

**American Simmental Association
Board of Trustees' Meeting
Webinar
May 15, 2020**

Chairman Tim Curran called the meeting to order at 7:05 am.

Roll Call: Tim Curran, Mike Forman, Clay Lassle, Tom Nelson, Gordon Hodges, Jim Ligon, Cliff Orley, Randy Moody, Barry Wesner, Tom Hook, JW Brune, Kent Brunner, Steve Eichacker, John Griswold, Fred Schuetze, Greg Walthall, Gary Updyke

Legal Counsel: Gene Summerlin

Staff: Wade Shafer, Jim Largess, Chip Kemp, Randi Culbertson, Darla Aegerter, Luke Bowman, Rachel Endecott, Jackie Atkins, Jannine Story, Mahdi Saatchi.

Guests:

Breed Improvement. Chairman Tom Hook.

Move Steve Eichacker second Clay Lassle to take from the table April 25, 2020 Resolution #4 for Whole Birth Contemporary Genotyping Project. Motion carried.

Resolution No 4: To accept the Whole Birth Contemporary Group Genotyping Project as presented.

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The genotyping cost will be \$25/sample including parentage. Add-on testing is available at the current add-on pricing schedule. Research fees may apply for misidentified samples or parent verification.

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The rebates for this project will draw from the funds allocated to CHR rebates (\$250,000 approved and currently just under \$169,000 remaining).

See the "Final Whole Birth Contemporary Group Genotyping Research Project" document for full program details.

Points of discussion:

Finances: This project qualifies for our research genomic test price and has been pre-approved by Neogen. At that research price, the \$25 returns the same% margin as our daily genomic DNA tests.

From a member's perspective, the price is the same as testing 50% of their calves through daily DNA. Testing entire calf crops and using GE-EPDs for selection decisions is a much better tool for decisions and the members have the added benefit of parent confirmation and add-on test options.

From ASA's perspective, the association would net more from members using this project than members who genomic test 49% of their calf crop or less through regular DNA testing. The value of whole contemporaries genotyped and encouraging whole CG phenotypes has tremendous benefit to genetic prediction.

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Because of the drop in whole contemporary group reporting by weaning and yearling, and the continued emphasis on collecting carcass records, the rebates were designed to further encourage members to submit these important records.

As the board has already allocated phenotype rebates for CHR with funds remaining, those can be used without requiring additional funding for the rebates proposed here.

Moved and seconded in committee.

Moved Randy Moody second Barry Wesner to amend resolution #4 as follows:

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Motion carried.

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Activity and Events. Chairman, Fred Schuetze

National Classic. Legal Counsel and EVP Update.

National Classic. Venues

- Grand Island, Nebraska is no longer an option.
- Considered Huron, South Dakota, Stillwater, Oklahoma and Brookings, South Dakota
- Brookings, South Dakota at this time has openings for July 13 – 18 and July 21 – 25

Move Tom Hook to extend the time needed for a decision regarding the 2020 National Classic to 10th of June. Died lack of a second.

Move Jim Ligon second Cliff Orley to proceed with holding the 2020 National Classic in Brookings, South Dakota on the dates of July 13 – 18 with plans to cancel the event at the time it is deemed necessary should it become in violation of federal, state, or local laws. Motion carried.

Simbrah. Chairman, Greg Walthall

Resolution #1: ASA to allocate \$2,000 for the 2020 Simbrah Junior Round-up.

Points of Discussion.

1. The Simbrah Junior Round-Up will still happen in June 2020.
2. Simbrah Junior Round-up has been forced to cut way back on funds.
3. \$2,000 is suggested as a donation from ASA because of Staff's restricted travel.
4. The donation is a one-time transaction for 2020

Moved and seconded in committee.

Items discussed:

1. This is an independent event that is open to all juniors; focus is within Texas.
2. SimSpecialist Program: Tim Smith and Fred Schuetze donated their educational days (which were earned by meeting criteria under the SimSpecialist Program) for staff travel and assistance at this event.

Land Sale – Simmental Way Property. Legal Counsel, Gene Summerlin.

Items discussed:

- Closing of the Simmental Way property should be within 10 days.
- EVP will need to execute the final documents to complete the sale.

Moved Mike Forman second Fred Schuetze for the EVP to execute any documents necessary to complete the sale of the Simmental Way property. Motion carried.

Adjourn. Moved Fred Schuetze second Gordon Hodges to adjourn. Motion carried.