

APRIL 2012 BOARD SUMMARY

Reporting:

**Membership**

- The names of 17 New Full Members and 15 HYB members approved.
- With Effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April All MALE registrations will be subjected to parentage verification. The cost for verification of the Sire and Dam (if required) will be borne by Holstein UK.
- Jimmy Wilson elected to the office of President for 2013/14.
- Lifetime Achievement Award recipient: Dr Susan Brotherstone
- Holstein UK consulting with AHDB and DEFRA regarding TB table valuations.
- Genomic Service outlined. Awaiting UK Female Evaluations (predicted August).
- **Telephone Registration and Whole Herd Grade Up fees will increase by £1 with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012.**
- All Staff are permitted to judge coloured breed classes and accept educational invites for Black & White classes.
- Haplotypes will be reported after animal names.
- The activities of DairyCo, together with lack of recognition of Holstein UK, continue to concern Board members.
- Free genomic tests to be offered to all registering members on the basis of one selected by Holstein UK and one chosen at the member's discretion. Further advice to follow.
- Holstein UK to adopt parentage by SNP (single nucleotide polymorphism).
- Holstein UK to perform monthly genomic type evaluations.

**Shows, Sales & Events**

- Holstein UK intend to enter a team of animals for the 2013 European Holstein Show in Friborg, Switzerland. All arrangements are currently under consideration. Members will be expected to make a contribution of £1000 per animal towards costs. UK-bred animals only to form the team.
- Genetic Elite Sale - Wednesday 13 June 2012 – Bristol.
- National All Breeds Show 2012 (NEC, September) – Holstein UK are currently in discussions regarding the format of the Show.

- National All Breeds Show 2013 – Holstein UK have declined to make a contribution towards the event on the basis of change of date.
- Breeders Trip to Northern Ireland – see Journal for details.
- The National Judging Conference will be held at the Wyndford herd (Shropshire) – 5 July.

### **Holstein Young Breeders**

- HYB Weekend Rally was a huge success – thanks expressed to hosts Southern Club
- HYB Workshops at Knowlesmere and Sahara.
- All Britain All Breeds Calf Show. Current venue acknowledged as being in dire need of investment. Considered unlikely.
- **Venue for 2013. Please advise your respective Trustee or Lynette Smale of your opinion on priorities to be considered in choosing an alternative venue and timing.**

**Timing** – is the October date acceptable or is preference for a slot in the summer school break late august preferable?

**Accommodation** – is it essential to have accommodation within a reasonable distance or on the showground?

What are considered any other essentials?

- **Marketing**
- All Society awards under review.
- 100 Tonnes producers - Journal article to be offered for reproduction to a wider audience.

### **Classification**

- Classification numbers for 2011 of 140,723 are at an all time high.
- New Classifier Iwan Thomas has started his training.
- Trial Promotional Day to be held at Wimboldsley Holsteins

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APRIL	25	CLASSIFICATION DAY, WIMBOLDSLEY HALL
JUNE	13	ELITE SALE – BRISTOL
JUNE	14	PREMIER HERD WINNER 2011 – OPEN DAY AT TREGIBBY

NOVEMBER 28 BREEDERS CLUB DELEGATES CONFERENCE AND  
HOLSTEIN YOUNG BREEDERS CO-ORDINATORS  
MEETING, SCOTSBRIDGE HOUSE.

-----NOTICES-----

FOR MEMBERS SELLING ANIMALS THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION - PLEASE  
ENSURE YOU NOTIFY THE AUCTIONEER OF THE PEDIGREE STATUS.

ENTRIES TO REPRESENT THE HOLSTEIN UK TEAM FOR THE 2013  
EUROPEAN SHOW – FRIBORG MARCH 2013 SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED  
TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT SCOTSBRIDGE HOUSE