

Montana Hereford Association
Board of Directors
Minutes
October 19, 2006

Vice President Jay-De Eggen called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 19, 2006 at the Yellowstone Room during the NILE in Billings. Present were Vice President Jay-De Eggen, Byron Bayers, Stacie Buzanowski, Cory Dutton, Della Ehlke, Cody Haber and Secretary Lorrie Wacker.

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

Question was raised as to what the by-laws state regarding filling an unexpired term of a board member that has moved to a different state. Lorrie will find out and e-mail the board with what the by-law states.

The financial report is attached, along with a year to date spreadsheet. Della commented the board needs to try to spend closer to the budget next year. We are still waiting for one directory ad to be paid. It was also noted that the dues were down again this year. Lorrie will send out a membership form to members who did not join at the convention and try to get more paid members.

Old Business:

Byron Bayers updated us on the Hereford tour. He commented on a very successful tour and after expenses, the Montana Hereford Association got 50%. He gave the Association a check for \$1,000.01. A detailed account of the tour is also enclosed. The board thanked Byron for all the work he did for a very well organized tour. Lorrie shared the pictures she had from the tour.

Stacie Buzanowski reported she has booked the Eagle's in Miles City for Saturday, November 18, for the Hereford convention. She is planning a livestock judging clinic on Saturday morning for any juniors that want to participate. The board agreed that the convention format should be: Friday evening a board meeting, Saturday morning the annual meeting, CHB awards at an informal noon lunch (with cold cuts), then a program in the afternoon and social, supper and entertainment in the evening. The Eagles will cook the supper. Cody will ask Eddy Beery about supplying the Hereford beef. We figured to plan for around 35-40 for the noon lunch and 70-80 for the supper.

The board agreed the topics for the afternoon program will be Source Verified/Animal ID/National Animal ID; Bovigen on DNA testing; and Stacie will also ask someone from Fort Keogh to talk on Reproductive Synchronization. We would like to be done with the program around 4:00 p.m. with the social at 6:00 and supper at 6:30. Stacie will also call Heather Thomas about giving a presentation about her trip to Australia.

At the supper we will announce the Hereford Person, Young Breeder and Commercial Man Award winners. The board agreed to trying to get entertainment for \$500.00, but if we need to,

we can also offer to pay mileage, motel and a meal. Lorrie will see if she can book Jason DeShaw, The Country Way.

Stacie will also look into getting a block of rooms at the Guest House Inns or the Best Western because they both offer a hot breakfast and have swimming pools.

Discussion was held on Hereford Person, Young Breeder, and Commercial Man awards. Della agreed that she and Byron will work on the Hereford person and Jay-De will be responsible for the Young Breeder. The board agreed that the Nickels' family should be the Commercial Man. Della will have Mark or Jack get them to the convention and she will also order the plaques. Lorrie will e-mail the directors with the list of who has already received these awards.

Board members up for reelection are:

East

Stacie Buzanowski - 3 year term

West

Della Ehlke - 3 year term

At Large

Cody Haber - 1 year term - East

Byron Bayers - 1 year term - West

Don Broesder - 1 year term - West

Cody will ask Matt Beery to fill the unexpired term (1 year left of a 3 year term) of Fred McMurry. Della made a motion, if Matt agrees to take the position, the board accepts him. Stacie seconded. Motion carried.

Byron will ask John Holden and Tom Sparks, Della will ask Dan or Tim Feddes, Lawrence Hess and Curt Dallas, Jay-De will ask Ned Zimmerman, and Stacie will ask Ned or Jan Ward if they are interested in being directors. Dale Sands has already agreed to run

Stacie reported the Hereford Sale during the NILE had to be cancelled due to a lack of entries and the fact that Jim Reid booked another sale on the same day. Fred McMurry donated his entry to the MHA..

Lorrie would like anybody that has any information for the newsletter to send her info. She will also put an insert in this next newsletter about the convention.

New Business:

Discussion was held on an AHA field man for our area. Ben Brillhart has agreed to stay through the end of the year. Rumor has it that it will stay a part time job until the board opens up, then they will make it a full time job. Lorrie will write a formal letter requesting a full time AHA field rep. Points to mention are that MT leads the nation in the top 10 registrants and we are in the heart of angus country, where there is more opportunity to put whiteface on black cattle. The disadvantage about the part time job is the area is too big, they don't get paid enough and they cannot do the job justice. She will send the letter to Craig Huffhines, Jack Ward, Joe Riechenbach, members of the AHA board, and the Colorado and Wyoming Hereford Association. She will e-mail the letter to a couple of the board members to look over before she

sends it.

Jr. National is in Denver, CO this year and it is a Western States Jr. National, not just a Colorado Jr. National. The board decided to wait and see what the Juniors are going to do and also for the new board members to decide what the board wants to do. Della will talk to the AHA and see if we can get something put together for a fundraiser bundle, like a heifer, semen, AI services, fitting services, photographer, etc.

Ken and Shannon Jackson had shirts made up for the directors and the Association paid for them. Each board member owes the Association \$8.88 for their shirts. (Cody, Jay-De, Della, Cory, Byron, Lorrie already paid)

We have received thank you's from Amber Thomas for the money for her trip to Australia and from Kayla Lowery for the windbreaker she won for Supreme Champion Hereford female.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 17 in Miles City.

Stacie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cody seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorrie Wacker

Jay-De Eggen
Vice President