

Montana Hereford Association
Board of Directors
Minutes
August 12, 2006

President Ken Jackson called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, August 12, 2006 at the NILE office during the Montana Fair in Billings. Present were President Ken Jackson, Byron Bayers, Stacie Buzanowski, Jay-De Eggen, Della Ehlke and Secretary Lorrie Wacker. Mark Ehlke and Shannon Jackson were guests.

Stacie made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as sent out. Della seconded. Motion carried.

The financial report is attached. We are still waiting for one directory ad to be paid. Della and Lorrie will work on setting the budget up on a spreadsheet to see where we stand for next year's budget.

The insurance company has been informed of the change of address. Della commented this insurance policy is a broad policy, so it is a very good policy for us to have.

Old Business:

Byron Bayers updated us on the tour. He will be advertising in Hereford America, Hereford World and the Western Livestock Reporter.

Dale Sands will talk on the bus about the largest irrigation system in the United States. He also has another guy from the area to explain the area. John Holden will also be on the bus to talk about the grain country.

There will be a sack lunch the first day and then a barbecue at Jack Holden's before we head back to Great Falls. On Tuesday there will be a morning sack lunch, lunch at Cooper's and a steak barbecue at Ehlke's.

Lorrie will help with registration in Great Falls. Byron would like all the directors to be on the tour.

Lorrie will mail out a Tour flyer to the whole MHA mailing list around the first of September. Stacie Buzanowski suggested mailing flyers to Hawkeye West, Origen, etc. She will get a list to Lorrie of whom all to send to.

Hereford America has their web site set up so people can register for the tour on-line. It was also suggested to link the MHA website to the Hereford America tour registration.

Della Ehlke asked about moving Cooper's to be the first stop on the second day to split the meals up a little bit. Byron will see if he can make it work.

Stacie will help Byron with getting sponsorship for the tour.

Discussion was held on the Convention in November. The board decided the convention would be Saturday, November 18, at the Eagle's in Miles City. Stacie and Cody will work out the details. Stacie suggested having a livestock judging clinic for the Juniors. Byron thought we should use Fort Keogh, maybe Tom Keiry (sp?) could be a guest speaker. Rob Fraser may be able to help us with entertainment. Justin Mills was also brought up. The board would still like to have an ET panel discussion and they also talked about a speaker on source verified. Jay-De Eggen will find out about getting a speaker on source verified/animal ID.

Jay-De, Byron and Ken are on the awards and nominations committee. Ace Diemert, Matt Beery and Dale Sands names were all brought up as ideas for directors.

Ken Jackson reported Ace Deimert will take care of the MHA website for us and maintain and not charge us anything. He is also going to give the MHA 1/3 of what he makes on custom web sites. Western Livestock Reporter will share their photos with us, if Ace wants to use them for the website. Ace will also download forms set up for the NILE and the tour on the MHA website.

Stacie reported on the Hereford Show and Sale during the NILE. The Pen show is Wednesday October 18, the Junior and Open Show is Thursday the 19th, and the Sale is Friday the 20th at 10:30 a.m. The expenses are divided up equally and last year it cost approximately \$350.00 per sale lot. The MHA keeps 1% and the NILE keeps 2%. The NILE will give us one donation of sponsorship.

Jay-De reported on his visit with Mike O’Kragley. Currently he is buying calves for the Hereford program. Ideally, everyone would wean their calves, put them in a feedlot for 60 days, group them and then call buyers and tell them what we have to offer. He also said there are premiums to be offered. If we put together direct loads, he will come and look at them.

Byron reported Ridgefield has changed and they are only slaughtering cattle, not buying. He commented we need to find out who is buying and get the information to our breeders.

Lorrie will call Mary Ellen at the AHA office and find out who our delegates for Kansas City are and how many spots we have left to fill. She will let Ken know and he will let everyone else know how many more we need. Arvid Eggen, Eddy Beery, Terry Powlesland and Fred McMurry were all suggested as delegates. Byron feels this issue needs to be addressed at the annual meeting, so it is set up ahead of time, as to who our delegates are going to be for future years.

New Business:

Discussion was held about Fred McMurry moving. The by-laws state that a board member can not miss more than 3 consecutive meetings. The board decided to wait until the annual meeting and see what Fred’s plans are.

Ken suggested getting wind jackets or shirts for the directors to wear to events and on the tour. He will get a couple of price options.

Stacie asked about having a silent auction at the tour. If anybody has any items to bring, please bring them to Great Falls.

A map of Montana Hereford breeders and a throw with Montana Hereford breeders brands on it were suggested for fundraisers for the annual meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 19 during the NILE in Billings.

Stacie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jay-De seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorrie Wacker

President

Ken Jackson