## BBU BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL MEETING May 23, 2017 – 7:00 PM

**President Steve Carpenter** called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. **Secretary Dan Gattis** called roll. Derek Frenzel was not on the call. Joining the call were:

Steve Carpenter Sue Pierson Dalton Skinner **Bob Siddons** JC Thompson Kendall Mc Kenzie Chris Kauffman **Robert Williams** Justin Williams Dan Gattis Trey Scherer Gary Halepeska Mackie Bounds Ronnie Teague Bill Pendergrass **Tony Psencik** James Skelton Collin Osbourn

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Secretary Dan Gattis asked for any corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes of the February 2, 2017, meeting in Nashville. **James Skelton made a motion** that the February 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes be approved as presented. Chris Kauffman seconded and motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurer Chris Kauffman and Collin Osbourn reported and discussed the March Financials. Mackie Bounds made a motion to accept the March financial report as presented. James Skelton seconded and the motion passed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Finance and Audit: Chairman Chris Kauffman reported that he and Collin Osbourn had checked into other possible bookkeeping firms to replace our current bookkeeper, Small Business Services of San Antonio. The current bookkeeping firm has been slow in getting out monthly financial reports and slow to answer any questions raised. Kauffman asked the board to support a change in bookkeeping services naming Badger & Badger CPA Firm as a replacement. There was discussion from the board. Bob Siddons made a motion to hire Badger & Badger CPA Firm as our new bookkeeper. Dan Gattis seconded the motion. Discussion continued resulting in Bob Siddons amending his motion to include a stipulation that the firm guarantee a 30 day close on monthly financials with a penalty assessed if it exceeds 30 days. Dan Gattis seconded the amended motion and it carried.

Kauffman/Osbourn discussed the interest on the B.E.E.F. note that is due in May (\$2332). BBU has the option on interest payments to donate them back to B.E.E.F. The board discussed the interest due and the option. Mackie Bounds made a motion that BBU collect the interest payment due from B.E.E.F. and then make a donation back to B.E.E.F. in like kind. Following some discussion, James Skelton seconded the motion. Discussion continued and then with a vote the motion carried with none opposed.

**Breed Improvement Committee: Chairman Robert Williams (MS)** reported the committee had a meeting at Tenroc Ranch in Salado, Texas the previous week. Williams shared that the committee had discussed Underline EPD development and additional maternal traits that would enhance \$M. No board action was required at this time.

**Convention Committee: Co-chair and STBBA President JC Thompson** updated the board on the progress of plans for 2017 BBU Convention to be held in Galveston at Moody Gardens in October. Thompson reported that STBBA's fund raising efforts (rifle raffle ticket sales) were going well. The committee is looking forward to a great convention.

JBBA Junior National Show: COO Collin Osbourn reported that JBBA had purchased the ShoWorks system for Nationals entries and registrations this year. New electronics (laptop and IPads) were also purchased to work with the system. Juniors will register for Nationals and the shows thru ShoWorks. The system has been up and running for a week now and is going well.

International Committee: Chairman Dan Gattis and EVP Bill Pendergrass informed the board on the Australian Droughtmaster Society's outreach. A letter from the Society along with other documents were sent to the board prior to the meeting. Bill discussed the invitation with the board and Dan Gattis shared his thoughts on the Droughtmaster based on a previous visit to Australia. Though no action was taken at this time, President Carpenter directed the International Committee to discuss our options with Droughtmaster Society and come back to the Board with suggestions at the next meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**NCBE Registry System: EVP Bill Pendergrass** informed the board that Mike Brooks had recently visited the office and spent time with staff to complete the development of the program for BBU. Pendergrass stated that contract negotiations are still in progress but should be completed before the summer meetings. The target date for the roll out to the new system is August 1, 2017.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Noble Foundation/BBU Cow Efficiency Workshop: EVP Bill Pendergrass** informed the Board that the workshop will be held in Ardmore, Oklahoma, August 17-18, 2017. President Steve Carpenter noted the Noble Foundation has had a large impact on Oklahoma and North Texas breeders. Carpenter and Pendergrass encouraged any and all to attend this valuable workshop.

University of Arkansas at Monticello Commercial Upgrading Approval: EVP Bill Pendergrass reported to the Board that from 1999 thru 2016 the University of Arkansas at Monticello has collected data through a research project that includes sire, dam, phenotype, birth weights, weaning weights and yearling weights. This is data that will benefit BBU if included in our genetic evaluations. Bill asked for authorization from the board to roll all of these cattle (and

the collected data) into our system through the upgrading program. JC Thompson made a motion to approve enrolling all of the cattle from the University of Arkansas at Monticello research project, which used Beefmaster sires, into our registry system through the upgrading program in order to obtain the recorded data on them. Bob Siddons seconded the motion and it carried.

**Commercial Beefmaster Replacement Heifer Genomic Test: EVP Bill Pendergrass** addressed the board concerning the test.

**B.E.E.F. Endowment Campaign: Campaign co-chair Mackie Bounds** updated the board on the progress of the campaign.

Executive Session: Chris Kauffman made a motion to move the meeting into Executive Session. James Skelton seconded.

Mackie Bounds made a motion to return to general session. Bob Siddons seconded.

**President Carpenter** gave some parting remarks.

Mackie Bounds made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tony Psencik seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.