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AGA Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

The American Gelbvieh Association (AGA) board of directors met August 26 and 27, 2022, in Lincoln, Nebraska. The following are highlights of the meeting and action points approved by the board:

Association

Approved minutes from June 2022 Zoom meeting where discussion was held surrounding sustainability as well as creation of the investment committee.

Financials

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

The board approved the investment policy statement and investing of AGA's surplus funds. The board also reviewed and approved the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year as presented. The association will also look into emailing monthly statements to members with locked accounts due to a balance of 30 days or longer.

American Gelbvieh Foundation

The board received an update on the American Gelbvieh Foundation's (AGF) current project including the recent Scale and Rail Carcass Contest and Steer Challenge. Additionally, the AGA board approved the revised gifting agreement recommended by the AGA/AGF task force. This task force was created to review documents currently in place between the AGA and the AGF.

Rules and Bylaws

The board reviewed recommendations from the rules and bylaws committee surrounding committee meeting attendance and participation as well as the addition of the investment committee into the bylaws. All proposed bylaw changes will be reviewed by legal counsel and sent to the AGA membership 30 days prior to the annual meeting.

It was discussed all core committee meetings will not be published to the general membership unless decided upon by that committee and the AGA executive committee. Meetings at the AGA National Convention will be published to the membership.

The AGA board approved the following rule changes and additions:

- Add a. and b to rule II.G.3.

Rule II.G.3. Unless a rule specifically states that the AGA will bear the cost of any genomic or DNA analysis, the owner or applicant will be responsible for the cost of any required genomic or DNA analysis.

- a. For the purposes of Rule II.G., an “owner” is an owner of record of the animal whose genetic material is submitted for analysis. An “applicant” is an owner of genetic material from an animal submitted for analysis.
 - b. The AGA reserves the right to refuse to conduct or recognize any genomic or DNA analysis that is not required by these Rules or requested by an owner or applicant.
- Strike any mention of GGP-HD and replace with GGP 100k in the rules. This is to reflect the change is offered testing approved in April.

The AGA board also directed staff to work with legal counsel and industry experts in developing rules surrounding gene-editing.

DNA Testing

Staff provided an update on the Cow Power Female Genotyping Project. There has been good interest in the project so far with over 350 samples received so far with several hundred more expected. The AGA will make another push for more participants this fall.

The board voted to discontinue the DNA incentive program effective December 31, 2022.

Genetics Over Hide Color

The board discussed the white paper released by the Red Angus Association of American (RAAA) titled “Genetics Valued Over Hide Color”. The AGA will send a letter of support to the task force being created by RAAA for this effort.

Breed Improvement

Dr. Bob Weaber, AGA genetics consultant, presented on IGS genetic evaluation update and the topic of beef x dairy. The board voted to send the beef x dairy discussion to the breed improvement committee.

AGJA Update

Jaycie Forbes, American Gelbvieh Junior Association (AGJA) president presented an update on the AGJA including a recap of the 2022 AGJA Crossroads Classic and new strategic plan. The AGA voted to approve the AGJA’s new strategic plan.

AGA National Convention

The board voted for the 2023 AGA National Convention to be held in Omaha, Nebraska.