



North American Corriente Association

2014 Board Meeting
Dec 15 , 2014 7pm MT

President Ricky Mara called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm MT.
Board Members present: Ricky Mara, Dave Kalasinsky, Douglas Dale, Dale Nauman, and Russell Drury. Ellen Hamilton (Secretary) was also present.

Memberships for 2014 so far

- 139 active members
- 17 associate
- 15 junior members
- 331 life members
- 42 new memberships for 2014
- Total members: 502

2013: 139 active members, 10 associate members, 19 junior, 335 life members
Total: 503

2012: 103 active members, 8 associate members, 13 junior, 333 life members
Total: 457

2014 Registrations: (1/1/14 – 12/31/14)

Under 12 months: 596
Under 18 months: 137
Under 24 months: 53
Over 24 months: 21
TOTAL Reg so far = 807
Transfers: 440
VI: 1

2013 Registrations Statistics: (1/13-12/13)

Under 12 months: 447
Under 24 months: 180
Over 24 months: 19
TOTAL for year = 646
Transfers: 375

New Business:

1. VI Program

Motion made by Dave K and passed: To lower the visual inspection fee for cows over the age of 2 effective immediately thru Dec 31, 2015 from \$100 to \$60.

2. Percentage Registry Discussion:

Comments in support of the percentage registry: low numbers for breeding stock, increase gene pool and high prices for stock. It was suggested that a percentage registry would increase herd book entries by involving those currently attempting to become breeders that can't find registered stock. VI appears to be a good solution for existing breeders while the percentage registry is helpful to new breeders. If this idea is advanced further, then it was suggested that it copy the program from the past except that a one-time inspection of unregistered females via photo submissions, should be considered prior to allowing progeny to be accepted in the registry. The fee schedule would need to be reviewed, but it was suggested it should be the same as the full blood registry

Cons emailed: Genetic concerns were addressed many times. e.g.

- NACA is supposed to be preserving the breed, creating a legitimate association representing a true and consistent type of cattle.
- Many people are using beef bulls on their Corriente cows to capitalize on the high prices in the beef industry. It took the efforts of a lot of members over many years to breed those genetics out of our herds.
- Our mission is to preserve the Corriente breed, are we really at the point that the numbers of pureblood Corriente are so low that we need to start over?

Motion by Dale seconded by Douglas and passed to send a member survey out via mail, email and the Wrangler asking the following of members and nonmembers alike:

Question from Board:

Due to the overwhelming demand, and lack of supply of Corriente,

Are you in favor of a percentage registry program being reinstated with the NACA?

ACTION: Ricky write short letter from the President

3. **Wrangler articles:** Douglas Dale will have ECA article and pictures in by Jan15th; Russell will have article in by Feb 15th on branding; Dale will handle article due by March 15th; Russell will handle April 15th article;
4. **Next Face to Face Board/Advisory Board Meeting:** Suggest the next face to face meeting be set for mid to late March 2015, Monument Colorado
 - a. (eg) 19-21 March, 26-28 March or April 2-4
 - b. **ACTION:** Everyone check their calendars and submit their preferred date!
5. **Next National Show 4 – 7th November, Meridian MS**

Next Board Meeting: Monday, January 26th at 7pm

Adjourned: 8:30pm