

Council Meeting Minutes  
February 4, 2025 8:00pm EST  
Zoom

Call to Order - Called to order at 8:09 pm EST

Welcome and Introductions new Council Members - New council members Erin Seal and Karla Denton were introduced.

Roll Call: Present: Victoria Voisine, Terry Etheridge, Marisa Craig, Don Henderson, Kim Lohmann, Sheri Riley, Erin Seal, Karla Denton, Corinna Caron Absent: Dana Jacobsen

Minutes November 7, 2024 motion by Terry E and second by Sheri R

President Voisine took this time to remind Council that one of her goals as President is to bring positivity to the breed and to help in doing so to please be mindful of social media posts or partaking in social media conversations that can bring the BGS in a negative light. Please reach out to Victoria or Corinna if there is anything needing to be address

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee - this committee has not met yet

Long Range Planning Committee - this committee has met and will be taking on updating the Breeder's Manual

Advertising & Promotion - Don presented a summary from their meeting with goals being to increase advertising in The Focus and start work on a 2026 Sire Directory. They will be meeting again in a month.

Finance Committee - this committee will be meeting next week.

Show Committee - this committee had 2 meetings since last Council meeting. Discussion of year end, NAILE show and went over group classes all discussed at meetings. Unanimous decisions to keep point rules they way they are presented.

## Ad Hoc Committees:

Annual Meeting Committee Terry E has reached out to Robbie at Aldermere Farm - discussion about dates was had. This committee will continue to work out details.

Junior Council Report: Corinna reported that the dates, location and logo have been finalized. Junior Council had 2 members term out, Ashton Caron and Elizabeth Eaton. Applications were accepted and 2 new members were voted in by Junior Council; Paycience Boudreau and Abigail Caron. Corinna noted that she is Excited about the potential of this group and the things they can accomplish.

## Old Business:

IRS Notice - Corinna heard back from the accountant in November and received a letter last week from the IRS stating that they had received a letter from the accountant and it would take 60 days to get a response from that letter.

Digital Beef - We have over 80 members signed up so far for the informational Zoom meeting on Thursday. We are moving quickly now in the testing phase and hoping to be "open" to member online transactions by February 17. Corinna presented the Council with 5 items that needed decisions in order to move forward with the DB transition:

1. We will follow the procedure that ACA has in place for registration papers upon transfers: return via mail, or fax or email with the words void shown on them.
2. Payments. - we will have email reminders sent every 15 days with a cancellation or deletion of the work order after 45 days.
3. We will not be able to see other members herds
4. We will allow the transfer to non-members so long as they are called to confirm they do not want to be a members, are sent a membership application along with the reg paper and in that phone call reminded they have 60 days from transfer date to change their mind before the discount price of \$40 goes back to \$80.
5. Commercial animals - they will be recorded with a C prefix and randomly assigned numbers. Charges will be free till July 1 2025, \$10 after July 1 and \$20 after Jan 1, 2026. Foundation animals will be \$20 right from the get go and we are in agreement to add that option and it only be entered by registrar staff.

## New Business:

Council Meetings - Next meeting is March 4th at 8:30 pm. Please let Victoria know if there is anything you would like to see on the agenda. The primary focus will be Digital Beef and 2024 year end numbers. Our tentative date for the Spring Council meeting will be April 22 at 8 pm via Zoom.

NEGG National Sale Funding Request: - this is a \$500 increase from last year. Motion to table this request till March meeting by Kim L seconded by Terry E. All in favor.

Terminology - Digital Beef is showing 3 classifications of Belted Galloways; fullblood, purebred and percentage - this language is NOT in the Breeder's Manual currently. Council discussed the need to continue education on this terminology and the consensus to use this terminology moving forward. Corinna will discuss this classification at the Zoom meeting.

Other - Victoria let Council know about 2 concerns brought to her by members. She reminded Council members about the grievance process as written in our by-laws.

Adjourn - Motion to adjourn at 10:04 PM EST by Terry E seconded by Sheri R - all in favor