

*American Red Poll Board Meeting by Telephone
Tuesday, October 25, 2016
8:00 p.m.*

Dan Schmiesing, President

Members Present:

Robert Carson

Jim Jackson

Brian Fairchild

James Campbell

J. L. Morrison

Teresa Jackson, Recorder

Kyle Young—absent

Jeff Wilkins—called emergency

Linda Hampton—called

Kaye Gilbert, Executive Secretary—absent

Members received copies of the last board meeting by email. Motion to accept as read. Jim Jackson moved to accepted. James Campbell, second. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Finance: Dan Schmiesing. None at this time. There will be corrections and adjustments made to the October Financial Report.

Publication: James Campbell. James and Kaye discussed at the National Sale about publishing articles pertinent to the Red Poll breed and educating the membership on specific topics.

Bylaws and Rules: James Campbell, Brian Fairchild and Jim Jackson. The discussion concerned how to proceed with the CHR program between now and January 1. James suggested that the CHR program continue in its current state until publication and education of membership about the new structure. Brian asked if the board or membership vote on the plan. Dan stated that the board votes on the plan because it is a rule.

Jim stated that we need to follow the rules. He thought that anything we change should have membership vote to avoid miscommunication and be sure that everyone is aware. Dan stated that when the CHR program was implemented that the membership gave permission to the board to set up CHR and update or clarify it as needed. Submitted weights and EPD's were generated. James stated that the membership needs to understand the CHR stands for Complete Herd Report. Those who submit weights will receive the EPD's until January 1. Following January 1, the rules will be strictly enforced. James added that in other breeds CHR is mandatory and that the fees are much higher than ARPA.

James Campbell moved that the ARPA National office would continue recording EPD's to those that supply weaning weights to the office until January 1. Brian Fairchild, Second. Motion was amended by James Campbell. Jim Jackson, second. Motion carried.

The Bylaws and Rules Committee will submit a final report to the President and the board within the next two weeks. It will expound on the Rules. In addition, a review of the fee structure is to be pursued. A discussion was offered of incentives and discounts for those to enroll in CHR and those who are CHR members. This included use of the magazine and the website for promotion.

Jim stated that Kaye asked for input for the proposal for CHR for financial impact that was due October 22. He understood that Kaye would report this to the board at this meeting. Dan will consult with her.

Jim asked if ABRI could handle our range dates. Between ARPA and ABRI, they conflict. Dan stated that it might open up our contract and that their program might have to be rewritten. It is unknown how much this might cost, if feasible. We need to ask ABRI if they can make adjustments in the Weaning Weight Day Range and the Yearling Weight Day Range. This should be included in the CHR report.

Juniors: Teresa reported the following:

1. Diamond Excel Award for 2015 and the Bred and Owned Award for 2015 have been purchased and engraved. The belt buckles were sponsored by Shuter's Sunset Farm. They will be delivered to Kayden Parks, Bred and Owned and Khrista Edgell, Diamond Excel.
2. The Diamond Award belt buckle for 2016 has been ordered.
3. For those who applied for the 2016 Diamond Excel, Teresa mailed a copy of the original form, plus the new tally sheet for the applicant to return to the Executive Secretary and Junior Advisor by November 1.
4. A show chair has been ordered for the Junior 2016 Bred and Owned winner.
5. The 2016 Preview Show Grand Champion Heifer Banner was delivered to Jacob Shuter. Brent Raines sponsored this banner.
6. The 2016 Grand and Reserve banners for NAILE were donated by Brent Raines.
7. Teresa thanked J.L. Morrison and the Blue Ridge Red Poll Association for the donation of a laptop computer for the raffle. J.L. reported that the raffle raised \$1200 which will go into the Junior account to help with the Preview Show and awards.

National Meeting and Sale: The National Meeting and Sale will be in Murray, KY next year. The consensus was favorable to return there. The committee will be able to fine tune and make improvements for next year. The committee is to submit a report at the next board meeting.

In a final discussion, Brian asked if EPD's were available on the website. Herd reports would not be on the website citing privileged information for herd owners.

New Business

There was no new business at this time.

Next Meeting will be held at the North American International Livestock Exhibition (NAILE) on Wednesday, November 16 at 6:00 p.m. pending confirmation with other members. The meeting place will be determined.

Motion to adjourn, Jim Jackson. James Campbell, second.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Jackson, Recorder