

Board | Action | Highlights of Fall 2022 Board Meeting

The American Hereford Association (AHA) Board of Directors met Oct. 19-20, 2022, at the American Hereford Association headquarters, Kansas City, Mo. The board actions and updates are presented below.

Finance and audit

The American Hereford Association (AHA) Board of Directors unanimously approved the audit report presented by Marc Johnson, K-Coe Isom principal; and Ryan Dreher, K-Coe Isom senior manager. The financial summary presented showed that the AHA had total assets of \$18,896,553 with a net change in Net Assets of \$1,812,508.

The Board voted to have K-Coe Isom serve as the 2023 AHA audit firm.



Pictured (l to r) are: Bruce Everhart, retiring AHA president; Craig Beran, Andrew Matheny and Wyatt Agar, AHA vice president.

Certified Hereford Beef

The AHA Board voted unanimously to elect the following to serve on the Certified Hereford Beef® board of directors for fiscal year (FY) 2023:

Craig Bacon
Craig Beran
Joey Gerrard
Steve Merry
Russ Johnson
David Trowbridge
Lou Ellen Harr

Show and sale

The AHA Board of Directors voted unanimously to support the following potential judges for the 2023 Junior National Hereford Expo. The following names were submitted by the National Junior Hereford Association board of directors:

Brandon Callis
Craig Sand
Chan Phillips
Cory Thomsen
Blake Bloomberg
Blaine Rodgers

AHA rules and regulations

The AHA Board voted unanimously to accept AHA rule changes (see Page 15):

Election of officers

The Board elected the following officers for FY 2023:

President: Bill Goehring
Vice president: Wyatt Agar
Secretary: Jack Ward
Treasurer: Leslie Mathews

Hereford Legacy Fund

The Board appointed the following to serve on the Hereford Legacy Fund board of directors:

John Loewen
Bill King
Bruce Everhart
Kevin Schultz
Eric Walker

NCBA representation

The Board appointed Becky King-Spindle to serve as the NCBA representative.

AHA staff

The Board voted unanimously to accept changes to the AHA employee handbook. **HW**

2023 Committee and Board Appointments

Executive: Bill Goehring (chairman), Wyatt Agar, Whitey Hunt and Becky King-Spindle

Finance/Audit: Bob Schaffer (chairman), Wyatt Agar, Chad Breeding, Travis McConaughy and Austin Snedden

Breed Improvement: Wyatt Agar (chairman), Chad Breeding, Whitey Hunt, Travis McConaughy and Austin Snedden

Marketing/Communications: Becky King-Spindle (chairman), Jim Coley, Hampton Cornelius, Lou Ellen Harr and Bob Schaffer

Hereford Publications Inc.: Travis McConaughy (chairman), Jim Coley, Hampton Cornelius, Lou Ellen Harr and Whitey Hunt

Member Service: Whitey Hunt (chairman), Jim Coley, Hampton Cornelius, Jerome Ollerich and Bob Schaffer

Commercial Programs: Chad Breeding (chairman), Hampton Cornelius, Travis McConaughy, Jerome Ollerich and Austin Snedden

Hall of Fame/Merit: Jerome Ollerich (chairman), Jim Coley, Lou Ellen Harr, Bob Schaffer and Austin Snedden

Certified Hereford Beef LLC Board: Craig Bacon (chairman), Craig Beran, Joey Gerrard, Lou Ellen Harr, Russ Johnson, Dr. Steve Merry, David Trowbridge and Jack Ward (non-voting ex officio)

Hereford Legacy Fund Board: John Loewen (chairman), Bruce Everhart, Bill King, Kevin Schultz and Eric Walker

Junior Liaison: Becky King-Spindle **HW**

AHA Board Adopts Rules and Regulation Changes

The American Hereford Association unanimously approved these changes to the rules and regulations of the American Hereford Association, during AHA Board of Directors meeting Oct. 19-20, 2022. What follows is language of the official document.

Resolutions to be Adopted by the Board of Directors of American Hereford Association Rules and Regulations Changes, October 19, 2022

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors deems it to be in the best interests of the Association to amend the Rules and Regulations of the Association in the respects set forth below.

RESOLVED, that Rule 2 of Section III of the Association's Rules and Regulations shall be amended by deleting Rule 2 in its entirety and by inserting, in lieu thereof, the following:

Rule 2. ELIGIBILITY: Except as otherwise provided herein and subject to compliance with all applicable requirements contained in these Rules, the following animals are eligible for entry in the American Hereford Record:

- An animal born in the United States that is the progeny of parents, both of which are registered either in the American Hereford Record or in the herd book of another association that is a member of the World Hereford Council; or
- An animal born outside of the United States that, as of the date that application for entry is made into the American Hereford Record, is registered in the herd book of another association that is a member of the World Hereford Council.

