

# American Kerry Cattle Society

Minutes of the meeting of 11/13/10

**Attending:** Shannon Nichols, Claire Nichols, Shaun Lord, Dana Wakefield, Sarah Bowley, Nick Bowley, Dave Adams, and Edmund Brown

**Observing:** Mark Muir and Dave Kendall

**12:45** Review minutes of 2007 meeting including

Discussion of genotyping and the rationale for pursuing this with the Kerry breed. Genotyping currently being done with Texas A & M at \$25.00 per sample. Discussion of DNA data ownership. Suggestion that bylaws clearly state genetic data is the property of the breed association, not individual breeders.

Population plan and breeding program mentioned as necessary to preserve what diversity remains in Kerry gene pool. Need to include UK and Ireland.

Registration – currently still with CLRC which has variable cost and variable turn-around time on papers. Carleton Roy Lee formed his own corporation but will not stand behind the pedigree of his stock. Recommendation made that no business be done with him and the best course of action is to simply ignore his machinations.

ID of semen and health testing review. Leukosis identified in the population, multiple tests recommended if a single sample reports back as positive.

Importation of semen from Ireland currently held up by Blue-Tongue USDA requirements. Perhaps some semen may be imported in 2011.

Flushing at SVF – quality is variable. Kerry cows have only been dealt with a few at a time. With some tweaking of protocol and more animals the quality may improve. Estimate of 60 or 70 embryos in storage at this time.

Committees formed in 2007 – Marketing, Semen Importation, Pedigree, Fundraising

Minutes Approved

**1:25** Status of incorporation of AKCS – 501c3 or 501c Other. Probably to be 501c Other. In order to complete incorporation a budget must be formed.

**1:32** Recommendation that birth notifications be made to the Society Secretary. Registration to be done online with the Red and White Association. Members present approved this method of registration.

**1:41** Extensive review of, and some revision of proposed Constitution and Bylaws. (see hard copy Shannon Nichols made revisions on).

Recommendation that Robert's Rules of order be followed at meetings and board of AKCS either receive training in it or appoint a parliamentary officer with knowledge of rules to keep group on task. Language for Parliamentary officer to be added to Constitution

Question of which officer is to hold corporate seal – President? Secretary?

**2:04** Project Committees Formed

1. Marketing – plan, newsletter, website and Facebook presence. Newsletter to be twice yearly in electronic form. Extra fee needed to print if desired. Dana Wakefield, Shannon Nichols, Shaun Lord.
2. Genetics – Semen importation, health/biosecurity. Patti Adams, Sarah Bowley, Shannon Nichols. Advisors – Phil Sponenberg and Dave Kendall
3. Nominating –p rep for elections. Ballots to be collected by a designee of the committee then passed on to the secretary for recording and storage. Dave Adams, Edmund Brown
4. Youth – explore how to engage young people with Kerry Cattle. Shaun Lord
5. Registration – Pedigree layout design, interface with Red and White. Dana Wakefield, Shannon Nichols, Red and White.

2:27 Need for AKCS to set up its own bank account. Need for full accounting of funds held for AKCS by the ALBC.

Meeting adjourned.