

WESTERN STATES LOWLINE ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting via teleconference

November 3, 2015

PRESENT

Jacqui Duran

David Shockey

Diana Lilleflore

Shelley Dodd

Beverly Shirts

Julie Davis

Katherine Wise

Jacqui called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

REPORTS

Secretary's Report

It was motioned by David and seconded by Shelley to approve the minutes from the October meeting. All voted to approve.

Treasurer's Report

There is \$10,350.90 in the checking account and \$8,786.99 in savings for a total of \$19,137.89.

OLD BUSINESS

Elections

There are six people running for five positions on the Board of Directors: Missy Ousley, Julie Davis, Shane Goss, Diana Lilleflore, Brian Walters, and Beverly Shirts. Dues reminder/application and a ballot will go out by mail to all members. They both need to be returned by December 31st.

Party in the Pen

The Party in the Pen is included in the schedule for the National Show in Denver (NWSS). The speaker will be Dr. Lauren Hyde, the Lead Geneticist for International Genetic Solutions. She will discuss how to get the most from EPDs (expected progeny differences) on Lowline cattle and how this may improve our breed.

David, Diana, Katherine, and Jacqui will be in Denver to help with the Party in the Pen. It was discussed to have folders available for individual ranch information/ cattle for sale, WSLA information, possible WSLA items for sale, and food/beverage items. Extra tables will be needed for the event.

Treasure Bull Test

There were 24 head of Lowline bulls sent to the test, 16 from Muddy Creek Ranch.

Lowline Sale

Julie sent out a survey to the State Representatives to get feedback on time of year/location for a Lowline Sale. The respondents wanted a September/October Sale. Locations included: Idaho, the Northwest Classic in Spokane, and Oregon. They would like to see the sale at a ranch or event center. Respondents said they would purchase and sell animals according to need.

The Board would want to promote the event to the public and focus on quality not quantity. The most cost effective approach would be to have the Sale in conjunction with another event.

EPDs

David is comparing costs of different Cattle Herd Information Programs. Recording Expected Progeny Differences would benefit Lowlines as a breed and business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

MEETING ADJOURNED

David motioned to adjourn the meeting, Katherine seconded and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm PST.

Katherine Wise, Submitted December 3, 2015