

## **NORTHWEST LOWLINE ASSOCIATION**

Board Meeting via teleconference

July 26, 2011

### **PRESENT**

Allen Bradshaw

Alice Bradshaw

Beverly Shirts

Shelley Dodd

Jacqui Dodd-Duran

Ben Fairfield

Susan Hagle

Meeting called to order 7:04 Pacific time

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **March 8, 2011 Meeting notes**

Shelley moved to approve the May 24 minutes. Ben seconded with no dissenting votes.

#### **Treasurer's report**

Alice presented the treasurer's report. We currently have \$5267.07 in our regular account and \$461.87 in the youth account. Seven new members have paid dues and 10 members have renewed. Recent expenditures were \$38.50 for expenses related to web-posting and \$74.93 for office supplies, stamps and postage, mostly for dues reminders.

#### *Dues*

The bylaws state that members forfeit their active membership if dues (and cattle assessments) are not paid by the due date (July 1 for the remainder of this calendar year). To restore active membership, dues must be paid within six months of the due date with a \$10 additional late fee. We discussed extending a grace period before the \$10 late fee comes into effect. Jacqui moved to provide a 60-day grace period after the due date before the late fee is charged. Allen seconded the motion and all were in favor.

#### **NWLA Clinic**

*Hoof trimming that had been rescheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> was not held.*

#### *Youth showing and fitting clinic*

Bev organized a fitting and showing day for area youth in June. The attendees will be showing small steers in the local 4H show.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **North Idaho Fair**

Jacqui has been working with the North Idaho fair board to offer a Lowline show. The fair is August 24-28 in Coeur d'Alene. She has five breeders interested who will show 20-25 head. There will be a \$15 open entry fee and \$10 showmanship fee.

This is a start-up show because they haven't done cattle showing for some years. They can't offer any financial support for the show. Entry fees should pay about half of what is needed for judging and award expenses. Jacqui estimates about \$400- \$450 is needed, including \$250- \$300 for the judge.

This is another opportunity to showcase the Lowline breed and an appropriate activity for the NWLA to support. Sue made a motion to provide \$300 to cover expenses beyond the entry fees for the North Idaho fair Lowline show. Shelly seconded and all were in favor.

Jacqui will contact Nancy Chapman to see if we can get the Lowline banner from her to display at the show. The association will reimburse Nancy for the cost of the banner.

### **NWLA show at the Spokane Interstate Fair**

#### *Fair website error*

Jacqui is working with the fair board to correct an error regarding the percentage Lowline show. It currently states that there will a fullblood Lowline show and that percentage animals will be shown in and all-breed grade show. The NWLA is sponsoring a percentage show for 50-75% Lowlines.

#### *NWLA donation to Lowline show*

The premium plan was developed based on the NWLA donating up to \$1500 to the Lowline show. It may not require the entire amount if some classes do not fill.

#### *NWLA social during the Spokane fair*

An informal potluck was held on Monday night last year. This was a good opportunity for NWLA members to meet. We should try to organize something similar again and get it posted on the website. We receive \$400 each year from ALR for an association social so we should use it if we can get something organized. It could partially cover a dinner.

### **Eastern Idaho Fair**

Bruce Ankeny is working on a fullblood show at the Eastern Idaho Fair in Blackfoot on Labor Day weekend. Details will be delivered to the website soon.

### **NWLA annual meeting**

#### *Timing and location*

The meeting is normally held on Sunday of the Spokane Interstate Fair. Jacqui and Ben will work on location and time.

Suggestions to meet:

- 1) on the fairgrounds before the fair opens on Sunday. Jacqui will find out if there is a room on the fairgrounds we could use,
- 2) go to a restaurant for breakfast Sunday morning. We need seating for about 20 people. Ben and Jacqui will work together on possible locations.

#### *Items for discussion*

1. *Covering for Jim Eldridge during his recovery*

Jim is recovering from a horse accident so Vice Chairman Allen Bradshaw has assumed the Chairman duties during Jim's incapacity, as directed in the bylaws.

2. *Positions to fill at the next election in December*

The Treasurer and Secretary positions currently are filled by interim appointments. The position of Treasurer is up for election in December as are the three committee chair positions.

**Ledger deadline**

The deadline for the next NW Lowline Ledger Regional update is August 15. We get a free page for our association to use but the Ledger will be printed too late to use the page to advertise the show at the Spokane Interstate Fair.

**Special meeting to finish organizing for the Spokane fair**

We will meet again via teleconference on August 9 at 7 p.m. to finalize details for the Spokane fair.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

8:05 Pacific time

Respectfully submitted, August 2, 2011

Susan Hagle, Interim Secretary