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AGA Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

The American Gelbvieh Association (AGA) board of directors met April 1 and 2, 2022, in Lincoln, Nebraska. The following are highlights of the meeting and action points approved by the board:

Association

Approved minutes from March 2022 Zoom meeting which consisted of discussion and approval of the Cow Power Female Genotyping Project.

Financials

Year-to-date financials ending February 2022 were reviewed and approved. The AGA is in good financial standing.

Committees

The 2022 committee roster was reviewed and approved. The committee process was also discussed.

National Show and Sale

The board voted to approve recommendations from the National Show Committee and National Sale Committee to host the 2023 Gelbvieh and Balancer[®] National Show and Sale at Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma City.

The board also approved the recommendation from the National Sale Committee for Matt Sims to be the 2023 national sale manager.

National sale rules were discussed, and several recommended changes were approved.

DNA Testing

Staff presented an update on DNA testing services and current testing requirements. Due to the increasing turnaround time of the GGP-HD product and the recent introduction of the GGP-100k, the board voted to revise the requirements for AI sires and donor dams to require a GGP-100k test rather than a GGP-HD test. The GGP-HD will be phased out of AGA's test offering and the GGP-100k will be the highest density available. All other requirements for AI sires and donor dams will remain the same.

Herdbook Update

A herdbook updated was presented by staff, noting the AGA and AGJA membership is strong and continues to grow. Additionally, herd assessments continue to increase. Looking at March year-to-date, the AGA has seen an increase of 375 more

herd assessments than the same time last year and up nearly 1,400 herd assessments from two years ago.

Breed Improvement

Updates in the area of breed improvement included Dr. Bob Weaber now serving as breed improvement consultant, and new EPD trait development through IGS. New traits currently in development are heifer pregnancy, and mature weight. Additionally, a research PAP EPD is also being developed.

Sustainability

The board discussed the topic of sustainability at length including why is important and how it may play into the future of the cattle industry. Additionally, what role the breed and the association can have within the sustainability conversation.

AGJA Update

Staff presented an update on the American Gelbvieh Junior Association including fundraisers, travel this year, and upcoming events.