

TRUSTEE'S MEETING SUMMARY
May 2009

CIRCULATION:

Attendees:

Board Trustees

Membership:

Club Secretaries

Staff:

Scotsbridge House
Field Staff
CIS Area Managers

STRATEGY

- Governance Review outlined to Trustees. Club Consultation underway. Member consultation to follow.

POLICY

- 37 New Full members and 17 new HYB members elected.
- Bernard Liddle voted in to the post of President Elect for the year 2010 /2011. Bull Calf registration case reconsidered. Trustees upheld previous decision relating to the registration rules for Bulls. Member to be notified of the decision.
- Scotland and North Midland trustee nominations received. East and West Midland remains vacant. **Closing date extended to 1st June 2009.**
- Compulsory DNA testing of Bull Calves to be introduced in January 2010. Communication to be clear that this does not confirm parentage. Parentage checking available but at an additional cost.

OPERATIONS – HOLSTEIN UK

- Income + 5.25% / Expenditure -4.03%
- Investment portfolio recovers £102,000 in April.
- Registrations close the year +10%. Record Classification numbers mirrored by income levels.
- Options for 2010 National Holstein Show are being explored.
- Pavilion grants at Royal Welsh drawn a blank.
- Exchange visits, as part of the HYB/post HYB programme review, to be progressed.
- Holstein Pavilion at Stoneleigh, options being considered following announcement by RASE regarding future Royal Show.
- Senior Team realigned responsibilities. Staff objectives to be rolled out Q1.
- One part time Classifier taken on. New Classifier interviews held and appointment pending.
- Delays in Breeding+ website ongoing.
- Auctioneers urged to accurately record sales data on Pedigree animals at both Pedigree and mixed sales to ensure accurate information used in the calculation of table valuations.
- Byelaws to be amended to reflect six month period for appeal against infertile bulls after sale.

OPERATIONS – CIS

- Ronald Barron appointed Chairman for the current year.
- CIS expects a slow down in new herds.
- Ended financial year +£65,000.
- Board meeting confirms prices fixed until at least until September 2009.

OPERATIONS – CDI

- NMR response regarding the provision of data for consolidation and use by the entire industry, still awaited.
- Board meeting for May to consider strategic plan.

FINANCE

- Net incoming resources of + 5.5% on 2007/2008.
- Net outgoing resources + 8.8% on 2007/2008.
- Net movement in outgoing resources + £99,440 on 2007/2008.
- HUK returned positive figures at an operating level for the year. However, when adjusted for the impact of falls in property values (-£410,959 unaudited) and portfolio investments (-£371,005 unaudited) this resulted in a closing loss of £624,354 (unaudited) for the year. CIS and CDI both returned positive figures for the year.

MARKETING & MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

- New department created bringing together resources from across the organisation.
- Centenary Scrapbook in production and available from June.
- Awards processes to be reviewed.
- Journal available online.

RESEARCH

- Applied for SABRE demonstration funds for evaluation of gene markers for body condition scoring.
- Responded to Welsh Assembly consultation on changes to TB eradication.
- TMWG paper recommendations and additional funding approved. Project will include research into correlations between type linear/composites and other health, longevity and fitness traits.

HOLSTEIN YOUNG BREEDERS

- Calf Show judge confirmed as David Crack. Stipulation for UK reserve judge required from co-ordinators.
- Calf Show date agreed for October (25 years).

SHOW & SALE

- Discussions on 2010 National Holstein Show to be finalised.
- Enquires made regarding purchasing of Model Cow mould.
- Centenary Sale animals to be sought.
- Sale details already available on the web and to be further publicised in the Journal.

- Process for HYB / Calf shows judging list to be formalised along the same lines as Senior Judging panel.

CENTENARY

- Farm Open Days commenced and sponsorship received.
- Centenary event at Chester, bookings being taken.
- Centenary Gala Ball tickets to be made available to full membership.

BREED DEVELOPMENT / CLASSIFICATION

- One part time Classifier, Peter Prior, taken on. New full time Classifier interviews held and appointment pending.
- The working group on Judging to meet before 13th August.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

- Contract with RJAHS for Milk Recording and CDI data services.

OTHER MATTERS

- Next meeting 4th & 5th August – Scotsbridge House.
- Possible requirement to appoint arbitrator.

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