

Montana Hereford Association  
Board of Directors  
Minutes  
October 18, 2007

President Cory Dutton called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at the NILE Office in Billings, MT during the NILE. Directors present were President Cory Dutton, Matt Beery, Ace Diemert, Della Ehlke, Jerry Geregthy, Ken Jackson, and Tom Sparks. Mark Ehlke, Dennis Barker, Richard Sidwell, and Secretary Lorrie Wacker were also present. Directors Jay-De Eggen and Dale Sands were unable to attend.

Della made a motion to accept the minutes as they were sent out. Ken seconded. Motion carried.

The financial report was passed around (attached). Tom made a motion to accept the financial report as it was presented. Jerry seconded. Motion carried.

Cory reported he had O.K.'ed for the board to sponsor an \$80.00 award for the NILE Hereford Show. He was also asked if the board would pay for all the awards and send bills to the sponsors. Della questioned if the NILE Hereford Show was the MHA board's responsibility. Della made a motion that the MHA pay for the awards for the NILE show and Lorrie will send the bills to the sponsors. Ken seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held on the NILE Show being the MHA board's responsibility. Della made a motion to table the NILE Show discussion until after the new board is elected. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

Carolyn Becker and Justin Wacker representing the MJHA board reported on a project the Juniors are working on. With the \$30,000 the Juniors have, they are considering a project where the Junior will get \$1,000 to go outside of their family operation and purchase a Hereford heifer from another Montana Hereford breeder, then they would have a contest amongst themselves with their heifers and then possibly bring them back as a cow/calf pair. They would like the MHA board to discuss this with other breeders and try to get Hereford breeders involved. They are just at the brainstorming stages of this project and any ideas or suggestions we have they are more than happy to hear.

Lorrie read a letter from Andy Vukonich, Alpha Gamma Rho Faternity, inviting the MHA members to the Suits and Boots Ag Appreciation Banquet to be held during College of Ag Days in Bozeman, November 3. She also passed around an updated Animal BioScience letter for everyone to read over and an invitation to the join the Montana Stockgrowers Association Annual Convention and Trade Show.

Discussion was held about having a booth for \$400 at the Stockgrowers Convention December 13 - 15 or sponsoring a meal for \$1000. The board agreed to set up a booth. Ken reported Ben Brillhart has access to an AHA booth. It was agreed that the MHA Breeders map should be a part of the booth. A committee consisting of Della Ehlke, Chairman, Ace Diemert, Jerry

Gereghy, and Tom Sparks was set up to work on the booth. They will also send in the form to the Stockgrowers.

The booth was set up during the NILE.

Ace reported the Bull Spectacular in Taber, Alberta is October 27<sup>th</sup>. Ace, Ken and Tom will try to attend.

Della reported on the directory. She is working on getting prices from AHA Creative Services and Hereford America. In the past the directory costs around \$8300 and we usually bring in around \$14000. December 15 is the due date for directory ads, and the directory will be out by the end of January. Della recommended splitting up the mailing list amongst the directors to call for ads and then the ads will all be sent directly to Della. A directory committee of Della Ehlke, Chairman, Ace Diemert and Tom Sparks was set up to decide which printing service to use.

Lorrie will give a copy of the mailing list to all the directors so they can help with updating our newsletter mailing list.

Ace nominated Justin and Carmen Wichman for the Young Breeder Award. Della seconded. Motion carried. Ace will get a write up on them to read at convention when we give them their award. The board voted to give the Commercial Breeder Award to Dane Castleberry. Richard Sidwell will get a write up on the Castleberry's. The board agreed Della and Jerry will decide on who to give the Hereford Person of the Year award to. Della will order the awards.

Lorrie has sent press releases about the convention out to several newspapers. The Juniors will give their awards out after lunch, just before we have the election of directors.

Jerry will ask Ben Brillhart to give an AHA update at convention. The board also decided that all the directors will bring items for a Silent Auction.

A nominating committee for directors was set up consisting of Cory Dutton, Jay-De Eggen, and Ken Jackson.

Ace handed out MHA breeder maps to all the directors to take to sale barns. Tom made a motion to pay Printing Center USA \$426 to print the 100 colored breeder maps. Ken seconded. Motion carried.

A Junior had won 2 windbreaker jackets at their respective county fair and requested getting one nicer coat, instead of 2 windbreakers. The board agreed to leave it as is and give 2 windbreakers.

Ace will work on a new updated format for the membership form to present at the annual meeting.

Ken made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be in Bozeman at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 2 at the Best Western City Center Motel.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorrie Wacker  
Secretary

Cory Dutton  
President

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