

Breed Improvement Committee Meeting 8/23/2022 6:30 PM CST

Attendees: Dr. Jim Harvey, Mike Adams, Bill Rainer, Vince Deshotel, Hannah Wine, Rhea Shields

Past agenda items (review & approve): (Angus as denoted are both Red & Black Angus registered cattle)

Registration of Braford/Braford Plus cross. Discussed & confirmed/agreed by all participants (present at the Sept. 6 Board Meeting): Official note to the Board to implement the original approved registration of Braford x Braford Plus mating's to allow 1/4 Angus & 1/8 Angus to be registered as well, they would stay Braford Plus with no opportunity at this time to "grade-up" to a Braford, second piece was they could not ever be more than 50% Angus/Red Angus. We would also recommend the Board allow those individuals that have these cross cattle already to register at a flat rate to get them in the system. *If warranted or needed – we did take a vote (although it was discussed it was not needed to do so)

F1 Braford calves out of registered Angus or Red Angus. Full agreement – Motion & second followed by unanimous approval of the committee. Return to the original structure of Braford Plus – all Braford (3/8 x 5/8) and F1 Braford cattle mated to registered Angus or Red Angus would be called/registered as Braford Plus, same paper. We agreed the inclusion of F1 allows for further growth of these animals with added hybrid vigor and outcrossing while increasing the potential marketable of this cross.

Actions Items for this call:

Braford Plus – Grading back up to Braford?

General consensus was to table this discussion and any potential recommendations at this point. Primarily this couldn't or shouldn't happen without the implementation of the previous 2 items to be completed above.

Conversation pieces included:

Confirmation of cattle being back Red before allowing,

How does this fit for the breed integrity, does it open the door for other crosses?

Braford cattle only to grade up following the initial Plus mating,

multi-generation (4) grade up would align with the current program of using a Hereford,

Angus would allow for improved carcass function and keep the maternal traits we are known for.

Bull Program/Sale

Agreed it is a piece to discuss and does have some merit for our committee to assist and with some committee member overlap – we decided to invite the Bull Development Chairman (Jake Dixon) onto our next call on the 13th of September to openly discuss criteria and what would be offered. Rhea will visit with Matt @ Branch Ranch on development options they have for a starting place.

Registration of other crossbred cattle

Not at this time – or ever – unless asked to by the Board or Directors or for any reason of monetary concern, all felt this would not align with the functionality of our breed to produce cattle that fit the current focus.

Other items –

As it had been mentioned, we briefly touched on outside registering cattle from mating other than those of Brahman x Hereford cross or current Braford Plus. It was agreed that this doesn't fit currently, motion to revisit later if warranted Vince, 2nd Hannah, approved

Motion to Adjourn – Bill, meeting ended at 7:16 PM