

Board Meeting  
Thursday, April 22, 2010

Present

Jim

Allen

Maggie

Jacqui

Shelley

Beth

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

New Business

Jim recently talked with Rick Lloyd about providing ultrasounds and forwarded the information to the board members. There was discussion about having an ultrasound available during the fair in Spokane. The question was also raised if this was a good place to spend our association dollars. Jacqui moved that there not be ultrasound available at the clinic to be held in May but rather further investigation be done prior to making any decisions about having ultrasounds provided anywhere. Motion was seconded and approved.

Maggie made a motion that the person or family hosting a clinic be given free registration to that event in appreciation for the use of their facilities. Shelley seconded the motion and it was approved.

Jacqui announced that Trevor Smith is planning a private sale to be held this fall at approximately the same time as the Northwest Lowline Classic at Bill and Donna Boekle's farm in Rathdrum.

Maggie reported on the Puyallup fair. She said there was a lot of interest shown in the cattle that were exhibited. Unfortunately there were only four head at the show. Capital Press interviewed Maggie for an article.

Jacqui reported that May 5 is the sign-up deadline for the Brian Walters clinic to be held the weekend of May – June. Because there is still time before the deadline, she doesn't have a total number of attendees.

The Couer d'Alene fair held August 25-29 has invited Lowline breeders to exhibit during their fair. There will not be an entry fee required. Further details will be forthcoming.

Jacqui then reported on the progress on planning for the Spokane fair. She said that there is the possibility of a change in the cattle supervisor position so no decisions are currently being made. However, she has continued communicating with the fair and will keep us apprised of any major changes or decisions.

She asked if the board members thought it would be a good idea to present belt buckles as showmanship prizes. The board agreed it might be a good idea and Jacqui said she will look into the availability and cost of belt buckle prizes.

Allen reported that there is a field day planned for breeders in the Treasure Valley on June 12. The agenda currently is for a morning with an informational segment, lunch together and then visits to local breeders during the afternoon.

Allen reported that he is currently aware of some 4-H projects featuring lowlines at The Western Idaho Fair held in mid to late August. In order for a show to be held during this fair, they require breed exhibits of at least five animals for three consecutive years. Because the criteria wasn't met last year, breeders have to start the process again this year in order to work towards a lowline show for the future.

There was some discussion about the setting for the annual meeting. Because the annual meeting is held during the Spokane fair when the Northwest Lowline classic is held, there were concerns voiced about where and when the meeting occurs. There was no final decision made, but after a suggestion that the annual social be a brunch on Sunday morning with the meeting held immediately before or after, Jacqui said she would look to see what options are available to facilitate further planning.

Shelley is planning on a June newsletter and asked that anyone with information to be included, submit that to her. A dues reminder will also be printed in the newsletter.

There was discussion concerning the meeting minutes; the need for the ALR to receive copies for continued regional funding and a copy for the NWLA web site. Allen made a motion that all meeting minutes should be transcribed and sent to the board and committee members within two weeks of board meetings. Jacqui seconded the motion and it passed.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. Pacific time.

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.