



Pres. Robert Campbell called the Colorado Simmental Association annual meeting to order at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, 2017 at the Colorado Building on the Colorado State Fairgrounds, Pueblo, CO. The meeting followed a light supper for adults and juniors.

Donna German moved and Russ Princ seconded to dispense with the reading and approve the 2016 annual minutes as printed. Motion passed. Russ Princ moved and Bruce German seconded to approve the fiscal-year financial report and the audit. Motion passed.

Reports, highlighting 2017 association events thus far, were given by Russ Princ, Susan Russell and Jay Hill. Jay also asked for feedback on potentially altering consultants pay for the 2018 *The One* sale. Discussion followed, with Susan to send the board requested research.

Keanna Smith was congratulated on being selected to fill a vacancy on the American Junior Simmental board. She gave highlights of AJSA National Classic and The Summit leadership conference.

The Colorado Junior Simmental held its annual meeting tonight, with congrats given to CJSA's new officers: Bryce Hill, president; Keanna Smith, vice president; and Ellie Woodard, secretary.

In unfinished business, Susan updated the association on the board's hiring of a freelance writer to create up to 3 feature packages that would focus on commercial cattlemen successfully using Simmental genetics. Stories will include the versatility of the breed in plains and mountains; and another on PAP score usage.

Engraved board retirement cowbells for Robert Campbell and Mike Rains, who are term limited, were presented. Robert announced that the 2017 President's Award goes to Susan Russell, with a gift to come.

In new business, the geographic clause and number of directors prompted reference to Article IV, sections 1 and 2 before elections were opened. Discussion included concern that the 1970 geographic board requirements might be restrictive in future years. The sections read:

Article IV Directors

Section 1. Board of Directors: *The business and affairs of this Association shall be under the management and control of the Board of Directors, each of whom shall be an active member thereof.*

Section 2: *The Board of Directors of this Association shall be elected at the Annual Membership Meeting by the eligible voting membership present. The terms of directorship is for three (3) years. The number of Directors on the Board shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors if this Association, by a majority vote thereof, shall have the power to increase or decrease the number of Board of Directors from time to time as deemed necessary, providing that any decreases do not prohibit a Director from serving his full term. A Board member may not serve more than three (3) consecutive three (3) year terms.*

There must be at least one (1) member of the Board of Directors representing the Northeast (north of I-70 and east of the Continental Divide), Southeast (south of I-70 and east of the Continental Divide), and Western (west of the Continental Divide) areas of the State of Colorado.

Jay Hill moved and Curtis Russell seconded that the board put a first reading of potential change of the geographic director bylaw section on its next agenda and bring a potential revision to the 2018 annual meeting. Motion passed.

Further Curtis Russell moved and Bruce German seconded that the annual meeting be recessed for 10 minutes, so that a board meeting could meet on director seats. Motion passed. Subsequently returning to the annual meeting, President Robert Campbell announced that, per the board vote, the CSA Board of Directors now will be comprised of 7 voting members, down from the maximum of 9.

Russ Princ moved and Jay Hill seconded to remove Reed Parker from the board, as he has moved and failed to join the association, therefore failing the "active member" requirement. Motion passed.

In the absence of the vice president as nomination chairman, the President opened elections. It was announced that Russ Princ is eligible for re-election and another vacancy has been created by Parker's former seat for his two-year remaining term. Further openings were eliminated in the board size reduction, so nominations are now accepted for two seats. Nominations from the floor were for Jason Kraft, Willie Altenburg and Russ Princ. Jay Hill moved and Mitchell Jergensen seconded to close nominations. Motion passed.

In election results, Russ Princ were congratulated on being re-elected to a three-year term and Willie Altenburg on a two-year term.

In further new business, ideas were mentioned for the 25th *The One* sale milestone coming at the 2018 National Western Stock Show and ASA marking its 50-year milestone. Promo ink pens for registered bidders, a possible meal change and/or embroidery added to the Power Simmental coats were suggested to the board.

Ideas for CSA hosting an educational event were discussed with Curtis Russell suggesting that CSA consider applying for the ASA Fall Focus host role. He suggested that the event be in Grand Junction and tie in with the area's wine festival, or in Fort Collins, and tie in with a microbrewery tour. Curt moved and Bruce German seconded that the board put the matter on its agenda. Motion passed.

Susan reported that as ASA rep, she'll be headed to the ASA Fall Focus in North Dakota and offered to carpool with fellow CSA members. Other announcements and upcoming events were printed on the agenda. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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