

**BEEFMASTER BREEDERS UNITED  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
BRANSON, MO - October 27, 2016 9:30 a.m.**

President Mackie Bounds called the meeting to order and welcomed board, staff and guests.

Steve Emmons opened the meeting in Prayer. The prayer was followed by a moment of silence for the Lasater Family as an expression of sympathy in the recent loss of Dale Lasater.

Dan Gattis called Roll with the following in attendance:

Mackie Bounds	Bob Siddons	Ronnie Teague
Steve Carpenter	Clark Jones	James Skelton
Chris Kauffman	Tony Psencik	Dalton Skinner
Dan Gattis	JC Thompson	Bill Pendergrass
Steve Emmons	Steve Dodds	Collin Osbourn
Tom Hood	Trey Scherer	

Jerry A. Davis and Sue Pierson were both absent due to personal or family health issues.

**Clark Jones moved to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2016 conference call meeting as presented. James Skelton seconded and the motion carried.**

**FINANCE AND AUDIT REPORT – Chris Kauffman** reported that the 2016 Audit ended much as expected with no unusual findings and a slight excess in income versus expenses. The note between BBU and B.E.E.F. was noted in the audit, which is a normal disclosure. Kauffman entertained questions. **Clark Jones moved to accept the audit report as presented with a second by Bob Siddons. The motion carried.**

**CFO Collin Osbourn** noted that he and the treasurer are still working with the accountant to fully expand the approved 2017 budget over the year. Osbourn then gave the financial report for September. Bounds called for any questions and then entertained a motion to accept the report. **Clark Jones made a motion to accept the September Financial Report as presented. JC Thompson seconded and the motion carried.**

**Steve Carpenter made a motion to move the meeting into EXECUTIVE SESSION. Chris Kauffman seconded and the motion passed.**

**The meeting RECONVENED. Bounds noted that decisions were made on employee contracts and some changes made. One change was to the title for Collin Osbourn.**

**BREED IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – JC Thompson** reported it was a busy year. Bill Pendergrass noted the recent visual implementation of \$T and \$M Genomic Enhanced EPDs as well as the Calving Ease EPD that is currently being implemented. The Breed Improvement secondary goal is positioning this breed to take advantage of the coming wave of maternal or cow efficiency discussions. Dr. Matt Spangler, geneticist, from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln addressed the board and guests concerning calving ease EPDs and the relevance to Beefmasters.

**Nominating Committee Report – Steve Emmons** reported that the Nominating Committee recommends Dr. Robert Williams to fill the unexpired director's term currently filled by board appointee Steve Dodds. President Bounds noted that the recommendation will be taken into consideration at the first Board Meeting of 2017 when the board fills that position.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**STEVE DODDS, on behalf of SEBBA, proposed to the board that Southeastern Beefmaster Breeders Association host the 2018 BBU Convention in Franklin, Tennessee. James Skelton made a motion that the board accept the proposal. Dalton Skinner seconded and the motion carried.**

**DNA Parentage Rule Issues – Bill Pendergrass and Collin Osbourn** addressed how the new rules are affecting older and purchased donors. We have received two letters from breeders thus far that question issues with the new rules. Osbourn noted that once all options to obtain samples have been exhausted the executive staff would like to be allowed to determine whether or not to move forward without it. Osbourn also noted the changes from STRs to SNPs and the issues involved. We are no longer using STRs. If there is a need to run STRs on a sample, extra charges are now involved. As technology changes we have to change. James Skelton asked that the two letters be included in the minutes. **Ronnie Teague moved to allow executive staff to add the proposed verbiage to the DNA parentage rules: BBU reserves the right to grant exceptions in parent verification rules if the dam and/or sire are dead/disposed of, are located in a foreign county or are otherwise physically unavailable for a DNA sample collection. Executive Staff will be allowed to make exceptions for a 24 month period beginning November 1, 2016, at which time the need for exceptions will be revisited by the board and either end or be extended accordingly.** The board will be informed of exceptions that have been made at the board meetings subsequent to such decisions. **Tony Psencik seconded the motion and it carried.**

**Technology Update – Bill Pendergrass** updated the board on Genotype fees for Zoetis and GeneSeek. There is a new ultra-low density 7k chip for genotype offered by GeneSeek that is \$35. It will offer parentage, snip markers and genomic enhanced EPDs. This test is not recommended for Bulls in tests/test sales.

**Beefmaster Breeders Society of South Africa – Bill Pendergrass** announced that the society has requested a research project where we would share our genotypes with them and all of the associated performance records to determine what merit it may have going forward toward a possible International Evaluation. **Clark Jones moved to share our genotypes and related performance data with the Beefmaster Breeders Society of South Africa for a research project as requested. Ronnie Teague seconded and the motion passed.**

**National Center for Beef Excellence (NCBE) – Brett Spader and Mike Brooks** made a presentation to the board of a new registry system and proposal by NCBE. The proposal was not acted on by the board at this time.

#### **OLD BUSINESS –**

**Office Remodel – Collin Osborn** reported that the demolition mode of the new office project was nearing completion and bids were being obtained for the remodel.

**PayWeight – Jeralyn Novak** reported that the 2016 Fall issue of the PayWeight was a success with good feedback given. Copies were made available at the convention registration desk for breeders to take home to distribute at sale barns, feed stores, vet offices, etc. Novak asked for mailing list additions to help spread the publication to more audiences as well as names/contacts of possible future advertisers.

**B.E.E.F. ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN – Mackie Bounds and Bob Siddons** are talking to individuals about Endowment pledges. Bounds noted that we are currently over half million in the campaign. The Endowment will allow us to fund research projects using only the interest earned on the endowment. It will also allow funds for satellites to request for educational programs and events. Siddons spoke to the leadership about making their pledges, showing fellow Beefmaster Breeders that they have confidence in the Endowment and what it can mean for the breed.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Mackie Bounds** thanked the board, staff and committee chairs for their support during his time as President. He noted that some days were harder than others, but all in all he felt he had the support he needed.

**Steve Dodds made a motion to adjourn. Clark Jones seconded and the meeting adjourned at 12:30.**