

# OBA Minutes

November 7, 2014

McAlester Union Stockyards

In attendance: Jimmy Hawkins, Bob Martin, Rachel Millar, Mel Dainty, Wes Dotson, Todd Hayes, Brody Wallis, McKenzie Posey, Jay Posey, Bill Bacon, Colby Davis, Robert Garcia, Shiloh Hall, Dotte Bennett, Lorenzo, Dena, Mauricio Labrada, Charles Hatfield, Jeremy Jackson, Jack & Patty Gorczyca, Mike Vorel, Brandon Baudoin, Danny, Betty & Katie Wells, Frank Perry

1. Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm at the McAlester Union Stockyards .
2. The minutes of the July 2014 Summer meeting were presented by Betty Wells, Secretary/Treasurer. Dotte Bennett made the motion to accept the secretary report with a second from Steve Townsend. Motion passed.
3. Officer's Reports:
  - A. Treasurer's report by Betty Wells. Danny Myers moved to accept with second from Dotte Bennett. Motion passed.
  - B. Sales Vice President report by Mike Vorel. New members/visitors were recognized: Jeremy Jackson, Charles (Butch) Hatfield of Arkansas and Brodie Wallace.
    1. Fall sale update 2014: Hoping for a good sale.
    2. Spring sale 2015: Sale date should be March 8, 2015 but Mike Vorel requested that it be March 28, 2015 due to conflicting events such as springs shows, OKC show and Houston plus some other Brangus sales. Motion made by Danny Myers to accept March 28, 2015 as a new sale date for spring 2015 with a second from Jack Gorczyca. Motion passed. Ads for the Spring 2015 catalog will be accepted anytime.
    3. DVAuction update: Ms Kerry Koehler with DVAuction was introduced and she discussed how the video auction works. She recommends pre-sale video of animals if possible to put cattle out on the web prior to sale.
    4. Discussion of base prices on animals for upcoming sale. Mike Vorel suggested that with today's cattle prices a base bid of \$3000 on bulls and \$2000 on registered females. Dotte Bennett moved to accept base prices with second from Bob Martin. Motion passed.
    5. Wes Dotson, Auctioneer suggested all sellers check with the office after the sale to make sure all the animals sold. Mike Vorel also suggested that all sellers make sure that if the animal was sold through DVAuctions they need to help arrange transport to the buyers. Steve Townsend moved to accept Sales Vice-President report with a second from Wes Dotson. Motion passed. Recognition was given to Shiloh Hall, Betty and Danny Wells for helping Mike put the sale together.
  - C. Promotions: Rachel Millar did not have any updates except that Shiloh Hall is helping with the web reconstruction.
  - D. Juniors Vice President Chris Sharp reported the National Junior Brangus Show will begin July 15, 2015 at Duncan. The OJBBA are planning to auction a picnic table with Brangus breeder brands exhibited on the table as a fund raiser. The advertisement price will be \$25 for placing your brand on the table. McKenzie Posey is collecting money/brands for the project. If you wish to participate, a sample of your brand can be sent to Betty Wells, OBA Sec./Treas. and it will be forwarded to McKenzie.
  - E. Officer at Large Jack Gorczyca announce that he would be taking nominations for 2014 Breeder of the Year. The vote will take place at the December meeting. If anyone is interested in running for an OBA office they need to call Jack and let him know since his committee is putting together a slate of officers for the 2015 year. It is to be noted that the officers are working on revisions to the OBA By-Laws and Sales guidelines. One change that will be proposed will be extension of time the Sales Vice President can serve. Shiloh Hall moved to accept the Officer At Large report with a second from Frank Perry. Motion passed.

4. The IBBA Director report was given by Mike Vorel. He stated it is a great time to be in the Brangus business. Jason Bates, IBBA Field Representative is no longer in that position and a replacement has been identified. Mike discussed several changes regarding DNA, enhanced EPD's and that IBBA is no longer using the Georgia company that was providing the software. The IBBA is planning an Oklahoma Field Day to promote Brangus within 12-24 months, if you are interested in assisting, contact Mike Vorel. Regarding THR, IBBA is allowing cows to be reinstated with a \$21 fee if submitted before December 31, 2014. There was some discussion concerning the commercial tag programs. Dotte Bennett moved to accept the report with a second from Chris Sharp. Motion passed.
5. Old business –none
6. New business: Dates of December 6 and 13 for the annual meeting were discussed. Jack Gorczyca moved to have our annual meeting on December 13, 2014 at the Harrah Steak House at noon with Dotte Bennett seconding. Motion passed.
  - B. There was discussion regarding the genetic condition Development Duplication (DD) Mike Vorel explained that by spring 2015 all animals need to be evaluated for DD/DDPC. All breeders need to pull up the IBBA website and pull individual animals to see if they are possibly affected. A hair or blood sample can be tested to see if that animal is affected. IBBA recognizes that Brangus has Angus influences. Cadence bloodline can be a carriers. Every breeder needs to evaluate their herd's pedigrees to see if dam or sire is affected.
  - C. Other: All supplemental information for upcoming sale should be given to Betty Wells. Notice is given to members that By-Laws and Sales Guidelines are being revised and will be submitted at the annual meeting.
7. Announcements: Annual Meeting December 13, 2014 at Harrah Steak House at noon. If you wish to participate in gift exchange, bring a gift ranging \$15-\$20.
8. Adjournment: Danny Myers moved to adjourn with second from Bob Martin. Motion Passed.

Minutes were approved December 13, 2014 by membership.

Approved: *Betty Wells,*

OBA Secretary/Treasurer 2014  
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