



Pres. Willie Altenburg called the 53<sup>rd</sup> annual Colorado Simmental Association annual business meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023, in an online Zoom format. About 15 CSA members were in attendance via computer or phone.

Curtis Russell moved, and James Dilka seconded to dispense with the reading and approve the 2022 annual minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Secretary/Treas. Susan Russell shared the financial overview for the fiscal year Oct. 1, 2022, to Sept. 30, 2023. CD interest was discussed. James Dilka moved, and Chad Cook seconded to approve the fiscal year financial report as on-screen & presented. Motion passed.

In reports, highlights from both the 2023 National Western Stock Show and 2023 Fall Focus were on-screen & presented. CSA members and sponsors were thanked for their special effort to put on Fall Focus.

CJSA highlights were shared, plus Blake Fabrizius was thanked as an AJSA trustee from Colorado.

Chad Cook, American Simmental Association western trustee from Colorado, gave the ASA report. His report included Fall Focus, ASA finances, Junior activities, Carcass Merit Program and other Breed Improvement committee topics, THE deadline reminder, and the ASA annual meeting.

Chad was thanked for his service to ASA for the past three years. He was unopposed for his second three-year western trustee term, which officially will begin in January.

There was no unfinished business.

In new business, Ron Mari, board member and long-time pen show chairman, declined another director term. Ron was thanked for his service. Nominations were open for the single director seat available. Cody Pitt of Hotchkiss was nominated. James Dilka moved, and Jolynn Midcap seconded to close nominations and elect Cody Pitt for a three-year term by acclamation. Motion passed.

Pres. Altenburg announced honors, with the physical presentations done in advance. They are:

- *CSA Pioneer Award* to Oran Cuning, a CSA charter member, early board member and CSA's second secretary/treasurer. Cuning, CSA member #7 and ASA member #243, was thanked for his early CSA leadership and foresight by presenting him with an embroidered cowhide. Cuning wasn't online, but he expressed his thanks during the physical presentation made by Willie Altenburg with help from former *Pioneer* recipient & charter member James Docheff, ASA member #244.
- *President's Award* to Paul & Nia Hill, who are active CJSA advisors as well as aiding with the Foundation lot sold at National Western. They were recognized for their extra 2023 efforts with a clock plaque. During the Zoom meeting, Paul expressed his family's thanks.
- *President's Award* to Susan Russell, who has served as CSA secretary/treas. for 25 years. (She is the association's 5<sup>th</sup> secretary/treas.) Her 25<sup>th</sup> milestone was commemorated with a custom silver brand necklace presented at Fall Focus. She thanked CSA members for the lovely surprise.
- *CSA Herd Builder Grant* to applicant Jason Dias of Ft. Morgan, a CJSA member who was awarded \$1,500 to go toward establishing his SimGenetic herd. Jason expressed his thanks during the meeting.
- *CSA Youth Education Grants* to applicants Jason Dias of Ft. Morgan and Bradie Midcap of Wray. Each is being awarded \$500 toward their education. Jason expressed his thanks; with a message of thanks from Bradie, who was enroute to Louisville, KY for the collegiate livestock judging contest.
- *CSA County Fair winners* were recognized. Easton Hill, who had Supreme Bull and Supreme Female with his cow/calf pair at the Weld County Fair, was awarded an embroidered duffle bag and hoodie. Easton expressed his thanks during the Zoom meeting.

In announcements, a reminder of 2024 membership dues and participation in CSA's co-op advertising program were shared. The 2024 National Western Stock Show schedule was reviewed. It was noted that ASA Foundation lots will be added during *The One & Only* sale; and a new Power Simmental sponsor, TransOva, was just added to that program's sponsors.

Jolynn Midcap and the CSU Extension service were thanked for providing the Zoom format.

Curtis Russell moved to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan S. Russell, secretary/treasurer