



**Jersey Cattle Society of the UK, Board of Directors
Telephone Conference Call Meeting - Wednesday 8th March 2017 at 11:45am**

Precis of the Minutes

Present: Steven Bland (SB), Mark Logan (ML), John Whitby (JW), Helen Cox (HC), Mark Davis (MD), Emma Horn (EH) and Richard Hemmings LLM Solicitor (RH)

Apologies: John Dickinson. Mark Davis was delayed in joining the call but later participated.

The Board reviewed the situation regarding the eligibility of the Faria Brothers Walter White bull and its progeny for pedigree Jersey status.

Independent expert advice sought by the Society established that the bull was eligible for registration with pedigree status in 2015 and that the registration then was valid. However, since then the format in which pedigree data is expressed has changed. If that bull was being evaluated for pedigree status now it would not fulfil the criteria of the current format.

Following consideration, the Board decided that retrospective cancellation of the pedigree registration would be inappropriate and unjustified, and that no active initiatives are required in respect of the pedigree registration of either Faria Brothers Walter White or his progeny. Both current and future daughters and male calves are eligible legitimately for pedigree registration in the Herd Book

The Board noted that technological developments in genomic testing for grading stock for purposes such as checking parentage and the percentage present of other breeds, is likely to create future challenges to be solved collectively by the Industry, the Society and the Organisations offering for sale straws of semen which their brochures classify as pedigree Jersey.

The Board also considered the proper registration of the progeny of Volcano Harris in respect of whom there has been a database anomaly at HUK. The Society never approved and registered Volcano Harris. The anomaly has been resolved and should not be repeated. The Meeting's consensus was that the calves would have to be registered as ASR's.

Commercial Focus

Affinity Agreements: The Board continues to progress new agreements with potential affinity partners.

NBDC (Forum Users) Meeting - 28th March 2017

The Society has been invited to attend the meeting of NBDC on 28th March 2017.

Genomics: The Board continues to work towards looking how to build a UK Jersey genomic base and to be able to provide service offering to members which would include the pedigree registration, DNA and genomic testing all as one package, of which the genomics information will support members in achieving

more informed breeding decisions.

Board of Directors Conference Call ended at 12:54pm