

TEXAS LONGHORN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Board of Directors Meeting
April 19, 2021, 7:00 p.m. CDT
via teleconference

Roll Call

<u>Division A</u>	<u>Division B</u>	<u>Division C</u>
x Mark Hubbell	✓ Keith DuBose	
✓ Tom Smith	✓ Ross Ohlendorf	
✓ Deb Lesyk	✓ David Wars	✓ Justin Georges
✓ Todd Spaid	✓ Kevin Rooker	
✓ Johnny Hicks	✓ Russell Fairchild	✓ David Edwards
✓ Matt Durkin	✓ Sandi Nordhausen	x Kenny Richardson
x Reid Tolar	✓ Stephen Head	✓ Mike Lucas
x Dora Thompson	✓ Mike McLeod	

Discussion of In-Herd Artificial Insemination Rules

Keith presented the following issue to the board. Kent Harrell owned a bull and had semen collected. The bull is not AI certified. He sold the bull, and then a couple years later used the frozen semen (he no longer owned the sire) to service a dam, which he owned. The TLBAA handbook is clear that one must own both the sire and the dam at time of service.

The TLBAA Handbook, page 23, Section 7, Artificial Insemination, B. In-Herd Artificial Insemination, paragraph 1. states “The breeder (owner of record of the dam at the time of service) of a calf which is the result of artificial insemination must also be the owner of record of the sire at the time of service, or one of the co-owners of the sire, in order for the calf to be eligible for registration ...”. There was much discussion focused on what a former owner of a bull is allowed to do with semen he/she may have retained after selling the bull, and his ability to register any calves resulting from use of retained semen. The premise of this conversation is that the bull in question is not AI Certified; there is no issue when using AI Certified bulls.

Tom Smith made a motion that the word “co-owners” be changed to “previous owners”, thus allowing a previous owner of a bull to register calves that resulted from artificial insemination using semen from a non-certified bull. The motion was seconded by David Wars. The motion passed.

Keith DuBose will notify Kent Harrell that he can register the calves that resulted from artificial insemination using semen from a bull that he previously, but not currently, owned.

Approval of HSC Entry Form

A 2021 HSC Entry Form was presented to the board. As a result of base measurements being eliminated from the Horn Showcase, the HSC committee proposed a new entry fee structure. The proposed entry fees are \$120 for Tip-to-Tip competition, \$120 for Total Horn competition, and \$300 for composite competition. Tom Smith made a motion to accept the entry fee structure as presented. Johnny Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The HSC also proposed a change to the futurity where class breaks would be set after all the entries are received. The intent is to balance the number of entries per class. The board did not approve of this proposal.

World Show Committee Proposal – Premium Awards

David Edwards, chairman of the World Show Committee, stated that the Coliseum Clash in Fort Worth, the replacement show for the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo show, made a profit of approximately \$10,000. The WSC proposed using approximately \$5,000 of that profit as premium awards for the TLBAA World Expo shows. These additional premium awards should draw even more interest to the TLBAA World Expo.

David Wars made a motion to allow the WSC to appropriate \$5,000 from the proceeds of the Coliseum Clash to be used as premiums for the TLBAA World Expo shows. The motion was seconded by Kevin Rooker. The motion passed.

Consideration of Hiring Office Help

Tom Smith aired frustrations with the performance of the TLBAA office staff. In particular, he was concerned about slow processing time on registrations and lengthy delays in completing DNA work. Tom suggested that we hire a person to help with the current workload. Adding an additional person to the staff would also allow for succession planning for Rick Fritsche's eventual departure from TLBAA.

Several board members presented anecdotal stories about slow DNA work, slow registrations and slow transfers. Johnny Hicks stated that we could not make judgements about staff performance until we confirmed that each staff member had a written job description and knew what was expected of them. He also stated that we needed to then compare their actual work performance to the expectations in the job description.

Johnny made a motion that we hypothetically add a DNA button for parent verification to the registration application on HORNS, and then have the TLBAA office staff provide a work flowchart showing what would be done when the button is selected. This motion was seconded by Ross Ohlendorf. The motion passed.

Meeting Adjournment

Kevin Rooker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by David Edwards. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m. CDT.