

Belted Galloway Society, Inc.
2020 Fall Council Meeting
Teleconference
December 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Janie Tripp at 9:01 pm EST. Present were Vice President Jack Bagley, Past President Dawson Masters, Treasurer Jon Bednarski, Council members Randy Hall, Pat Hipple, Victoria Oatley, Sheri Riley and Paul Tarap, Executive Director Vic Eggleston and Newsletter editor Jayde Reilly. Guests were Michelle Ogle, Dustin James, Ailene Tarap, Marty Tripp and Leanne Fogle.

Approval of minutes from November 5 teleconference – MOTION –by Jon Bednarski, 2nd Paul Tarap that the minutes be accepted. **Unanimous**

Secretary's Report –(Attached). Vic Eggleston indicated there was a slight decrease in total membership is shown between 2019 and 2020. New member numbers are the same. Notes-CLRC fees increased 5% for 2021. They have increased 60% in the past 10 years. The total number of registrations has decreased the past 3 years in all three categories. Transfers are the same as last year. **MOTION** – by Jack Bagley, 2nd by Sheri Riley that the Secretary's report be accepted. **Unanimous.**

Treasurer's Report – (attached). The total funds available decreased 4%. **MOTION** – by Randy Hall, 2nd by Jack Bagley that the treasure's report be accepted. **Unanimous.**

President's report – none presented

Committee reports

- **Advertising and Promotion** – Jon Bednarski
 - Created a breed profile for Hobby Farms, special livestock publication. They printed 70,000 copies to be placed in all Tractor Supply Stores in the fall of 2020.
 - Prior to COVID, worked with Dustin James on placing an ad in the Fryeburg Maine Show and Sale Catalog, with plan to offer 2 raffle tickets to the World Galloway Congress in Kentucky, as a youth fundraiser.
 - Rescheduled the 2020 WGC to Nov. 13-19, 2021 due to COVID. All venues and events have been rescheduled.
 - Per Council's recommendation, we are soliciting bids for the 2021 Journal from past producer, Debby Nichols, Connections Advertising and Jayde Reilly, producer of the Midwest Herdsman.
 - **MOTION** –by Randy Hall, 2nd by Jack Bagley that the Advertising committee report be accepted. **Unanimous**
- **Executive committee** – no report
- **Scholarship committee** – Pat Hipple
 - Received 8 exceptional scholarship application with the following receiving a \$1,000 scholarship
 - Luke Daniels, Strasburg, IL
 - Elizabeth Eaton, Hope, ME
 - Olivia Oatley, Exeter, Rhode Island

- **Fund raising – Ailene Tarap**
 - The committee is going to attempt fund raising through an appeal to the general membership unlike previous years that have been show oriented. First endeavor is to market a 2021 calendar. We will sell large month by month ranch spots and small ads at the bottom with gestation and notation spots for each month. Plan to have it finished and available for sale at the World Galloway Conference. Also planning to have raffle with items that will appeal to the member that perhaps only has one animal but wants to contribute and perhaps win something.
 - **MOTION** –by Sheri Riley, 2nd by Jack Bagley that the fund raising committee report be accepted. **Unanimous**
- **Beef improvement committee – Marty Tripp**
 - The committee is in the process of compiling a list of ideas
 - **MOTION** – by Jon Bednarski, 2nd Randy Hall that the beef improvement committee report be accepted. **Unanimous**
- **Junior Belted Galloway Assn. – Dustin James**
 - In May a virtual Belted Galloway Junior show was held. A total of 38 youth members from US and Canada exhibited 60+ animals. Each entry was required to submit both a photo and video of the animal for evaluation by the judge. The judge evaluated the cattle just as they would be judged at a live show and placed each class backed by a set of oral reasons.
 - Held planning meeting through the summer and discussed the NAILE 2020 Junior show. It was decided to scale back the show due to limited participation due to COVID and in anticipation of the World Galloway Congress postponement until November 2021.
 - The NAILE junior show was held, though the numbers were down as expected due to COVID. Sixteen exhibitors brought 26 animals to the show. Awards, banners and cash premiums were given out.
 - The co-chairs have established a checking account. The Belted Galloway Foundation provided the show chairs with \$3000 from the Junior account held in the Foundation. The year ending balance in the checking account is \$3,278.
 - Predict to launch an ambitious sponsorship campaign when circumstances allow.
 - **MOTION** – by Paul Tarap, 2nd Pat Hipple that the Junior Belted Galloway report be accepted. **Unanimous**
- **Newsletter committee – Leanne Fogle and Jayde Reilly**
 - Going smoothly, some struggles due to COVID and cancellations. Needed to switch up content because of cancellations include more educational information and articles.
 - Leanne will be completing her service with the BGS at the end of 2020, but will be available to answer questions .
 - **MOTION** – by Jon Bednarski, 2nd by Jack Bagley that the Newsletter committee report be accepted. **Unanimous**
- **Show Committee**
 - Members include Paul Tarap, Randy Hall, Diane Gushee, Wesley Penrod, Michelle Ogle and Janie Tripp
 - 2020 NAILE Open show positives
 - More use of electronic means to send out previews of Program and show information one week in advance of show
 - Handout for exhibitors at arrival for stalling with check-in procedures and how DNA collection of Grands would be handled.

