

Minutes
IBBA Board Meeting via Conference Call
6-12-2019

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

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

IBBA Staff present: Darrell Wilkes, Justine Voss.

President Roberts called for additions to the agenda. None were offered.

Motion to accept the minutes of the April 10, 2019 BOD meeting was made by Allen Goode, seconded by Shiloh Hall and declared passed by voice vote.

D. Wilkes and J. Voss reviewed the financial statements, which were limited to Balance Sheets for IBBA, IBBF, GPS and BPI. Board members asked to see the Income Statements in future information packets prior to Board meetings. D. Wilkes agreed that income statements would be in future packets.

D. Wilkes presented the scorecard for evaluating parentage cases that are brought to the Board. Subsequently, 6 cases were presented with staff recommendation that 5 be approved according to the score on the scorecard and one be denied. Motion was made and seconded to accept staff recommendation, and declared passed by voice vote.

D. Wilkes introduced the topic and the background regarding Exhibit D in the Board packet pertaining to a Show Committee discussion about whether Ultrablack and Ultrared cattle are considered to be fully and completely "registered". D. Wilkes asked Allen Goode to elaborate on the Show Committee discussion.

Allen Goode explained that the root of the question centered on whether an Ultrablack or Ultrared calf could be shown at the side of Brangus cow in a cow-calf class in competition with a Brangus calf at the side of a Brangus cow. Mr. Goode reported that the committee vote was 8 to 7 in favor of allowing such head-to-head competition.

Discussion ensued as to whether the Board should officially vote on the issue or leave it to the Show Committee. It was concluded that the Board should either ratify or reject the committee decision. A motion was made by Danny Farris and seconded by Vern Suhn to accept the Show Committee decision as policy and, thus, allow Ultra_____ calves at the side of a Brangus cow to show in competition with a Brangus calf at the side of a Brangus cow. President Roberts called for a voice vote, and with no dissenting votes cast, the motion was declared passed.

D. Wilkes commented that the definition of Ultrablack or Ultrared (“Ultra”) and, thus, the various combinations of matings that result in Ultra, seemed to be conflicted between the Breeders Handbook and the By Laws. The Breeders Handbook states that, via a Board decision in March 2013, an Ultra is any animal having between 12.5% and 87.5% Brangus breeding (the balance being Angus). Clearly, this allows myriad *inter se* matings of Ultras and matings of Ultras with Angus in many configurations to still fall within these parameters. Wilkes reported that the logic in the regstr system has been updated to allow any eligible animal, according to the Breeders Handbook, to be registered as an Ultra. Wilkes stated that such animals are currently being cleared for registration.

No vote was called for or taken on the issue of Ultra definition.

D. Wilkes introduced Exhibit F in the Board packet relating to the assessment date for Total Herd Reporting (THR). Staff is recommending that the THR assessment date be changed to July 1 to coincide with the low point in the year regarding calving activity. It is acknowledged that this schedule will not be achieved in 2019 due to issues with regstr.

A motion was made by Mike Weathers and seconded by Vern Suhm to set July 1 as the official THR assessment date in future years. President Roberts declared the motion passed on voice vote with no dissention.

D. Wilkes introduced Exhibit G in the Board packet relating to the investigation of a suspected deleterious genetic condition initially suspected tied to the sire TJM Main Event 59C10. Vern Suhm was asked to provide background information, which was consistent with the printed materials provided to the Board. Following review of the contents of Exhibit G, D. Wilkes suggested that IBBA put out a public statement asserting that the condition of the affected calves cannot be deemed a genetic defect. A motion to proceed with a statement was made by Bill Davis, seconded by Shiloh Hall, and passed by voice vote with no dissention.

D. Wilkes provided a brief update on the status of regstr.

D. Wilkes informed the Board that the Long Term Planning Committee is schedule to meet in Brookings, SD in conjunction with the BIF meeting June 21-22.

C. Heptinstall and D. Wilkes updated the Board on the work of the Breed Improvement Committee’s “Ad Hoc Committee on Breed Percentage”. IBBA has asked Neogen to run their “BreedSeek” panel on a group of currently active and predicted-to-be-impactful sires numbering approximately 70.

D. Wilkes reported that staff positions are stable, with no anticipated turnover on the horizon.

President Roberts asked for any Old Business or New Business items. None were brought up.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m. CDT.

These Minutes were approved by the Board on August 14, 2019. See August 14, 2019 Minutes.