

## Minutes

### International Brangus Breeders Association Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting

April 10, 2019

President Eddy Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. CST.

Secretary/Treasurer Mike Weathers called roll. The following members were present: Eddy Roberts, Mike Weathers, Darrell Law, Shiloh Hall, Greg Romans, Lee Alford, Danny Farris, Allen Goode, Doyle Miller, Troy Floyd, Vern Suhn, Chris Heptinstall

IBBA Staff present: Darrell Wilkes, Justine Voss, Macee Prause

President Roberts called for additions to the agenda.

- Chris Heptinstall suggested discussion of the Super Baldy program.  
A motion was made and seconded to explore the program and embrace it.

D. Wilkes and J. Voss reviewed the Jan-March financial reports. Staff acknowledged concerns by Board members and others that IBBA may need to draw on reserves due to the extra costs of computer programming and the delay of revenue from THR. Staff reported that cash on hand is adequate to operate at least through the month of June and probably July without drawing on reserve funds.

Mike Weathers reported his plans to call a meeting of the Finance Committee before mid-year to review financial information in detail.

M. Prause and D. Wilkes presented parentage cases to be decided by the Board, per operating policy. Eight (8) cases were presented, each with a specific staff recommendation. Each case was voted on separately, as follows:

- Case 1. R10200282. Approved for use as an ET donor dam upon the member upgrading the SNP profile to a 50K or 150K to increase the dam's EPD accuracy.
- Case 2. R10199510. Approved for use as an ET donor dam upon the member upgrading the SNP profile to a 50K or 150K to increase the dam's EPD accuracy. Consideration was given to the fact this is a Summit cow.
- Case 3. R10177718. Approved for use as an ET donor dam for April 20, 2017 flush only. The member knew of the rule in place prior to the flush date and dam was able to be DNA tested prior to being sold/removed from the herd.
- Case 4 and 5: EA 17675467 and EA 16120348. Females approved for use as donor dams to register Ultrablack progeny. However, inform the new member of the IBBA ET/AI parent verification rule with the condition that this is a one-time exclusion. All future ET/AI animals are expected to be parent verified due to proper notice and awareness of rule. Highly suggested

that the member provide IBBA with the performance data on the two donors in order to avoid the EPDs as being complete pedigree estimates.

- Case 6: R10372864. Approved for use as ET donor dam upon the member upgrading the SNP profile to obtain 150K GE-EPDs along with clearing the genetic condition PCs. If approved as a donor dam, animal is also cleared to be shown at IBBA open shows.
- Case 7: R10299573. Approve for use as ET donor dam upon dam verification.
- Case 8: R10213830. Approved for use as donor dam as this animal will be parent verified soon. If exclusion does occur, animal cannot be transferred with papers or have additional calves registered.

D. Wilkes expressed concern that the DNA cases placed before the Board, some with multiple pages of anecdotal information, amounts to an unfair burden. Wilkes expressed the need for a basic objective “scorecard” or “decision matrix” that, once completed by staff, would produce a numerical score that either qualifies the animal or does not. Wilkes proposed that staff work to produce a scorecard and that future parentage cases would be presented to the Board using this tool. No objections were stated. Wilkes committed that staff would proceed.

D. Wilkes stated that the DNA test rules for A.I. sires and donor dams seem inconsistent. Current rule provides that if a donor dam was flushed between July 5, 2010 and September 1, 2016, she must have a DNA profile (SNP or STR) on file with IBBA, but parent verification is NOT required. The rule for A.I. sires provides that if the DNA test date occurred before September 1, 2016, the A.I. sire can be used and his progeny can be registered, but parent verification of the sire is not required. To recap, the rule for dams is based on flush date, and for sires the rule is based on DNA test date. To be consistent, both sires and dams should be based on DNA test date. Motion was made and seconded and approved by voice vote with no opposing votes.

D. Wilkes stated that the genomic services agreement with Neogen/Geneseek has expired and that IBBA and Neogen are doing business without a current agreement. A new agreement has been proposed and reviewed and had two terms that were bothersome.

- First, Neogen was asking for a minimum commitment of 5,000 tests annually, with a make-whole provision for any unused tests whereby IBBA would be required to pay 90% of the price of unused tests. This term was negotiated down to 1,500 tests, which is a smaller number than the tests already ordered in the current year, thereby making the make-whole provision inert.
- Second, Neogen was asking for a list of members who have ordered DNA tests from them, including name, address, contact information and order history so that they can properly determine commission for their sales staff and so that they can follow up with customers to provide customer service. Such sharing of member information is in violation of IBBA policy regarding privacy and, thus, is not something that IBBA can agree to. Alternatively, IBBA can give members the option to execute a release form in which they agree to share their contact information with Neogen.

Wilkes recommended that IBBA proceed to execute a renewal agreement with Neogen that includes resolution of the two items above. The motion was made and seconded. Passed by voice vote with no dissention.

D. Wilkes updated the Board on the status of regstr and proposed the following timelines for completion of specific tasks:

Import routines functional by May 10.

Full court press to get current on registrations by June 10.

THR statements out by July 1.

D. Wilkes mentioned other projects that are currently receiving attention, including:

- Breeder's Handbook being updated.
- EVP review of staff job descriptions.
- Long Term Planning Committee

President Roberts opened the floor for discussion of any topics. No further issues were brought to the floor.

President Roberts adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m. CST.