

# **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NPGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA JANUARY 19-20, 2008**

## **Officers for 2008**

President Mark Adkins, Vice Pres Maggie Leman, Secretary Michelle Fonda, Treasurer Joyce Hubbard

## **Linear Appraisal**

The linear trait list with assigned points, the appraisal scorecard and appraiser qualifications have been completed. An LA committee meeting with Allen Bitter (ADGA Linear Appraisal expert) has been scheduled for August 2008. The LA ad-hoc committee has been instructed by the Board to finish its work and have its final report to the Board no later than 12/1/08. The Board will then decide if the program proceeds to implementation. Since a majority of the Board supports LA, implementation is likely.

## **Publications Committee & Webmaster**

Linda Henwood reappointed chair of the committee. There were no applicants for Webmaster; advertising for the position will continue.

## **NPGA Show Coordinator**

At Coordinator Aaron Esterline's suggestion, this job will be split in half - Show Sanction Coordinator and Show Results Coordinator. Aaron to assist with rewriting both job descriptions. There was no appetite to pursue the proposal to add an Alternate Show Coordinator.

## **Optional Jr Doe and Sr Doe Separate Sanctions**

The proposal to offer separately sanctioned Jr Doe and Sr Doe shows (each with its own GCH and RGCH) was approved by the Board 12-3 (Hoyt, Fonda & Hubbard voted no). This option will be effective 4/1/08. Rule changes were made, but the Application for Sanction and Report of Awards forms are not yet ready.

## **Performance Evaluation Program**

A proposed Performance Evaluation Program, required by existing rules but never enforced, was approved by the Board. Chairs, Coordinators, and Department Heads will be evaluated annually on/about June 1. Forms and instructions are ready for implementation.

## **Online Herdbook Fees**

NPGA members may now subscribe to the online herdbook system for a consistent \$20/year. The former initial year's fee of \$50 was reduced to \$20.

## **Copyright Policy Established**

The Board approved a written policy on copyrights. Use of the NPGA logo by any person or organization for an unofficial NPGA purpose is not permitted for any reason. Written permission from the NPGA Publications Committee chair is needed to reprint or copy any article or section of an article from the NPGA website or any NPGA publication. This new policy will be disseminated via MEMO and NPGA's website.

### **Provisional Judges**

The proposal to eliminate provisional judges was not approved. A straw poll of the Directors revealed 9 or 10 in favor of keeping the program.

### **Written Policy & Procedures - All NPGA Officials**

All NPGA officials will be directed to prepare a policy and procedure document including sample forms used. This requirement will be made a part of all affected job descriptions.

### **Close Herdbook**

There was no appetite on the Board to close the herdbook, which would stop progeny testing.

### **Charge for New Registration Certificates with +**

The \$3 charge to get new Registration Certificates with the productivity + was eliminated. The \$3 fee for a Certificate of Productivity remains in effect.

### **Special Judges Exams**

The Rules and Regulations provisions governing special JEs was deleted by a 10-5 vote of the Board (Gredin, Hoyt, Hubbard, Murray and Rogers voted no). There are now no rules in place setting forth who may host a JE, that a contract between the host and NPGA is required, or that the host may/may not require a contribution from judge applicants to fund the special JE. Now the JTC chair simply requests approval for a special JE from the Board with no Board-approved parameters required to be followed.

### **Master Champions**

The proposal to conduct an optional Master Champion class at sanctioned shows was approved by a 10-5 vote of the Board (Culp, Gredin, Hepner, Murray and Steppenbacker voted no). This class would consist of the GCH of the day competing against all entered PGCHs. If a PGCH wins, that PGCH would receive "one leg" toward Master Champion status; if the GCH of the day wins, no such leg is awarded. The Master Champion title would require 3 legs for does, and 4 legs for bucks. Master Champions could no longer compete in this event. This proposal was approved in concept only; no proposed rule changes were submitted for consideration by the Board.

### **\$2000 to Convention Hosts**

This proposal was not approved by the Board. The standard NPGA contract used for convention hosts will be amended to permit "seed money" loans which must be paid back after convention.

### **National Champion Challenge Procedures**

The only change to the rules approved by the Board will provide that the NPGA President will appoint two non-judges to compile and tabulate the judges placings. If the President is not a judge, he may appoint himself/herself as one of the two compilers/tabulators. The effective result of this change is that two people will count the submitted scores instead of one.