

## **Northwest Lowline Association**

Board Meeting via teleconference

January 11, 2011

### **PRESENT**

Jim Eldridge

Allen Bradshaw

Jacqui Dodd-Duran

Shelley Dodd

Beverly Shirts

Alice Bradshaw

Call to order 7:04 p.m. pacific time

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **11/30/2010 Meeting Minutes**

Jacqui made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Alan seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### **Interim Secretary and Treasurer Positions**

Jim wanted to clarify the terms for the 2 interim positions Treasurer position is now filled by Alice Bradshaw and Secretary now filled by Susan Hagle. The bylaws state that the positions are filled for the length of the term. So Treasurer position will be up for election in Dec. 2011 and the Secretary in Dec. 2012.

#### **Bylaws**

Alan updated the bylaws to reflect the changes from the last vote by the membership. Jim said the bylaws need to change to reflect that there are now 8 board members instead of 7. Alan said he would update that and send to Shelley to put on the website.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Jim and Alice have been going through the check register on Quicken. They got a new bank account and ordered new checks since the old ones still said Yelm, WA. When there is a new person in the Treasurer's position, that person just needs to get a new stamp. There is currently \$2091.50 in the bank account and \$100 in a savings account. Jacqui made a motion that we move junior funds into the savings account. There was

\$615.00 in the junior account minus \$223.47 in prize money for the 2 shows last year. There was also entry fee money that needs to be taken into account also. This will all be squared away by next meeting.

Jacqui made a motion that all junior funds be moved into the savings account. Shelley seconded the motion. All were in favor.

There was a discussion on whether junior membership fees should go into the main fund or the junior fund. Jacqui made a motion that junior membership fees go into the main fund but junior entry fees go into the junior fund. Beverly seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### **Rule X requirements for ALR Funding**

Shelley sent the ALR the membership list, meeting minutes and list of board members as required by Jan. 1. Alice will be sending the financial paperwork required.

### **NWLA Rules**

Jim asked about our show rules and if they should be added to General Rules. A discussion ensued on show rules from the Lowline Classic in 2010. Jacqui has the list of rules and read them. Based on last year's show, she would like to amend them a bit and then send to the board so that everyone has a say in how they should read. Jim said we need to put in the Rule about no less than 50% Lowline are eligible to show in NWLA sponsored show. Jacqui said we need to have a rule that if there are less than 3 entries in a class, the class is considered full. If there are less than 3 entries, NWLA has the right to combine classes. Jacqui stated that this will save some money but not a huge amount because you still pay premiums to the same participants although not as much as you would if all got 1st premiums. She said the idea is to encourage people to fill more classes. Alan said the rules need to be a bit flexible to account for the fact that different shows have different requirements. Jacqui said yes, we will need to revisit the show rules from year to year. She also said we should be asking participants for their registration papers and that probably needs to go into rules.

### **Voting rights**

Jim went over the fact that since Alan and Alice Bradshaw are both board members they should have separate voting rights as pertain to the board votes. However, at election or membership votes, they would count as one vote. All present agreed.

### **Junior Member Contact Info**

Shelley said there are some junior member's contact info not filled in on the membership list that Maggie made. She needs this info to update the website and to send out newsletters. Beverly said she might be able to fill in some info. Alice said she would look in the packet that Maggie sent to see if there are junior membership applications that might have the info. Shelley said she would send out the list.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Jacqui Duran - Show Committee**

Dick Blakely will still be responsible for our part of the Fair. He is not retiring. Jacqui sent him an email to see if he would like to meet to talk about plans for the fair and our show. She hasn't heard back from him yet.

There was a letter sent to Snohomish County 4-H people that Governor Gregoire will be hitting fair grant money hard in her budget cuts. This will most likely affect our premium money in Spokane.

Jacqui received a letter from Neil Effertz requesting the numbers of cattle entered in our last 3 shows. This relates to the fact that the ALR board is looking at changing the sponsorship money so that it's based on a rolling 3 year average of numbers of cattle entered. Our last 3 shows were 2008-30 head, 2009-65 head and 2010-72 head.

Jacqui asked for any ideas on what to do for our spring clinic. Shelley suggested asking the membership for their ideas. Jacqui said she'd talk to Ben about sending something out to the membership.

Alan said there will be an Eastern Idaho State Fair Lowline Show over Labor Day weekend. More details TBA.

Alan said the membership application form needs to be changed to Alice's contact info. Shelley said she would handle that.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be Tuesday March 8 at 7pm pacific time.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

At 8:06 pm pacific time.

