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**UGC Board Meeting
June 23rd, 2021
7:00-8:30am (CDT)
Beef Improvement Federation Meeting
Hilton Downtown Des Moines – Meeting Room 401
Des Moines, IA**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Shane Bedwell at 7:05am. Present for the meeting were also E.D. Patrick Wall, Matt Woolfolk, JR Tait, Mark Henry, Jerry Cassady, Collin Osbourn, Aaron Arnett, Scott Greiner and Chip Kemp. Joining via Zoom were: Rethel King, Becky Hays, and Sean McGrath. Several non-board members were also present.

New UGC Board Members were introduced: Collin Osbourne, Beefmaster Breeders United (Breed Association); Aaron Arnett, ST Genetics (Research/Industry); Shawn Nicholson, Stuart Vet Clinic (Technician). Wall thanked Shane Bedwell, JR Tait, and Jolene Grunhaupt for their years of service to UGC. At the conclusion of the meeting, Matt Woolfolk will officially be the Chair of UGC for 2021-2022, Chip Kemp will become the Vice-Chair.

Cassady moved and Woolfolk second to approve the minutes from the previous UGC meeting held on 12/22/2020 as emailed on 6/21/2021. Motion carried.

Wall presented the UGC Financial Statement as of 6/21/2021. With very little activity since December, the checking account balance was \$46,827, noting that Kansas State University had not processed the check from the previous UGC Field Certification. Bob Weaber was following up, but the true available balance was \$25,227. Savings account balance was \$77,746. Greiner moved and Osbourn second to approve the financial statement as presented. Motion carried.

In Old Business, Wall pointed out that the new UGC website was up and running at www.ultrasoundguidelinescouncil.org. Wall encouraged the Board to review it and send any edits discovered. Ranch House Designs offers free, unlimited website updates. The website is also now linked to the BIF web page as well.

In New Business, Wall presented a budget for the 2021 calendar year. Dues income was projected to be flat from 2020. Field Certification was again going to be an investment from UGC, mainly offset by the income generated from Lab Certification. A \$2,500 raise for the Executive Director was also installed. Rethel King requested and Wall agreed to get legal counsel to put in writing how/why UGC files a tax return as a non-profit entity. Woolfolk moved and Cassady second to approve the budget as presented.

UGC Field Certification has been set for West Texas A&M University in Canyon, TX for September 15-17, 2021. Tommy Perkins updated the Board on the upcoming event. At least 10 chuted will be placed in a row. Extra cattle will be on hand, but all 40 head used in the certification will be slaughtered at Tyson in Amarillo. Carcass data will be collected in the plant by Dr. Lawrence's crew. Ether extract analysis will be performed at K-State to remain consistent with previous certifications. Reference scanners will be Wall and Perkins.

Wall asked lab representatives to schedule Lab Certification by September 1st, 2021. UltraInsights and Designer Genes asked that lab certification be conducted in West Texas during field cert. Wall pledged to make that happen, technology willing. CUP will set a date for later in the fall.

Wall discussed UGC Field Certification moving forward, and how to handle new systems/machines/hardware/software/equipment, etc. Several techs said they have multiple Aloka machines. How does UGC keep track of that or cost-effectively test those machines for accuracy? After some discussion, Wall agreed to begin recording machine serial numbers at Field Certifications in the future.

Henry expressed the need for UGC to receive a copy of the data from the BIA ProPlus software certification in 2010. The Board tried to piece together who was on the Systems Review Committee at the time. King agreed to look in his files and ask Dr. Tess for the stats to complete the certified system files for UGC.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:02 am.