



Ultrasound Guidelines Council

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**UGC Board Meeting
Monday, June 26th, 2023
10:00am (CDT)
Virtual**

The meeting was called to order at 10:04am by Chair Chip Kemp. Also in attendance online were: Rethel King, Becky Hays, Mark Henry, Sean Nicholson, Scott Greiner, Aaron Arnett, Sean McGrath, Jerry Cassidy, Kama Bruns, and Ryan Boldt.

In Old Business, the amended minutes from December 21, 2022 meeting were approved. Cassidy moved, McGrath 2nd. Wall delivered the financial report. Current balances: Checking \$33,926.96, \$78,197.25 Savings. It was noted that registration for the NCBA Convention for Wall was covered through professional development dollars from Iowa State University, travel expenses were covered by UGC funds. Greiner moved, Arnett 2nd to approve the financials as presented. Motion carried.

At the most recent US Beef Breeds Council Meeting, Dr. Lindsay Upperman (Red Angus Association of America) and Dr. Scott Greiner (Virginia Tech) were appointed to the UGC Board. Upperman will serve a 4-year term. Greiner will serve a second 3-year term. Kama Bruns from SD will serve as the new field technician representative.

The Council strongly encouraged UGC to explore a research trial with heavy ear-influenced cattle as well as look into the possibilities regarding camera marbling score as a new output for intramuscular fat. The goal was to get 80 of both high and low marbling cattle, allowing labs to evaluate models on both populations. Wall agreed to draft a budget proposal for the project.

In New Business, the UGC Systems Certification Protocol was reviewed following an update by the Executive Committee on May 18, 2023. Becky Hays moved, Rethel King 2nd to amend item #6. Motion carried. McGrath moved, Greiner 2nd to approve the amended document. Motion carried.

UGC Field Certification was set for September 14-15, 2023 (optional 13th) at West Texas A&M University. Lab Certification is complete for ILIA, UI & CUP yet to go. Wall proposed some changes to the Lab Certification fees. King moved, Bruns 2nd to increase the Lab Certification to 40 head once to mirror field certification stats. Motion carried. Henry moved, Cassidy 2nd to change Lab Certification fees to \$200 per attempt Motion carried.

Cassidy moved, Arnett 2nd to adjourn at 11:49am and move into Executive session. Motion carried.