



Ultrasound Guidelines Council

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UGC Meeting Minutes

Zoom Call

September 8th, 2023 – 1:30pm CDT

Cassady called the meeting to order at 1:38pm. Also in attendance: Patrick Wall, Mark Henry, Becky Hays, Scott Greiner, Sean McGrath, Ryan Boldt, Lindsay Upperman, and Kama Bruns.

Wall described the schedule of the research project. All cattle will be scanned on Wednesday. The need for 2 machines per technology was discussed to help mitigate bias. Rethel moved, Becky 2nd to allow at least 1 technician per technology, but not limited to that. If a lab wants to use more than one technician and more than one technology, they are free to do so. Motion carried.

Sean moved, Mark 2nd for the Systems Review Committee Proposed Motion:

In order to take advantage of the model improvement opportunity from the UGC-funded project at West Texas A&M University, labs must adhere to the following protocol as described:

- Participating labs will provide personnel and equipment to collect images on both cattle deemed suitable for the research project and the Field Technician Certification. It is desired to have 2 distinct sets of images from 2 distinct technicians on every technology currently in use within the industry where possible. There is no desire to test obsolete systems that are no longer in use.
- Participating labs will share all images collected with all other participating labs.
- Participating labs are free to use images from the project for model development, model improvement, and preliminary data used to facilitate new software certification.

The Ultrasound Guidelines Council and the Systems Review Committee will adhere to the following protocol as described:

- UGC will provide any and all carcass data to participating labs willing to follow the protocol as described.
- The Systems Review Committee will provide statistical analysis to participating labs.
- UGC will provide summary analysis to the US Beef Breeds Council, highlighting current performance as well as improvements made to software as a result of the project.

Motion carried. 6-2

Meeting adjourned at 2:34pm.