

Ultrasound Guidelines Council

Board Meeting 11-10-09

American Angus Association Headquarters, St Joseph, MO

Members present: Bill Bowman, Russell Coon, Becky Hays, Larry Keenan (Chair), Rethel King, Wade Shafer, Matt Spangler, Mike Tess, Robert Williams

Members via telephone: Mark Henry, Dean Pringle

Members not participating: Scott Greiner

LK called meeting to order at 8:15 AM.

SUMMARY OF ITEMS DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS MADE

Systems Validation Project (Dean Pringle)

- Goal = comparison of UGC certified systems on a common set of cattle
- Date = probably late spring
- Discussion of memory cards, storing images, frame grabbers, gain settings, and number of systems needed to run
- No formal motions proposed
- Consensus = systems Review Committee will draft objectives and protocols, then board can help find cattle

Certification Issues (Mike Tess)

- Discussion topics:
 - Use of carcass data and(or) reference tech data
 - Timeliness of analyses and reporting
 - Statistical issues
 - Industry perspective/impression
 - Breeding cattle vs feedlot cattle
 - Scrutiny of and number of reference techs
 - Unequal data on field techs

****Motion - RK: *UGC should: 1) use only reference tech data for field certification, 2) increase the number of reference techs to three, and 3) re-evaluate the statistical thresholds considered acceptable.*** Second = BB.

Passed unanimously.

UGC Audit (Mike Tess)

- MT reviewed his efforts to investigate the feasibility of an audit

UGC Budget (Mike Tess)

- MT will draft a budget for the board's review

Banking

- MT to look into interest bearing accounts from US Bank

****Motion – RW: *Executive Director may obtain a debit card for the UGC bank account.*** Second – MS.
Passed unanimously.

Education Committee Report (Rethel King)

- Discussion points:
 - Goals
 - Needs of and diversity of techs
 - Use of web-delivered content
 - Linking of education with field certification events
- No formal motions proposed.
 - Committee will meet and make recommendations to the board

Absentia status (Mike Tess)

- MT will gather data not-yet-sent and contact techs
- MT will summarize data and send to board
 - By tech
 - Across all techs

Field Certification Issues

- Points of discussion included
 - Hosts and bids
 - Financial risk
 - Location
 - Seasons

****Motion – RK: *UGC should administer field certifications and all finances. Institutions will bid to host the certification.*** Second – RW:
Passed unanimously.

Dual Field and Lab Certification

- MT asked board to consider the potential conflict of interest when a field tech interprets his(her) own images.
- Of the breeds in UGC, only one breed accepts data this way
- Labs do not allow this currently for data that they submit to breed associations.
- No action taken

Systems Review for ILIA – (Matt Spangler)

- Discussion points:
 - Potential cattle available
 - Locations and harvest dates
 - Chute charges
 - Proctors

Communication w/n UGC

- MT requested permission to use more email
- MT asked the board to consider publishing a web-based newsletter.
 - The website could also be a vehicle for education
- Consensus = go ahead.

Liability Insurance

- Consensus = that UGC needs insurance.
- Motion was passed at a prior meeting
- LK will investigate terms and rates.

Revisions of Guidelines

- MT – requested permission to make editorial revisions to all guidelines and post on the website.
- Consensus = OK

****RC-Motion to adjourn.** RW-second.

Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at ~2:00 PM