

Montana Hereford Association
Board of Directors
Minutes
April 30, 2006

The Board of Directors met via conference call at 8:00 p.m., Sunday, April 30, 2006. On the call were, President Ken Jackson, Byron Bayers, Don Broesder, Stacie Buzanowski, Cory Dutton, and Secretary Lorrie Wacker. Cody Haber joined the call later.

Lorrie read the minutes of the previous meeting. No financial report was available. Stacie reported we just need to let Tom Spraggins, Treasurer, know when our meetings are, and he will e-mail us a financial report. Della Ehlke has volunteered to be on the financial committee.

Old Business:

Discussion was held on committees. Byron stated that the bylaws read that the secretary is automatically on the Finance Committee. The President also serves on all committees. Don agreed to be on the Tour Committee. Byron Bayers is the Chair, Ken Jackson, Della Ehlke, and Dale Sands are also on the Tour Committee. Jay-De Eggen and Cody Haber represent the East and Bernie & Stacie Buzanowski represent Billings. Cory agreed to be on whatever committee needs help.

Marc Hotchkiss joined the call to visit with the board about marketing Hereford calves. The South Dakota State Association is looking at including other states. They prefer cattle to go to Ridgefield, if they can make it work. They will let us know this summer when they get something put together.

Don questioned if they are looking for straight Herefords or baldies. Marc stated we want to promote Herefords as a good cross breeder and the best incentive is showing these cattle make money.

Don also asked about source verification. Marc just knows we are going to have to do it. They will eventually demand the tag.

Byron commented freight from Montana is an issue.

Marc will keep us abreast on the issue and hopefully we will get more money for cattle, get them bunched and carcass data on them. The South Dakota Association wants to get this going before fall. Ken suggested setting up a committee.

Byron suggested finding out where these cattle are and important to find the commercial cattlemen using Herefords to make up loads. He also suggested getting people to truck cattle to one location (shipping point) to gather loads. Byron agreed to work on this committee. Dale Gunderson will also be on the committee.

Byron reported the MHA directory was not printed in Montana due to the mailing availability. Stacie expressed her frustration with the AHA ad, and the Hereford World ads didn't get

proofed. Byron suggested getting started earlier next year and have it printed and mail it ourselves. Lorrie will continue to work on a mass mailing.

Ace Deimert is interested in maintaining the MHA website. He has also suggested doing custom websites as a fundraiser for the Association. Ken will invite Ace to our meeting. His website is www.ngrbulls.com.

Stacie made a motion that our next meeting be June 10 at the Jr. Beef Expo in Lewistown, immediately following the Jr. Hereford Show on Saturday, June 10. Don seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held about convention. A date needs to be lockrd down, the first part of November seemed to work well for everyone. Discussion was held about having a live animal display. Stacie suggested some topics on Source Verify, National ID, Fort Keogh projects, etc. Don suggested have more topics the registered people are interested in like vaccinations, health, genetics, AI, etc. Byron suggested having a 4 person panel of Hereford breeders talk on embryo transplant, economically, results, etc. It was also suggested to have someone from the association and a technician there to field those questions, along with the 4 Hereford breeders on the panel. Lance Pankratz was suggested as a panel member. We want the members on the panel to be honest about everything. The convention committee will work with the board's suggestions.

The board decided to have a 2-day tour. Byron will send everyone a map of tour stops and he will meet with the bus company for the cost of the buses. He is hoping to have the costs for the tour at the Jr. Beef Expo. Great Falls will be the tour headquarters.

New Business:

Amber Thomas requested financial help from the board to go to Australia on a agricultural abroad tour this May. She agreed to speak to the group and do a presentation upon return. Byron made a motion to give Amber \$200 for her Agricultural Tour to Australia with the understanding, that at later date, we anticipate a full report, at a convention, when it works for her. Stacie seconded. Motion carried.

Byron got an e-mail from Mike McNeil from Miles City, that he may need a letter of support from the MHA for the Hereford Hall of Merit award. Don made a motion that we send a letter of support for the nomination of Mike McNeil. Cory seconded. Motion carried. Byron will let Ken know if he gets the nomination and needs the letter of support.

Awards were discussed. Stacie thought the Awards budget was the same as last year. Lorrie received letters from Mountain Magic and several counties wanting to know if we were interested in sponsoring awards. Stacie reported if we have sponsored anything at Mountain Magic, it has been the Hereford show. Cory felt the awards should be left the way they have been done in the past.

Stacie reported \$1000 was budgeted for total awards. In the past \$500 has been spent on windbreakers. We will also need to purchase 3 plaques for the annual meeting. Byron made a

motion to give \$250 to the Jr. Beef Expo for the Hereford Show. Don seconded. Motion carried.

Stacie will send a copy of the 2006 budget to the rest of the board.

Byron will have Della give a financial report on the directory at the next meeting.

Ken read a letter from Bill Headstrom, Kalispell on Brucellosis eradication. Byron feels we need to take action, but we need to support the control of these animals. Something needs to be done with management. Don stated we need to be careful about politics. Byron feels we need to address the issue and respond to it. Ken will find out from Bill what the specific issues are and then we will formulate something at the Lewistown meeting.

Don made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cory seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorrie Wacker

President

Ken Jackson