

## **Bull Development Committee Meeting Minutes | April 25, 2019**

On Thursday, April 25 the United Braford Breeders Bull Development Committee met at Graham Land and Cattle in Gonzales, Texas at 4 p.m.

Committee members in attendance: Rodney Roberson, Scott Harrington, Ryan Danos, Bryan Alleman, Larry Stanberry  
Additional attendees: Hannah Wine, David Owen

The committee unanimously elected to move the Bull and Heifer Development Program commitment forms to an online system and upping the initial commitment fee for bulls and the heifer commitment fees to \$60/head. (Noting that the secondary portion of commitment fees will remain at \$100/head)

The committee moved to more closely monitor the requirement that bulls be properly dehorned at delivery, noting that bulls that are not properly dehorned will be done so by a veterinarian at the cost to the consignor; note that no horned bulls will be sold at the sale.

Scott Harrington volunteered to be the sale facility coordinators to coordinate penning, working with sale barn, etc.; Rodney Roberson volunteered to co-coordinate for the Crockett sale.

The entire committee would like to review proofs of ads and catalogs. The group understands that timeliness of reply is critical.

The committee elected to paint brand the sale cattle when they come off the truck at the sale facility to make the sale cattle more easily identifiable in the pens.

The committee elected to give April and May born bulls for the 2019 sale have the option of holding to the Spring 2020 sale and adjusting the age parameters for all future sales to require that April and May calves go to the spring sale. Additionally, beginning with the current group currently on feed at Graham, March calves have the option to go to the spring or the fall sale just as the December calves do.

The committee determined that heifers must be a year old on sale day (noting this particularly pertains to the open heifers sold in the spring sale) and that all the heifers in the heifer development program will be ultrasounded. The heifer commitment fee will be upped to \$60/head (from \$50/head) to account for the cost of ultrasound.

Rodney Roberson proposed selling some of his pairs and females and in the Fall 2019 Sale, the committee agreed to do so.