Any member seeking to register an animal where such registration is based upon that animal or another animal being registered in the herd book of another association that is a member of the World Hereford Council shall furnish to AHA evidence of such foreign registration as AHA shall require. An animal may be deceased at the date that application for entry is made into the American Hereford Record. A member seeking to register an animal that is registered in the herd book of another association that is a member of the World Hereford Council is not required to be the owner or former owner of that animal.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Rule 19 of Section III of the Association's Rules and Regulations shall be amended by deleting Rule 19 in its entirety and by inserting, in lieu thereof, the following:

Rule 19. [omitted]

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the title and Rules 4 and 5 of Section IV of the Association's Rules and Regulations shall be amended by deleting the title and Rules 4 and 5 of Section IV in their entireties and by inserting, in lieu thereof, the following:

SECTION IV: OWNERSHIP AND TRANSFER OF REGISTRATIONS

Rule 4. COW WITH CALF AT SIDE: When a cow is transferred with a calf at side, the calf must first be registered in accordance with these rules (including Rule 5 of Section IV - FIRST OWNER AT REGISTRATION). Transfer of the registration of the calf shall then be separately recorded to the transferee in accordance with these rules. This is often referred to as a "transfer on entry." (See backside of registration application.)

Rule 5. FIRST OWNER AT REGISTRATION: The first owner, as reflected in the Association's records, upon the registration of an animal shall be as follows:

- for an animal that is neither an ET animal nor a clone animal, the first owner shall be the owner of the dam's registration at the time of birth of such animal; or
- for either an ET animal or a clone animal, the first owner shall be the applicant for registration of such animal.

Any transfer of the registration to a subsequent owner shall be separately recorded in accordance with these rules.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section V of the Association's Rules and Regulations be amended by deleting Section V in its entirety and by inserting, in lieu thereof, the following:

SECTION V: ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

Rule 1. DNA TESTING: Each bull used for artificial insemination (AI) breeding purposes, whether for non-owner breeding purposes or for in-herd breeding purposes, shall be DNA profiled as provided in Section VII and a record of such DNA profile shall be filed with the Association in order that any progeny sired by such bull through AI is eligible for registration.

Rule 2. AI BULL PERMITS: Any bull whose semen is used for AI purposes shall have an AI Bull Permit issued by the Association prior to the registration of any progeny from such bull. This requirement is applicable to bulls whose semen is used for in-herd AI purposes and to bulls whose semen is used for non-owner AI purposes. In order for a bull whose semen is used for non-owner AI purposes to receive an AI Bull Permit, the DNA profile for such bull shall include parent verification, and such bull shall be tested for all known genetic abnormalities.

Rule 3. IN-HERD AI USE AND NON-OWNER AI USE: A Non-Owner AI Certificate of Service is not required to register the resulting progeny when both the sire and dam are in the same recorded ownership. When the sire and dam are not in the same recorded ownership, compliance with either Option A or B below is required for registration of the resulting progeny:

Option A (Non-Certificate AI Sire Program):

- The bull siring such progeny may be a participant in the Non-Certificate AI Sire Program. This Program allows the owner of such bull to sell semen without the need for a Non-Owner AI Certificate. Progeny born on or after December 1, 2006, are eligible for registration under this Program.
- In order to be eligible for this Program, all of the recorded owners of such bull shall execute and deliver to the Association an enrollment form, in a form provided by the Association. In the event that such bull is owned by a syndicate, the designated representative of the syndicate shall execute and deliver to the Association such enrollment form.
- Once a bull is a participant in this Program, such bull shall not be eligible to participate in the procedure referred to

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in Option B below. The fee for a bull to participate in this Program shall be as established, from time to time, by the Association.

Option B (Traditional AI):

- The member registering such progeny shall obtain a Non-Owner AI Certificate from the owner of the AI Bull Permit for such bull for each progeny subject to registration. The Non-Owner AI Certificate shall be submitted to the Association at the same time as the application for registration of such progeny is submitted to the Association.
- The owner of the AI Bull Permit for such bull shall be obligated to supply a Non-Owner AI Certificate upon the request of the member registering such progeny. Such owner shall be entitled to purchase a Non-Owner AI Certificate from the Association for such fee as may be established, from time to time, by the Association.

