

NORTHWEST LOWLINE ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting via teleconference

May 15, 2012

PRESENT

Alan Bradshaw
Alice Bradshaw
Shelley Dodd
Jacqui Duran
Diana Lillefloren
Rick Palmer
Beverly Shirts
Susan Hagle

Alan called the meeting to order 7:05 Pacific time.

REPORTS

Treasurer's report

NWLA currently has over \$6000 in our regular account. We have not yet received payment from the ALR but this is expected next week. We can expect about \$2600 in annual payments from the ALR. With this money, even after paying any additional expenses for the NW Lowline Expo, we can expect to have at least \$7000 in our regular account. We should be in good financial shape for the NW Lowline Classic at the Spokane Fair. We have \$400+ in the youth account.

Secretary's report

Minutes from the May 10, 2012 board meeting: Rick moved to accept the minutes as written; Shelley seconded, and all voted in favor.

NORTHWEST LOWLINE EXPO

Attendance

Jacqui has about 40 people signed up to attend and is still getting many calls and emails so she feels there should be at least 60 in attendance. Some who are signed up are coming from states outside our Region, including California, Arizona, and Nevada.

Jacqui has many checks to deposit in the NWLA account. Alice will email the account number to Jacqui so she can deposit them directly into the account.

Sale cattle

There are 11-13 private treaty sale cattle and five breeders with commercial space who will be bringing another ten head.

Sale cattle can be brought in on Friday (May 25) so they are ready by Saturday morning.

Fees and honoraria

Jacqui will provide a summary to include here

Schedule

The schedule for the expo is on the NWLA website.

Jacqui has 17-18 signed up for the showmanship clinic offered by Bev. We do not have enough time allotted for this many students so we need to increase the time for Bev's clinic. Jacqui, Bev and Di will work on this.

Help sign-up

Alan suggests a list of jobs, times and a sign-up sheet so we can be sure we have everything covered. Jacqui identified several jobs including check-in, picking up coffee and doughnuts, pizza for the youth party, helping the cook with dinner. Jacqui and Di will pull together a roster of jobs and email it out to the board within the next week for sign-up.

Wave fees for Expo help

Idaho Lowlines should have all fees waved because they are hosting the event and have been very generous in donating advertising, and many other forms of assistance to the expo. All agreed with this waver of fees.

Those who have or will work at the expo should at least have their entry fees waved. This would include the board members and a few others who will assist locally in Hayden (each to be approved by board vice chairman, Diana). Additional fee wavers may be considered.

Summary

Alan sees this expo being a big success and may be something we will want to do again next year. Jacqui agrees and thinks that as an annual event it could be in other locations as well.

ANNUAL MEETING

Alan and Alice will not be able to attend the Spokane Fair where we normally have our annual meeting. Their daughter is getting married in Boise that weekend. We will consider an alternative meeting date. We would have to notify the membership of any change in the annual meeting date and we need to consult the bylaws governing the annual meeting date. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

OTHER EVENTS

Kootenai County Fair—has offered an entire barn to Lowlines. We need to be thinking about how to use the extra space.

REDISTRICTING OF REGIONS

Shelley shared information from the national ALR board regarding possible redistricting. The NWLA currently is among the smallest in terms of number of states included in the Region. Three states, California, Arizona and Nevada, may be better served by the NWLA rather than southwest Region which is very large and diverse. An advantage for the NWLA may be having a territory that includes an existing regional stock show such as the Cow Palace, Reno Livestock Show or the Redding livestock show. This should be discussed at our next meeting.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

[This issue was discussed in April and we decided to discuss it further at the Expo. I include these notes from the April meeting even though it was not discussed on May 15 in order to facilitate the discussion at the Expo.]

The problem--We have not been consistent in how junior membership is paid. Some families, in the past, have paid for separate junior memberships, \$5 each, for their children while others have included the children in their ranch membership. Currently, only Bev is a separate junior member (not associated

with a ranch membership). Including them on a ranch membership makes it hard to see how many junior members we have and probably weakens the youth program.

Considerations--We should be consistent in our dues requirements.

With our efforts to better-fund the youth program, we should look at ways to increase the profile of our youth program so cleaning up the dues situation is a start.

The by-laws are not clear on how the dues should be paid for Junior memberships so we should clarify the by-laws at the next annual meeting.

We should see how it is handled by the ALR although we are not under any obligation to do the same.

Options discussed were to: (defining "youth" as a person 21 or younger and "ranch" as an individual, partnership, corporation or firm)

- 1) Formally allow any youth of a "ranch" membership to be included as a junior member without additional dues.
- 2) Formally allow any youth of ranch membership, who resides at the ranch address, to be included as a junior member without additional dues.
- 3) Charge \$5 per youth regardless of whether the parents have a ranch membership.

This could get sticky because of the many family situations, so we should give this more consideration. The board agreed to discuss this further at the expo in May.

Next meeting will be June 19, 7 p.m. Pacific

MEETING ADJOURNED

7:48 Pacific time

Susan Hagle, Interim Secretary
Submitted May 15, 2012