

December 2022 AGA Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

The American Gelbvieh Association (AGA) board of directors met December 6, 7, and 9, 2022, during the 52nd Annual American Gelbvieh Association National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. The following are highlights of the meeting and action points approved by the board:

Association

Approved minutes from October 2022 Zoom meeting where the board discussed bylaw revisions regarding committee participation.

Financials

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

The board also reviewed and approved the financial review for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The AGA ended the year in a net positive position.

Breed Improvement

The board approved recommendations from the breed improvement committee regarding the dam of merit and dam of distinction program. The recommendation is to include a logo or identifier on the pedigree of dams of merit and dams of distinction and include the designation in sale catalog pulls. Additionally, the committee recommended for dams of merit to continue to earn the award every year in the current way, however if a female achieves dam of distinction, she achieves it for life. For purposes of the published breeder and owner listings, females would need to earn the distinction and be active within the herdbook during the year of the listing. This will go into effect in 2023.

The board also discussed beef x dairy and voted for the AGA to continue pursuing a beef x dairy index and opportunities for the Gelbvieh breed within this space. A beef x dairy task force was created within the board to continue moving forward.

Heterosis effects used within adjusted weight calculations were reviewed. No action was taken at this time.

Dr. Bob Weaber, AGA genetics consultant, presented on the importance of female data and use of proper reason and disposal codes. This is an important discussion as the stayability EPD continues to evolve. The board then discussed the AGA's current reporting system and instructed staff to look at the pros and cons of accepting BIF guidelines for whole herd reporting.

Sustainability

The board discussed sustainability and the development of genetic selection tools within this space.

Rules and Bylaws

The board voted to place a fee on any herd prefix changes. When an existing member would like to change their herd prefix, a fee that is equal to a current year's membership will be applied.

AGJA Update

The board was joined by Jaycie Forbes, AGJA president, Sadie Morris, AGJA vice president of leadership, and Rachelle Anderson, AGJA ex-officio. The AGJA directors presented an update of their year as well as their 2022-2023 fiscal year budget. This budget was approved by the AGA board of directors.

American Gelbvieh Foundation

The AGA board of directors held a joint meeting with the American Gelbvieh Foundation board of directors. Updates on activities and projects from both entities were presented. The need for AGF bylaw revisions, including the addition of term limits for both board members and officers was discussed.

The AGA board voted to approve the two recommended candidates, Dennis Gustin and Tom Murphy, to the AGF board of directors, for a two-year term.

National Show

The national show committee recommended a new Ring of Gold points schedule. This was approved by the board and will go into effect after the 2023 National Western Stock Show.

AGA Executive Committee

The AGA board elected individuals to serve in leadership positions on the executive committee for 2023. Lori Maude, Hermosa, South Dakota, was elected president. Dan McCarty, Rifle, Colorado, was elected vice president. Derek Martin, Bucklin, Kansas, was elected secretary, and William McIntosh, Georgetown, Kentucky, was elected treasurer.