Rule 4. DEATH OF BULL: Progeny sired by AI by a bull that is the subject of an AI Bull Permit shall be entitled to registration after the death of such bull upon the same terms and conditions as progeny sired by AI by such bull prior to the death of such bull.

Rule 5. LABELING OF SEMEN: Semen collected from a bull that is used for AI purposes shall be properly identified by the name and AI Bull Permit number for such bull. It shall be the responsibility of the owner of any bull whose semen is used for AI purposes to require the person or entity collecting such semen to properly label such semen. Progeny sired by semen that is not properly labeled shall not be eligible for registration.

Rule 6. LIMITATIONS:

- The Association may cancel the AI Bull Permit of any bull that has been satisfactorily documented as being a carrier of a gene that could produce a genetic defect in its progeny.
- The Association may restrict or limit the number of Non-Owner AI Certificates that may be issued for a particular bull if, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, the semen from such bull is being used so often as to cause material and irreparable damage to the breed's genetic base. The judgment of the Board of Directors shall be based on such evidence as the Board of Directors, in its reasonable judgment, deems appropriate.

Rule 7. NON-OWNER AI CERTIFICATE ALLOCATION FOR A MULTI-OWNER BULL OR FOR A BULL OWNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY A SYNDICATE: Only an owner or co-owner of a bull for whom a AI Bull Permit has been issued is entitled to obtain a Non-Owner AI Certificate. Certificates will be issued on request to any recorded owner or co-owner. Contractual agreements regarding certificate privileges among co-owners are the responsibility of those co-owners. The Association will not be responsible for compliance with any such agreement.

In the instance where a recorded owner of the bull is a syndicate, it is the responsibility of the syndicate's designated representative to handle the distribution of Non-Owner AI Certificates. Those individual members of the syndicate that are not otherwise reflected as one of the four recorded owners of record of such bull will be required to obtain Non-Owner AI

Certificates from a recorded owner in order to register progeny of such bull.

The Association will provide a service whereby a member of the Association can participate in a "Breeding Share Agreement" for bulls. When members participate in a "Breeding Share Agreement," they can be individually invoiced for Non-Owner AI Certificates when progeny are registered.

Rule 8. SEMEN DONATIONS TO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:

The Association will make Non-Owner AI Certificates available for use by colleges or universities when a breeder makes a donation of semen from a bull that is the subject of an AI Bull Permit. A Non-Owner AI Certificate will be issued to the college or university at no cost to the breeder. The following rules must be complied with:

The semen must be a donation to the college or university.

- The breeder must apply for the Non-Owner AI Certificates in the form of a letter to the Association indicating the institution to which the semen donation is made.
- The bull must qualify under the current rules for Non-Owner AI Certificates.
- The certificates and semen must be used by the institution that received the donation. Applications for registry from any other party will not be accepted.
- Upon approval by the Association, a Non-Owner AI Certificate will be issued directly to the college or university.

Rule 9. LIABILITY: The issuance of Non-Owner AI Certificates by the Association should in no way be construed as guaranteeing conception or that the resulting progeny shall be eligible for registration. There shall be no refunding of fees paid to the Association for a Non-Owner AI Certificate.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section VI of the Association's Rules and Regulations be amended by deleting Section VI in its entirety and by inserting, in lieu thereof, the following:

SECTION VI: REGISTRATION OF AN IMPORTED ANIMAL OR AN ANIMAL BORN FROM AN IMPORTED EMBRYO

Rule 1. REGISTRATION OF CALF IMPORTED IN DAM: If a dam was bred prior to importation and the record of service does not appear on the documentation provided to AHA with respect to such dam by another association that is a member of the World Hereford Council, the member seeking to register the resulting progeny shall provide to AHA from the owner of the sire on the date of service such information regarding such service as AHA shall require.

When the imported dam was bred prior to importation by AI from a bull not registered in the American Hereford Record, the member seeking to register the resulting progeny shall provide to AHA the DNA profile of such service sire from the official lab of the association that is a member of the World Hereford Council where such service sire is registered.

When, prior to the importation of a dam, such dam was bred by AI from a bull that is registered in the American Hereford Record and where no semen interest is owned by the breeder in the exporting country, the registration of the resulting progeny shall be subject to compliance with all of the requirements of Section V of the Rules.

Rule 2. REGISTRATION OF CALF IMPORTED AT SIDE:

Registration of a calf imported at side of its dam shall be subject to the same requirements for registration as an animal that is not born in the United States.

