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**UGC Board Meeting
BIF Agenda
Monday, September 23rd, 2019
Purebred Beef Unit
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kelli Retallick at 2:20pm. Board members in attendance were Matt Woolfolk, Shane Bedwell, Mark Henry, Rethel King, Becky Hays, Sean McGrath, and JR Tait. Chip Kemp attended via speaker phone as well as Dean Pringle via phone after 3:30pm.

Woolfolk moved and Bedwell 2nd to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as emailed on 8/30/ 2019. Motion carried.

A summary of the SDSU Research Project was circulated. The Board agreed that scan weight analysis needed to be included if possible as a point of reference for the other traits analyzed. Several “holes” in the data were noted, as well as several numbers that seemed to defy logic and previous research expectations. Wall agreed to organize a conference call with Dr. Gonda, Dr. MacNeil, Bradie Schmidt, JR Tait, and Kelli Retallick in the near future.

The current financial statement was reviewed by the Board. Extensive discussion was held regarding the investment UGC made in collecting carcass data behind all the ultrasound machines in circulation. Wall agreed to try to break out income and expenses related to each event for UGC to get a better picture of profit and loss per occurrence. King moved and Bedwell 2nd to approve the financial statement with the assumption that Wall would present a full profit/loss analysis to the Board as soon as possible. Motion carried.

Both Ultrainsights and Designer Genes reported that no lab certification was necessary for them in 2019. The CUP Lab scheduled a lab certification for October 23rd, 2019.

Field Certification bids for 2020 were discussed. Wall agreed to reach out to University of Georgia, West Texas A&M, Kansas State, Iowa State, and potentially the Meat Animal Research Center for bids. Tait moved and King 2nd that interested hosts submit bids on a \$ per tech basis with a guarantee from UGC that 20 technicians would participate. UGC will host 2 field certifications in 2020; one in the late spring, one in the early fall, preferably. Wall agreed to alter the bid sheet to reflect the motion and the desires of the Board to capture as much variation as possible in the cattle used for certification.

The current protocol for scoring and interpreting images from field certification was discussed. All labs will score all images, and interpret all images where certified software is used by each respective lab. No additional action was taken on the issue moving forward, noting the proprietary nature of certified software programs.

The 2008 published matrix of certified software systems was circulated to the Board. Tait noted a “gap” in the records available from 2010 to 2017, where no new software systems were submitted to the Systems Review Committee. King noted some missing systems that should be on the matrix. Wall agreed to reach out to Mike Tess for additional documents to help fill in the gaps in the missing systems. Wall also agreed to update the website and resend the matrix to all participating breed associations when the information had been received.

Committee Reports

Education – The Continuing Education Program will be recycled one more year to get through all the technicians.

Finance – Line items for dues and fees need to be tracked on the Financial Report.

Systems Review – Update the IMF model matrix.

Executive – The Executive Director was reviewed at BIF.

Woolfolk moved and Henry 2nd to adjourn. Motion carried at 4:14pm