

AJSA Full Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday August 2, 2015; 1:00 pm MT

Call To Order (Morgan) at 1:07 pm MT

Roll Call (Jessica) Present: Morgan Phillips, Jessica Smith, Britney Beins, Jericho Chappa, Jordan Cowger, Maddy Udell, Maddy Beins, Jody Bargary, Kiersten Jass, Tanner Howey, Rebekah Callison, Garrett Stanfield, Cameron Crawford, Kaylie Huizenga, Hannah Wine, & Dakota Thomas; Absent: Shea Mackey & Zach Wilson

Old Business:

-It was moved by Maddy U. and seconded by Jericho to approve annual membership meeting minutes & full board meeting minutes held in Bryan, TX this summer; motion passed.

-Hannah mentioned that each committee needed to meet in a timely fashion once everyone gets home from Montana. It is up to the committee chair to schedule the teleconference, reserve the call line, have an agenda, remind the members when to meet, type minutes of the official meeting, and send them out to the entire board.

-2017 AJSA National Classic bids:

After resubmitting updated bids, both the Nebraska Simmental Association and the Mississippi Simmental Simbrah Association a confirmed location for their National Classic bids. Nebraska decided on Grand Island and Mississippi on Jackson. Both bids were read aloud and the board made the following points in their discussion:

-After hearing the Senior Board's concerns of security on Jackson, Mississippi fairgrounds and questioning whether or not it is a family-friendly environment, the MSSA confirmed that the sheriff's department, Capitol police, & fire marshals would be on site at all times, doubling up at night, patrolling the grounds. In addition, no inmates would be used for event staff. Since this is a closed, private event in the summer, no outside citizens would even be allowed on the entire fairgrounds. All gates would be closed, locked, and guarded. Passes/stickers would be given to all exhibitors' vehicles, and there would be officers checking this at the two air-conditioned ticket booths at the front of the facility.

-A heat concern for the Mississippi facility was mentioned. In their updated application, the MSSA confirmed that cattle would be in air-conditioned facilities at all times, except at tie-outs at night. Meals, some contests, and the awards banquet would be held in the climate-controlled Coliseum, and the cattle show, showmanship, and other contests would be in the Equine Center, also air-conditioned.

-It was discussed as to whether or not hosting the event in Mississippi, being so far south, would hinder our cattle and contestant numbers. Nebraska is a more

central location and would draw in people who wouldn't normally come to Nationals. Some agreed that since we are looking to one day have a more centralized location rotation, having it in Mississippi is a better option, because it may be one of the very last times that we host the event in a more personal location, recruiting more southern and eastern contestants, as well as Simbrah breeders.

-It was brought up that Nebraska has recently hosted this event, only two years ago. It was said that by hosting it in Mississippi, it gives the MSSA the chance to welcome the AJSA to their state, since it has been their goal for over twenty years.

-After much discussion and agreeing that both facilities are equally as nice, both associations are equally capable of hosting, and both locations are ideal for our size and atmosphere, Kaylie moved and Jericho seconded to accept the Mississippi Simmental Simbrah Association's bid for the 2017 National Classic; motion passed. Hannah reminded us that from here, the bid goes to the Activities and Events Committee for further discussion and approval.

- Simbrah Promotion:

-It was mentioned that some Simbrah t-shirts should be made, since we have several Simmental shirts – Morgan gave this project to the Marketing committee to design some t-shirts to be sold to AJSA members.

-New brochures for the Simbrahs were recently made; as was driven by the Simbrah, committee on the ASA board; So it was decided that the promotion needs to be directed mostly towards Junior members and kids

-Jody mentioned that maybe more questions could be added to the Cattleman's Quiz. Everyone agreed this could be another way to promote and support the Simbrah breed.

-Blazer proposal review:

-Morgan told the board that Mark Smith and Tonya Phillips, both recent new members of the ASSF Board, raised \$1,800 for new blazers.

-The main point of interest was to choose a color that the company we use manufactures, since the khaki color is no longer available. Jody made a motion that was seconded by Maddy U. to purchase charcoal gray blazers and include this in our proposal to the ASSF; motion passed.

-Maddy U. moved and Jericho seconded that we make dark purple our second choice, if gray is unavailable; motion passed.

New Business:

Annual Membership Meeting Review:

-It was brought to the board's attention that the annual membership meeting as a little bit taxing of younger children's patience. It was discussed that we meet together, then split into regional meetings, as we have in the past. Britney mentioned that she likes having everyone all together; Jessica said she likes both.

-Hannah informed us that the AJSA annual meeting needs to be it systematic, so candidates and members know what to expect.

-Jordan made the statement that the candidates should come in and introduce themselves in front of everyone, then for the election part split into regions.

