

Review of Committee Recommendations was Primary Focus of January BOD Meeting

The American Gelbvieh Association Board of Directors met during the 2014 AGA Annual Convention, January 9-13, 2014. Several meeting sessions were held during the five days of the convention and National Western Stock Show activities. The following is a list of action points approved by the Board. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held April 11-12, with a new member orientation on April 10, at the AGA headquarters office in Westminster, Colo.

1. Approved the audited AGA 2012-2013 fiscal year financial report.
2. Approved the October and November 2013 AGA activity and financial reports.
3. Reviewed the participation statistics from the December AGA committee web-meetings.
4. Reviewed and accepted all of the AGA committee web-meetings reports.
5. Voted to change the AGA By-laws to reflect AGA's transition to 100% one-rate plan.
6. Voted to delete rule IX.E. from the AGA Rules.
7. Voted to only list the genetic condition status of tested animals on the public portion of animal search pages on the AGA website. The 'member only pages' will continue to have potential carrier animals (XXP) listed.
8. Voted to eliminate "hybrid" designation on the pedigree if the animal has two (2) known parents in a recognized breed registry to be effective when the new registry/computer system is installed later in 2014.
9. Approved the Breed Improvement committee's recommendation stating that the creation and publication of genomic-enhanced EPDs continue to be pursued and that a GE EPD logo be used to differentiate animals with GE EPDs.
10. Accepted the Breed Improvement committee's recommendation that the staff moves forward with the refinement of the maternal index, giving it a research index status until more heifer pregnancy and stayability data are accumulated. Index values should be calculated only for animals that have all component EPDs and these values should be available to the membership.
11. Accepted the Breed Improvement committee's recommendation that Dr. Michael MacNeil be retained as a consultant for future index development and revisions.
12. Approved the National Sale committee's recommendation that any animal pulled from the stall to be added to the National Sale must sign a form agreeing to pay all sale commissions on said animal regardless of the testing results; the buyer's sale proceeds will be withheld until DNA testing is complete.

13. Accepted the National Show committee's recommendation of the 2015 NWSS judges list.
14. Elected new officers for 2014. Rob Arnold, President; Dan Warner, Vice President; Duane Strider, Secretary; Neal Pearson, Treasurer.
15. After recessing the AGA Board and reconvening as the American Gelbvieh Foundation (AGF) Board, the AGF Board of Directors took the following action:
 - a. Voted to create an endowment fund and evaluate various options;
 - b. Approved the creations of a "Legacy Society";
 - c. Approved the creation of a separate AGF Board of Directors;
 - d. Approved the proposed gift acceptance policy.