

Braunvieh Association of America
Board of Directors Meeting

Teleconference
March 8, 2016

President Dwight Alexander called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. CST. Board members present were Dwight Alexander, Tim Bagley, Marilyn Brink, Todd Hill, Mark Nelson, Benny Phillips, Caleb Russell, Kendall Schlake, Mark Wolken and Jeff Zimmerman. Members not present were Jerry Jernigan and Clay Stotts. Guests were John Hall, Larry Lane, Bill Pollard and Lisa Bard.

Minutes presented by Brink from the Feb. 9, 2016, Board meeting. Hill made motion to dispense with reading of minutes. Second Schlake. Motion passed unanimously. Zimmerman made motion to accept minutes as corrected. Second by Phillips. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report – Phillips. Accounts receivable is \$2,014 over 120 days. We have about \$12,121 in the promotion fund. \$9,500 in profit for fiscal year. Invoices for POP fees have not been sent yet, resulting in reduced income at this point. Last month we had a bad debt write-off of \$1,050. Since that time, that bill was paid. Membership income is up. Wolken made motion to accept the financial report as presented. Second by Bagley. Motion passed unanimously.

Braunvieh World update – Bard. *Braunvieh World* to go to printer next week. 24 page issue that will be at a break-even level for the association. The planned Summer issue will mail in July.

Promotion Committee Report – Hill. Response from the new American Rancher show that aired the end of February has been very positive. Hill will continue to work with Superior on scheduling American Rancher shows.

Bull Test Update – Nelson. Suggested the board initiate a committee to pursue a National Braunvieh Bull Test Program incorporating bulls from various bull tests which have Growsafe RFI Test Stations. Nelson was appointed chairman. Brink and Hill offered to serve on the committee. The committee was charged with developing further details and reporting back to the board.

Genomics Committee Report – Hall reported from conversations with John Genho that we were short of yearling data markers on the DNA samples submitted for the Genomic Enhanced EPD study. Suggested the BAA widen the window for eligible yearling weights to include cattle as young as 300 days. Genho also noted a potential for identifying gestation length markers.

Motion by Nelson to lower the window for valid yearling weights to 300 days while keeping the upper limit the same at 410 days, and to add an option to the BAA registry system for breeders to submit observed breeding dates on females for purpose of calculation of gestation length. Second by Brink. Motion passed unanimously.

National Junior Show Report – Entry information will be sent out to juniors next week.

Navasota/Green Springs Bull Test Sale – Pollard. Data and videos are online for the Online tested bull sale March 14-18. The offering includes nearly 30 bulls at Navasota and 5 bulls at Green Springs.

Old Business – None

New Business – BAA is seeking a sale manager for the National Sale in Ft. Worth in 2017.
Summer Board meeting is set for June 14 in Manhattan, Kansas, at Hilton Garden Inn.

Next board meeting set for Tuesday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. CDT.

Wolken moved to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Second by Russell. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Marilyn Brink, BAA Secretary