-Jessica moved and Jericho seconded to meet all together, have the candidates introduced, then split into regions where candidates are given 2 predetermined questions that they have one minute per question to answer; motion passed.

-Morgan mentioned that Susan Russell suggested we use electronic ballots, since at the ASA annual meeting, members vote electronically in person.

-Hannah reminded us that this would be an AJSA by-law change, in which the membership would need to vote on this at the annual meeting next summer.

-Britney moved and Jericho seconded to table this discussion; motion passed.

-AJSA National Classic Rules Review:

-Maddy U. mentioned that it could be more efficient to have separate judges for the cattle shows at Jr Nationals: a judge for B&O % & Owned Purebred; and a judge for B&O Purebred & Owned %.

-Morgan mentioned letting them reshow; B&O can reshow in owned show and it's optional; but we would make them pay double entry fees.

-It was agreed that this would help our numbers, and eventually we would change the cow/calf show to model this, if numbers continue to increase.

-Jericho moved and Maddy U. seconded to separate B&O from Owned and receive full points with the option to show under a different judge; motion passed.

-Jody moved and Maddy B. seconded to increase the limit of cattle entries to 6 head, with a second option of 4 head if the option of six is not approved by the A&E Committee; motion passed; Jody volunteers to write proposal.

-Location Rotation:

-It was discussed that we can eventually accommodate our growing numbers by centralizing our National Classic locations.

-Garrett asked if this would hurt our sponsors. Hannah informed him that in past breeders have been very generous in sponsoring the event regardless of location.

-Kaylie stated that this could allow state associations to come together to host it; promoting unity that everyone loves about the AJSA.

-Britney mentioned that the western region has considered doing a tri-state host at Denver or Salt Lake City.

-Morgan mentioned that we could use locations such as: Madison, Wisconsin (nice new facility); Kansas City, Denver, Louisville, & Grand Island.

-Hannah suggested that we could rotate regions, with a suggested list locations for each prospective region.

-Morgan asked Hannah if we could ask the ASA to cover facility costs and states cover awards and food and such.

-It was agreed that we should write a letter to recommend that these locations be used:

East: Louisville, Kentucky; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

North: Grand Island, Nebraska; Madison, Wisconsin

South: Kansas City, Missouri; Tulsa, Oklahoma; Ft. Worth, Texas

West: Denver, Colorado; Billings, Montana; Salt Lake City, Utah

-Maddy U. moved and Britney Beins seconded this list; motion passed.

-Maddy U. agreed to write the proposal for the rotation location & ASA covers facility expenses.

-Increased travel fund request

-Morgan informed that board that we currently get \$12,000 funds for AJSA trustee travel for PTP shows, annual fall board meeting in Bozeman or at YBIC.

-Jessica mentioned that this will not cover all 16 of us.

-It was agreed that we specify that they increase YBIC travel expenses by a \$2,000.

-Morgan & Jessica both agreed to write a letter to Senior Board explaining excitement of PTP involvement, so AJSA trustees can continue to work these events.

-Jordan moved and Maddy B. seconded that we ask the ASA Board to increase our travel funds; motion passed.

-AJSA trustee representation at ASA meetings

-Morgan stated that the Senior Board has approached her about wanting insight on how we discuss things. There was discussion of having AJSA Trustees attending Senior Board meetings.

-Hannah suggested that the expense of sending a Trustee to the Senior Board meeting may be a challenge and as many of the Activities and Events Committee meetings were held by conference call perhaps the President of AJSA Board should present proposals to the A&E Committee, eliminating any miscommunication issue. Everyone agreed.

-AJSA Action Article assignments:

October (due Sept.1)- Jericho Chappa

November (due Oct.1) - Maddy Udell

December/January (due Nov.1)- Cameron Crawford

February (due Jan.1)- Jordan Cowger

March (due Feb.1)- Britney Beins

April (due Mar.1)- Tanner Howey

May/June (due Apr.1)- Garrett Stanfield

July/August (due May 1)- Maddy Beins

-It was mentioned that the AJSA trustees need to be more involved with the state associations at Nationals for Opening Ceremonies. Morgan mentioned that more recognition should be given to retiring trustees at the Awards ceremony. Hannah informed us changes would be made.

-Hannah suggested that we consider a Supreme Female and revamp contests looking to the future to accommodate size and consider transitioning the educational contests so that

the exhibitor's skills and abilities progress through their AJSA experience; encouraging education rather than simply mastering a contest.

-Kent Jaeke suggested we should change the sale stalk competition with how we sell cattle today and market cattle. It was discussed that we modify sale stalk to where the juniors stay the same; intermediates may use only a picture; and the seniors have a certain scenario to follow.

-For our next meeting:

-judge nominations

-fall travel apps: National FFA - 1, NAILE - 4, American Royal – 2

-September 24, 2016 6:00 pm CT next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm MT.