

Northwest Lowline Association  
Board Meeting via teleconference  
December 8, 2009

Present

Jim Eldredge

Allen Bradshaw

Maggie Hansen

Jacqui Dodd-Duran

Shelley Dodd

Beth Johnson

Beth Chudoba

Call to order 7:08 p.m. Pacific time

### **Reports**

Meeting minutes from the September 29 Board were reviewed and approved.

### **Old Business**

Nominations for board positions were made. Ballots will be sent to Jim for counting.

### **New Business & Committee Updates**

Jacqui reported that the Puyallup fair will be April 15-18, 2010. There won't be a show held, the cattle entered will be on exhibition only.

The last newsletter had requested that any member opinions concerning grass-fed cattle be expressed. Does the NWLA want to pursue including grass-fed classes in our shows? Few responses were made. Taking this into consideration as well as the difficulties included in finishing and agreement on criteria, it may not be worth pursuing. Jacqui also reported that the Spokane fair has requested justification to add a grass-fed steer finish class. If we decide to add this class, another may need to be dropped.

Jacqui proposed that we follow ALR guidelines regulations for registration of percentage classes. Making this a rule for our shows will not mean a bylaw change. She requested that this information be sent to the membership via the next newsletter. She will also request that the fair make note of this rule in their handbook.

The motion was made that NWLA adopt the recommended national guidelines for breeding stock in percentage classes be 50% or more Lowline in order to show at any NWLA shows. The motion was seconded and approved.

The first question of new business was about the ALR funds our association receives. The board expressed a desire to see the funds used for education. Ideas included fitting and showing clinics, nutrition, conformation and judging, and offering ultrasound evaluations. Currently, the exact dollar amount available is unknown. There was quite a bit of conversation about the value of clinics and educational opportunities for the membership. Jacqui would like to offer more education. Allen suggested some of the funds be invested in promotion and marketing to advertise Lowlines and NWLA.

Jim requested that each board member investigate possibilities in our geographic areas.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

At the last board meeting a motion was made and passed to change when membership dues are collected. After further investigation and conversation, it has been decided that the motion was out of order. This type of action requires bylaw changes. Jim is pursuing organizing a committee to review the current bylaws and make recommendations for changes. He requested that any ideas be forwarded to him and asked that anyone interested in joining let him know.

Shelley requested that any submissions for the next newsletter be turned in by January 30.

The next board meeting will be held via teleconference Tuesday, February 8 at 7p.m. Pacific time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m. Pacific time.