

American Galloway Breeders' Association
2018 Annual Directors' Meeting
Blegen Ranch, Roundup, MT
October 20, 2018

Attending Directors

Directors in attendance: Eli Berry (MN), Harley Blegen (MT), Christa Grywusiewicz (WY), Joan Hoffman (MI), Joyce Jones (PA), Joe Schumacher (MT), Richard Serr (WA), Susan Waples (MT), Tom Wilder (WA).

Meeting called to Order

President Harley Blegen called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm Mountain Time at Blegen Ranch in Roundup, MT.

Quorum Established

9 of 12 Directors present. 7 Directors required to establish a quorum. Quorum established.

Reading of the 2017 Director's Meeting Minutes

The 2017 Director's Meeting minutes read. Eli Berry moved to accept the minutes as written. Tom Wilder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

Officers up for re-election are Harley Blegen, President; Eli Berry, Vice President and Richard Serr, Secretary/Treasurer.

President: Susan Waples nominated Eli Berry. Tom Wilder seconded the nomination. No other nominations were forthcoming. Christa Grywusiewicz moved to close nominations. Tom Wilder seconded the motion. Motion carried. Eli Berry elected President.

Vice President: Richard Serr nominated Harley Blegen. No other nominations were forthcoming. Tom Wilder moved to close nominations. Susan Waples seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harley Blegen elected Vice President.

Secretary/Treasurer: Richard Serr volunteered to continue as Secretary/Treasurer. No other nominations were forthcoming. Tom Wilder moved to close nominations. Harley Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Richard Serr elected Secretary/Treasurer.

2020 World Galloway Congress

Richard Serr asked about participation in the 2020 World Galloway Congress. If we would have a booth with the 2020 Breeders Directory, 2020 AGBA Calendar and other promotional items. Eli Berry said that, tentatively, that was his thought. Eli said that Jon Bednarski had offered his farm as a venue to display Solid and White Galloways and set up a booth. Richard Serr stated his expectation that a booth would be set up at the NAILE. Harley Blegen said that, in the past, we have had space to set up a booth at the event. Michelle Blegen noted that we usually had to pay for it. Eli Berry said that we may be able to use the Belted space. Harley Blegen noted that there were still 2 years to work it out. Eli Berry finished by saying that we can make the offer to participate. Jon Bednarski wants our participation. He had a lot of conversation with Jon at the 2018 WGC in Australia. We'll see if there is any way we can do it.

Action Item: Eli Berry will work with Jon Bednarski to arrange for our participation in the 2020 World Galloway Congress.

Update of Herd Book Rules

Eli Berry stated that there are currently 2 versions of the Herd book rules in use. 2008 version currently on the AGBA website which was obtained from CLRC and a 2010 version approved at a Directors Meeting held Jan 17, 2010 at the NWSS. Eli does not yet have a complete copy of the 2010 version. He needs to get that and come up with a plan to include AI and ET registration requirements. Sire DNA verification for AI offspring. Sire and Dam DNA verification for ET offspring. Harley Blegen told of a recent case where a high dollar semen sire turned out to be the offspring of the recipient cow and the cleanup bull. Eli Berry will come up with a 2018 version which can be electronically approved by the Directors. Just make sure that you hit Reply All so that everyone gets the full discussion.

Action Item: Eli Berry will review 2010 version of the Herd Book Rules, write updated requirements for AI and ET offspring and submit proposed rules changes to the Directors for approval.

Secretary/Treasurer's note: Eli Berry is now in possession of a complete copy of the 2010 version of the Herd Book Rules and is working on the update.

Eli Berry asked about White Galloway color requirements. Does the AGBA want to match the Canadian White Galloway rules? Eli believes the 2010 version matches Canadian requirements. Is that what we want? Joyce Jones stated that the requirements are confusing. Herd Book Rules state that a moderate degree of freckling is allowed but what is moderate? Moderate needs to be defined. Current Canadian rules allow registration of Riggets. Eli Berry said that the White breeders need to tell us what they want. Shawn Schumacher said that they tried contacting White breeders but nobody responds. Joan Hoffman asked what the Europeans do. On the continent, all Galloway mixes can be registered. In the UK, Riggets have a separate association. Joyce Jones said she would be ok with a separate section for Riggets. Eli said he would go through the 2010 version, make some proposals and the Directors can discuss it. Michelle Blegen suggested that we can put pictures up on the website to clarify color requirements for registration. Eli asked if somebody could provide pictures. Joyce Jones said that she would try but she's not a good photographer. Michelle Blegen offered to help find pictures.

Action Item: Eli Berry will review 2010 version of the Herd Book Rules, generate proposals regarding White Galloway color requirements for registration and submit them to the Directors for discussion and approval.

Action Item: Joyce Jones will try to find pictures to define the White Galloway color requirements agreed upon for inclusion in the AGBA website. Michelle Blegen will help.

Advertising

Susan Waples thought that we are invisible to the outside world. She made a proposal to advertise in the *Progressive Cattleman*, a national publication with wide circulation. Cost of the ads is expensive. \$1500 for a one time quarter page ad. \$4200 for a full page ad. 4 quarter page ads featuring Red, Black Dun and White Galloways would run \$6000. Richard Serr said that, while it's a great idea, it's very expensive. Current checking account balance is \$7310. Proposed 2019 budget has about a \$3000 surplus but that will not cover this expense. Michelle Blegen suggested that we could use the proposed 2019 AGBA Calendar as a fund raiser. Consensus was that we would pass on the *Progressive Cattleman* ad at this time and focus on the 2019 AGBA calendar.

2019 Annual Meeting

Eli asked where we will hold the 2019 Annual Meeting. Ideally he thought a Midwest or Eastern member could have the meeting at their place. Richard Serr proposed holding the meeting at the 2019 World Beef Expo in Milwaukee, WI in late September. But will there be a Galloway show? Little point to hold the meeting there without a show. The Directors were assured that there would be a show. Decision was made to hold the 2019 Annual Meeting at the WBE.

Action Item: Eli Berry will explore options for holding the Annual Meeting at the WBE.

2019 Calendar

Michelle Blegen is working on the 2019 AGBA Calendar. She needs pictures. \$125/sponsor will cover the cost of the small 8.5x11 calendar. \$150/sponsor will cover the cost of the large 11x14 calendar. Do we want a large or a small calendar? Joe Schumacher thought the difference between \$125 and \$150 was negligible. Directors decided to go with 150 large calendars. Provide one free to every full AGBA member and sell additional calendars at \$15 each. If we run out we can order a reprint. Left over calendars will be distributed at the NWSS in January. Michelle said the cost to mail a calendar to each member would be \$3.75 each. Richard Serr asked if sponsors would be chosen by photo contest or lottery. A photo contest was selected as it should provide the best pictures.

Action Item: Michelle Blegen will work on producing the AGBA 2019 calendar. She needs your pictures!!

Bylaws Update

Two bylaw changes pertaining to the notification of meetings by email were approved in the Annual Meeting. Richard Serr offered to update the AGBA Bylaws to reflect these changes as well as make changes to convert bylaws from fiscal to calendar year as approved in the past.

Action Item: Richard Serr will update the AGBA Bylaws.

Meeting Adjourned

Susan Waples moved to adjourn the meeting. Richard Serr seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 pm Mountain Time.

Richard Serr
AGBA Secretary/Treasurer