- Taking pictures of both programs and link to shows posed on BGS Facebook page for each show
 - Junior show accepted as premium show under NAILE but kept on previous show schedule
 - Check-in procedure change with Pre-check of registrations online and then processed by farm
- 2020 NAILE show negatives
 - Issues at check-in due to change of arrival time from previously given time.
 - Problem with area not being cleaned before arrival
 - Issue with steer that had a DOB correction made after having shown previously in 2019.
 - Poor sportsmanship issues and disrespect toward other exhibitors and show management.
- Conduct Issue
 - Discussion was had about the actions of a junior member during the open show hat can be seen on the livestream video of the event. Our rules state, "23" Interference with or disrespect shown to the judge by any exhibitor during the performance of the Judge's duties shall be deemed grounds for immediate disqualification. "24" Exhibitors must obey all rules of the Belted Galloway Society, Inc. and the North American Livestock Exposition or be disqualified. Failure of exhibitors to follow the rules and release time shall not be allowed back the next year. Rule #7 in the NAILE book under National Code of Show Ring Ethics – Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
 - The committee feels that these types of actions need to be addressed and not overlooked or we invite more of this type of behavior in the future. It was discussed that this issue needs to be addressed by Council
- Class Order
 - Discussion was had regarding moving the Cow with Calf classes and Division to the beginning of the Show order. It was discussed that some have the Cow/calf classes and steer classes first to give exhibitors more time to get the heifers ready for the ring. It was the feeling of the committee to not recommend any changes to the current class order.
- Rule recommendation for Council
 - Put in a rule that states "Once an animal has been exhibited for show or sale, there can be no changes made to the DOB of that animal and it must continue to be exhibited under the original DOB."
- Newsletter article suggestion
 - On the do's and don'ts for exhibitors at an event. Good sportsmanship should be emphasized
 - Article covering the points system and how it works and how to properly turn in results to the Executive Director so as to help facilitate the collection and tabulation of the points.

- **MOTION** – by Jon Bednarski, 2nd Jack Bagley that the show committee report be accepted. **Unanimous**
- **MOTION** – by Jack Bagley, 2nd by Jon Bednarski that the junior identified as giving an inappropriate gesture while in the make up ring at the NAILE show be issued a one year suspension for that show. Roll call vote:
 - Motion passed 5-3 (names and roll call vote information regarding personnel data deleted).
 - A letter will be sent by Council, drafted by show committee chairman Michelle Ogle, after approval and will sent by Executive Director Vic Eggleston.
- Old business – none
- New business
 - Date and location of 2021 Spring Council meeting
 - Fryeburg as proposed for 2020, depending on the COVID pandemic.
 - Date and location for the 2021 Fall Council meeting
 - Louisville during the NAILE show and World Galloway Conference depending on the COVID pandemic.
 - CLRC discovered that it's online registration form did not allow for a signature of the owner of the service sire in situations where the sire was not owned by the breeder applying for registration. CLRC has indicated that that problem has been corrected.
- Election of Officers
 - The nominating committee recommended Jack Bagley for President for 2021. **MOTION** by Randy Hall, 2nd Dawson Masters. **Unanimous with Jack's abstaining.**
 - The nominating committee recommended Sheri Reilly for Vice President. **MOTION** – by Randy Hall, 2nd Jon Bednarski to nominate Paul Tarap. **MOTION** to close nominations by Randy Hall, 2nd by Jon Bednarski. **Unanimous.**
 - Roll call vote for vote for Vice President.
 - Sheri is elected Vice President 4-2 (names and roll call vote information regarding personnel data deleted)
- **Adjournment**
 - **MOTION** – by Jon Bednarski, 2nd by Jack Bagley that the meeting be adjourned. **Unanimous.** Meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm EST.

Respectively submitted by

Dustin James (taker of the minutes for this meeting)