Rule 3. REGISTRATION OF AN ANIMAL Sired BY A SEMEN INTEREST IN A BULL DOMICILED IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY:

Where a member seeks to register an animal that was sired by AI with semen from a bull domiciled in a foreign country, the bull shall be registered in the American Hereford Record and shall be subject to the same requirements for the use of its semen as a bull that is domiciled in the United States; provided that DNA testing for such bull shall be provided by the official lab of the association that is a member of the World Hereford Council where such bull is registered.

Rule 4. REGISTRATION OF AN ANIMAL RESULTING FROM AN EMBRYO IMPORTED FROM A FOREIGN COUNTRY:

To register an animal resulting from ET with an embryo imported from a foreign country, the animal shall be subject to the same requirements for registration as an animal that is born in the United States by means of ET.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section VII of the Association's Rules and Regulations be amended by deleting Section VII in its entirety and by inserting, in lieu thereof, the following:

SECTION VII: DNA TESTING

Rule 1. DNA TESTING: Over a period of years a vast amount of technical information has become available, and DNA testing is now a useful tool for the Association's members.

Applying for the DNA profile of an animal requires a request to the Association for a DNA profile kit for each animal to be tested. The request must include the name and any registry number of the animal to be tested.

The kit will contain all the necessary instructions for securing a DNA sample and the shipping instructions to send the sample to the Association's designated laboratory.

Rule 2. REQUIRED DNA TESTING:

A. The Association may require that any animal that has been registered to be subjected to a DNA profile by the Association's designated laboratory.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors or the Board of Directors or the Executive Vice President may require that a DNA profile be made, by the Association's designated laboratory, of any animal that has been alleged to have been incorrectly registered or any animal for which tissue analysis is otherwise deemed advisable.

It shall be the duty of the owner of record of any animal in question and the owner of record of the purported sire and dam to afford the Association or its representatives reasonable opportunity to secure DNA samples from the animals involved in any investigation.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors is empowered to determine who shall pay the costs of any investigation, including laboratory fees incurred under the provisions of this rule.

B. Prior to the filing of an application for registration of any animal with respect to which a DNA profile is not on file with the Association, the Association may require the owner of said animal, at the owner's cost, to provide a DNA sample for such animal to the Association's designated laboratory and to authorize such designated laboratory to provide a DNA profile for such animal to the Association.

At any Hereford competition, the owner of any animal that wins such competition shall, promptly after the announcement that such animal has won such competition, permit the Association to secure a DNA sample from such animal and

authorize the Association to obtain a DNA profile of such animal from the Association's designated laboratory.

C. If at any time the Association is in possession of two (2) or more DNA profiles allegedly from the same animal that do not match including the winner in any Hereford competition, the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee may require the Executive Vice President to undertake such investigation as the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee deems appropriate, and upon the conclusion of such investigation, the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee may take such actions and impose such sanctions as it deems appropriate as provided in Article XI of the Bylaws, including without limitation the forfeiture of any prizes including any monetary awards or ribbons awarded to such animal at such competition, the suspension of the owner's membership, or the revocation of the owner's membership.

Any such investigation may include requiring any owner to permit the Association to secure another DNA sample from such animal and authorize the Association to obtain a DNA profile of such animal from the Association's designated laboratory.

Rule 3. REFUSAL: If the owner of record shall refuse reasonable opportunity to the Association or its designated agents to secure DNA samples as set forth in Rule 2 of this Section, the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee may take such actions and impose such sanctions as it deems appropriate as provided in Article XI of the Bylaws, including without limitation the suspension of the registration of the animal in question.

Rule 4. NON-REGISTERED ANIMALS: The Association may collect and maintain DNA profiles on animals other than registered animals. The Association may, from time to time, compare the DNA profiles of registered animals and the DNA profiles of animals with respect to which applications for registration have been submitted with the DNA profiles of non-registered animals. The Association may deny registration to, or revoke the registration of, any animal based on this comparison.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section VIII of the Association's Rules and Regulations be amended by deleting Section VIII in its entirety and by inserting, in lieu thereof, the following:

SECTION VIII: CLONING

Rule 1. REGISTRATION OF CLONES. Except as otherwise provided herein, and subject to compliance with all applicable requirements contained in these Rules, an animal that is produced through cloning may be registered. Registration shall be requested via a special application form provided by the Association and with payment of the regular registration fee, plus an additional clone registration fee as determined by the Association.

Rule 2: DONOR ANIMAL. The donor animal of the resulting clone animal must be a registered animal recorded in the American Hereford Record and must be DNA profiled as provided in Section VII with a record of such DNA profile filed with the Association. The DNA profile for such donor animal shall include parent verification, and such donor animal shall be tested for all known genetic abnormalities.

