

BOARD SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 2010

CIRCULATION :

Board Members & Trustees

Club Secretaries

Holstein UK Staff

Cattle Information Service Area Managers

ANNOUNCEMENT

Following on from the UK's success at the European Holstein Show, recently held in Cremona, the Board of Holstein UK acknowledge the need for the UK to work towards hosting an event within the UK on a similar platform and within an arena that best befits the UK Holstein and Friesian Breeds.

To this end, and in association with RABDF, the National All Breeds Show due to be held at Stoneleigh in February will now be moved to the Dairy Event, which is to be staged on the 6th and 7th of September 2011 at the NEC in Birmingham.

The Board of Holstein UK acknowledges that this will affect exhibitors that have geared their breeding for showing animals in February. The Board further recognises that this move may seem that there is a further reduction in the number of UK shows, and to address this concept a Holstein Spring Show is being planned and more details will follow.

To ensure that the Holstein Breed achieve the best promotion from this new opportunity, Holstein UK will appointed John Gribbon as Breed Promotion Executive. John has for the past 11 years acted as Breed Development Executive, with main responsibility for the Classification Service. With effect from 1st January 2011, Holstein UK will be seeking to appoint a new person to undertake full responsibility for this service allowing John to focus his efforts and expertise on the forthcoming year in which he is also responsible for hosting the European Judging School. John will continue to be available to assist the successful candidate in their new role, and will continue to provide advice and support on all aspects of breed development.

The Board also acknowledged Office Manager, Mrs Jackie Palmer who is retiring in December after 39 years of service.

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BOARD MEETING 9 & 10 NOVEMBER 2011

POLICY;

NEW MEMBERS

The names of 44 members were approved for membership.

CLONING

The Trustees discussed the recent Media coverage regarding Cloned animals and their progeny. The Board considered that it would be inappropriate to publish markers that indicate progeny of clones on registration certificates.

PARENTAGE DNA

The Board accepts that there is some confusion regarding this service and therefore a full review will be presented to the January meeting, taking on Board members concerns and pricing.

LIFESPAN PROJECT

Lucy Andrews presented the result of a recent research project. These findings will be used in further studies and publicity, and will be presented at the Type Merit Working Group meetings.

BREED DEVELOPMENT;

It was reported that the Classification cycle was now at seven months, although some problems with members on Complete were still being experienced. It was noted that there were a number of Club resolutions to be discussed on this service at the delegates meeting for the 16th November at the NEC.

A republishing of the guidelines and rules would be included in future Journals. A number of promotional items were also discussed.

An invitation to classify the Dexter Breed had been received.

BREED RESEARCH & SERVICES;

A meeting will take place at Agriscot to discuss means and measures for the introduction of a UK service. Further Genomic articles will appear in the Journal, explaining the use of this new technology.

A Genomic testing service using Holstein US is currently being evaluated.

Registrations for September disclose a 4% increase over previous year. Total Registrations for the year are -1%.

SHOW & SALE;

The Board had received many favourable comments highlighting the success of the two HYB representatives at Cremona, namely Ms Lucy Jones and Ms Isobel Whittaker, and the display of Judging by John Gribbon.

The National and Regional Judges list are now available and have been circulated to all Clubs.

27 Countries would be invited to send Judges to the European Judging School to be held at Carlisle Auction mart from the 27-29 May 2011.

The Rules and procedures for Holstein UK Judging schools are to be revisited during 2011.

MARKETING & MEDIA;

The Board acknowledge and noted comment regarding the cover and content of the recent Journal. Information regarding future journals would be available at future meetings.

HOLSTEIN YOUNG BREEDERS;

Ideas are being discussed with sponsors for an HYB Academy.

FINANCE;

Income has risen by £111,000 as a result of stable registration and good classification numbers. As a result of a number of factors expenditure has also risen by an almost comparative figure. The outlook remains positive and expectations high for the second half of the year. The various decisions on shows will have a skewed effect on the accounts.

The Investment portfolio remains strong with the deficit for the year on year valuation of £35,000 being cleared into profit during the month of October.

CATTLE INFORMATION SERVICE

CIS continues to perform extremely well both financially and upon service, and continues to offer a strong alternative. CIS to present 23 employees with long service awards, ranging from 20 to 39 years of service at Agriscot.

The CIS website has a new look and feel, comments welcome.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION;

THE HOLSTEIN UK WEBSITE CARRIES A LINK TO THE COUNTRYFILE WEBSITE REGARDING AN OPINION POLL ON BADGERS.