into Executive Session for teleconference. No action was taken in Executive Session. Executive Session adjourned.

Mover Moser, seconded Volk to release to ASA members, upon request, the Stoncipher/Finch final investigative relocation report. Motion carried.

Bill McDonald gave a slide show and presentation as a participant of the 2008 Young Cattlemen's Conference sponsored by the NCBA.

5. ASA Financial report. Bailey presented resolution #1 to amend the FY2009 Budget in lowering the expected income from genetic evaluation, line 375, by \$10,000 due to the loss of CSA genetic evaluation.

6. ASA Publication Financial Report – Russell presented report.

Pub Board voted to increase subscription rates; domestic rate to \$50.00 / non domestic rate to \$100.00.

Meeting recessed until Wednesday morning.

Meeting reconvened Wednesday, September 17, 2008, at 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call: Stoltey, Skillestad, Bailey, Russell, Harker, Moser, McDonald, Brown, Driggers, Volk, Williams, Thompson, Mallett, Willis, Rinderknecht.

Absent: Mercer

Staff: Lipsey, Kesler, W. Shafer, McGuire, Ropp

Legal Counsel: Summerlin

7. Long-range Planning Session. A long range planning session including staff was held by the Board.

Board meeting recessed for Committee meetings.

Board reconvened again at 3:45 p.m.

Roll Call: Stoltey, Skillestad, Bailey, Russell, Harker, Moser, McDonald, Brown, Driggers, Volk, Williams, Thompson, Mallett, Willis, Rinderknecht

Absent: Mercer

Staff: Lipsey, Kesler, W. Shafer, McGuire, Ropp, Cochenour, Roth

Legal Counsel: Summerlin

Committee Reports and Resolutions

8. Activities & Events Committee. Harker presented Activities & Events Committee report and resolutions.

Resolution #1. Activities & Events Committee proposes, along with the AJSA, a rule change which would allow contestants to exhibit three animals in the Bred & Owned Division for Regionals and the National Classic.

Points of Discussion:

- presently members can bring 3 animals, but exhibit no more than 2 in any division.
- Stimulates cattle production by the members.

Resolution #2. Activities & Events Committee recommends that the ASA Board consider allocating funds in the 2009-2010 financial budget for the AJSA Leadership Conference.

Harker reported that Purina Mills has offered to contribute \$5000 to place the purebred Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion bulls from the Fort Worth Stock Show in the ASA Carcass Merit program.

9. Breed Improvement Committee. Tommy Brown presented Breed Improvement Committee resolutions.

Resolution #1. Breed Improvement recommends to separate percentage bulls from purebred bulls in the next sire summary.

- Point of Discussion: be able to view purebred and percentage bulls separate in the sire summary.

10. Growth & Development. Jesse Driggers presented the Growth & Development Committee report. There were no resolutions.

11. Policies & Procedures. Skillestad presented Policies & Procedures resolutions.

Resolution #1. Policies & Procedures recommends making animal information concerning adjusted weights, ratios, and ranks publicly available on the web by member passcode access.

- Point of Discussion: will this have a negative impact on ASA Pub catalog business?

Resolution #2. Policies & Procedures recommends a Bylaw change allowing the acceptance of online membership applications and electronic signatures. ASA Bylaws currently require a written application and signature. Legal Counsel will look into the process to allow this amendment of the ASA Bylaws.

Resolution #3. Policies & Procedures recommends that ASA staff will have the discretion to test all or any portion of ASA's top 50 sires for genetic defects. The top 50 sires will be determined by the number of progeny reported to the ASA in the previous calendar year. The ASA staff may also, at its discretion, test any other animal in the ASA database for any genetic abnormalities. The results of such tests shall be published as provided in ASA By-laws.

12. Simbrah Committee. Mike Mallett presented the Simbrah Committee report. There were no resolutions.

13. ASA Financials. Bailey reminded Board of an amendment to be made to the FY2009 Financial Budget. Genetic evaluation income will be reduced due to CSA withdrawing from the ASA genetic evaluation program.

Meeting recessed until Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 8:15 a.m.

Meeting reconvened Thursday, September 18, 2008, at 8:15 a.m.

Roll Call: Stoltey, Skillestad, Bailey, Russell, Harker, Moser, McDonald, Brown, Driggers, Volk, Williams, Thompson, Mallett, Willis, Rinderknecht

Absent: Mercer

Staff: Lipsey, Kesler, Shafer, Ropp, Reider, Cochenour, Roth
Legal Counsel: Summerlin

14. Activities & Events

Resolution #1 Moved Harker, seconded Bailey to allow contestants to exhibit in the ASA Regionals and National Classic three animals in the Bred & Owned Division. Motion carried.

Resolution #2. Moved Harker, seconded Rinderknecht that the ASA Board consider allocating funds in the 2009-2010 Financial Budget for the AJSA Leadership Conference. Motion carried.

Resolution #3. Moved Harker, seconded Mallett that the Board direct ASA staff to inform State Associations that a region need not hold a Regional Classic in the same year that the region is hosting a National Classic. Motion carried.

15. Breed Improvement

Resolution #1. Moved Brown, seconded Russell to separate percentage bulls from purebred bulls in the next sire summary. Motion carried.

16. Policies & Procedures

Resolution #1. Moved Skillestad, seconded Bailey to have animal information concerning adjusted weights, ratios, and ranks publicly available on the web by member passcode access. Motion carried.

Resolution #2. Moved Skillestad, seconded Brown for the adoption of a Bylaw amendment allowing ASA to accept online membership applications and electronic signatures. Legal

Counsel will document the changes to amend Section 2 A and 2 N of the ASA Bylaws for approval. Motion carried.

Resolution #3. Moved Skillestad, seconded Bailey that ASA staff will have the discretion to test all or any portion of ASA's top 50 sires for genetic defects. The top 50 sires will be determined by the number of progeny reported to the ASA in the previous calendar year. The ASA staff may also, at its discretion, test any other animal in the ASA database for any genetic abnormalities. The results of such tests shall be published as provided in By-law Section 9, B. which states: The Association, without it or any of its officers or members becoming liable in damages therefore, may release or publish in the National Simmental Sire Summary and/or any other official ASA publication such information as it pertains to any Simmental animal or animals. Motion carried.

17. ASA Financial Report. Moved Bailey, seconded Russell to amend the FY2009 Budget in lowering the expected income from genetic evaluation, line 375, by \$10,000 due to the loss of CSA genetic evaluation. Motion carried.

18. Selection of Board Nominees

a) Eastern Region - Moved Mallett, seconded Volk to re-elect John Harker and Bill McDonald as Board nominees for the Eastern Region. Motion carried by acclamation.

b) North-Central Region - By ballot, Calvin Drake was elected the Board nominee for the North-Central Region.

c) South-Central Region - By ballot, Gregg Bailey and Mike Mallett were re-elected Board nominees for the South-Central Region.

d) Western Region - By ballot, Jim Butcher was elected Board nominee for the Western Region.

Moved Bailey, seconded Thompson to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

19. Golden Book Award. Moved Volk, seconded Rinderknecht to nominate Sarah J. (Sally) Buxkemper, Triple C Farms, and Dave Nichols for Golden Book Awards. Motion carried by acclamation.

Moved Moser, seconded Brown to go in to Executive Session.

Moved Brown, seconded Russell to come out of Executive Session.

20. ASA Financials. Moved Bailey, seconded Russell to direct staff to create a new line item on income statement to reflect non-traditional customer business and staff report herd statistics from that business to Board. Motion carried.

Moved Driggers, seconded Willis to adjourn. Motion carried.