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Rule 3: BREEDER. The breeder identified on the registration certificate of the donor animal shall be identified as the breeder on the registration certificate of the resulting clone animal.

Rule 4. FIRST OWNER AT REGISTRATION. The first owner, as reflected in the Association's records, of the registration of the clone animal shall be determined in accordance with Rule 5 of Section IV.

Rule 5. DNA PROFILING. DNA profiling of the clone animal is required and the DNA profile of the clone animal must match the DNA profile of the donor animal to confirm that it is a clone. DNA profiling may also be required by the Association of the surrogate dam.

Rule 6. DEATH OF DONOR ANIMALS. Progeny that is produced through cloning after the death of the donor animal shall be eligible for registration upon the same terms and conditions as progeny produced through cloning prior to the death of said donor animal.

Rule 7. REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES. Any registration certificate issued for a resulting clone animal shall be designated by "CL" following the name of the animal. The name must be no longer than 30 spaces long including the CL designation. The registration number of the donor animal shall also be stated on the registration certificate of the resulting clone animal.

Rule 8. RIGHTS IN MATERIALS, ANIMALS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY. Nothing set forth herein or included on any registration certificates or other Association records should be construed as an indication that the Association takes any position as to the ownership or intellectual property rights of any party in and/or to genetic or other biological materials obtained from donor animals or resulting from cloning procedures. Any party transferring or otherwise disposing of, and any party purchasing or otherwise acquiring, genetic or other biological materials or animals, and any party otherwise involved in cloning activities, should take appropriate action (including due diligence) to ensure that all rights needed or desired in relation to such materials, animals and activities have been secured and that all actions in relation to such materials, animals and activities do not infringe or otherwise violate the rights of others.

Rule 9. BREEDING VALUES. Initial expected progeny differences (EPDs) generated from National Cattle Evaluation for a resulting clone animal shall be the same values as the donor animal. All data of future progeny from a resulting clone animal will be pooled with the donor progeny data for genetic evaluation.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section IX of the Association's Rules and Regulations be amended by deleting Section IX in its entirety and by inserting, in lieu thereof, the following:

SECTION IX: GENOME EDITING

Rule 1. RESTRICTIONS ON REGISTRATION. Except as otherwise provided herein, and subject to compliance with all applicable requirements contained in these Rules, an animal

that has an intentional genomic alteration (IGA) produced by genome editing may be registered subject to the following pre-approval and eligibility requirements:

- Prior to implementing the IGA in the animal, preliminary approval of the IGA shall be requested via a special IGA pre-approval application form provided by the Association and with payment of an IGA pre-approval request fee as determined by the Association. The member applying for pre-approval must provide documentation describing the IGA to be introduced and the expected functional difference that the IGA will create in the genome-edited animal. The Board of Directors in its sole discretion may grant or withhold pre-approval, taking into consideration the impact of introducing the IGA into the Hereford population, informed by scientific and industry standards and practices at the time the application for pre-approval is reviewed; and
- Eligibility for registration is restricted to those animals possessing an IGA that has been appropriately reviewed and approved by the applicable regulatory agency — currently the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Rule 2. REGISTRATION. Registration for a genome-edited animal shall be requested via a special application form provided by the Association and with payment of the regular registration fee, plus an additional IGA registration fee as determined by the Association.

Rule 3. DNA PROFILING AND CONFIRMATION OF EDIT. To be registered, the genome-edited animal must be DNA profiled as provided in Section VII and with a record of such DNA profile filed with the Association. The DNA profile for such genome-edited animal shall include parent verification. In addition, the genome-edited animal must be genome sequenced to confirm the intended edit has occurred. A record of such genome sequencing and confirmation shall be filed with the Association.

Rule 4. REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES. A registration certificate issued for a genome-edited animal shall be designated by "PB" (Precision Breeding) following the name of the animal. The name must be no longer than 30 spaces long including the PB designation.

Rule 5: RIGHTS IN MATERIALS, ANIMALS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY. Nothing set forth herein or included on any registration certificates or other Association records should be construed as an indication that the Association takes any position as to the ownership or intellectual property rights of any party in and to genetic or other biological materials used in or resulting from genome-editing activities. Any party transferring or otherwise disposing of, and any party purchasing or otherwise acquiring, genetic or other biological materials or animals, and any party otherwise involved in genome-editing activities, should take appropriate action (including due diligence) to ensure that all rights needed or desired in relation to such materials, animals and activities have been secured and that all actions in relation to such materials, animals and activities do not infringe or otherwise violate the rights of others.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association's Rules and Regulations be restated to conform to the amendments set forth herein. **HW**