

WISCONSIN HEREFORD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2017  
WINTERGREEN CONFERENCE CENTER, WISCONSIN DELLS

- After the invocation from Gary Reinke, those in attendance enjoyed a fine meal prepared by the Wintergreen staff.
- President Joe Starr called the 2017 Annual Meeting to order.
- Fred Larson gave an introduction and biography of the 2017 Hall of Fame honorees, Steve and Jill Folkman of C & L Ranch for their dedicated service to the state and national Hereford associations.
- The minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting were reviewed. Dave Steinhoff made a motion that the minutes be approved as printed. Butch Boettcher seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Melissa presented the financial report. We currently have \$29, 543.34 in the checking account and \$14,633.39 in the savings account. Fred Larson made a motion to approve the financial report. Marv Espenscheid seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Dan Irwin presented the audit report. He and Harold Lietzau found all the books to be in order.
- Dan then presented the budget report. After careful review, Chuck Badertscher made a motion to approve the 2017 budget. Dave Steinhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- John Meents then presented an annual report from the AHA. He congratulated Wisconsin on the 2016 JNHE and said the income from that event helped put the Youth Foundation over the \$1,000,000 mark. He remarked on the Western National Show at Denver and said there were 18 pens of heifers, 8 carloads of bulls, 33 pens of bulls, and 104 bulls and 239 females on the hill. He congratulated Next Generation Genetics for their second placing pen of heifers. The Mile High Sale averaged \$18,000. He went on to mention that this was the 10<sup>th</sup> year for the Hereford Feeder Calf Auction and was disappointed there were no Wisconsin cattle involved. He said there were 662 head consigned by 43 breeders and the sale had strong average prices. He said the cattle can be Herefords, Hereford- Angus crosses, or Hereford- South Devon crosses. The AHA is starting a new EPD program called Bolt, which will keep EPDs more current. He also mentioned that Sand Rock Ranch from Benton has been selected as a site for a young sire testing program.
- The next agenda item was the future of the Wisconsin Hereford Women. It was the consensus at the morning meeting that the group merge with the Wisconsin Hereford Association and make it one association that covers all members. Margaret Langness will continue on with the medallion program and will have help from her daughter as well as Julie Wiechert. Nicky Folkman and Liz Bowen will chair the royalty committee, Jeanine Radel will chair the food stand and Ruth will coordinate the pie auction. The board would like to see scholarships to the Pride Convention offered to juniors from some of the fund raising proceeds.
- Jill Folkman gave a report from the National Hereford Women and commented on the work the ladies do with scholarship programs, speech and grill off contests, the heifer donation project, and the queen program. She invited all women to become members in the NHW.
- Royalty report – Annah Dobson, our new national queen, gave a beautiful speech on what it means to be a Hereford queen. Brittany Renn was introduced as the 2017 WHA queen and Danielle Chwala, Andrea Schlieckau, and Madison Katzenberger will serve as 2017 princesses.
- Bailey Jones gave the junior report. She started off by thanking everyone for their support for her becoming a national junior director. Bailey is the new WJHA President, Annah Dobson is vice-president, Brittany Renn is secretary, Victoria Hanson is treasurer, Lauren Jones is membership secretary, Andrea Schlieckau is reporter, and the directors are Connor Dobson, Taylor Chwala, Riley Jones, and Jordan Renn. 2017 scholarship winners were Annah Dobson and Brett Jones. BJ Jones was named the 2016 Junior Advisor the year, and Brianna Katzenberger received a \$10,000 scholarship in Kansas City.
- Sondra and BJ gave a powerpoint presentation on the 2016 JNHE which was enjoyed by all.
- Melissa reported on the upcoming state sale, which will include 43 lots. A new addition this year will be the services of Live Auctions. The catalog is ready to go to press, advertising is in place, and everyone is invited to attend the pre sale banquet Friday evening on the fairgrounds.

- Kermit Rhiner gave the Wisconsin State Fair report. There were 30 Hereford steers in the show, second in number only to 38 crossbreds. There were 16 steers in the Jackpot Show. Madison Katzenberger had Champion Hereford Steer and Champion Jackpot Hereford Steer. Wyatt Kegley had the Reserve Champion Jackpot Hereford steer. The form for the 2017 Jackpot Class will be on the web site. Dates for 2017 are Heifer show August 8, Steer show August 9, Showmanship August 10, and Open Show August 12. WSF is looking for new open and junior beef superintendents. The open show will rotate breeds by divisions, rather than classes, in 2017. DNA testing on steers is due February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Farm Tech Days will be in Kewaunee County this year, by Algoma. The Prodell family from Algoma has graciously offered to help. Jerry Huth will coordinate the Hereford display in the WCA beef tent.
- The SW Tour is still in the planning stages. Info will be out in the Summer Review.
- Holly Paulson gave the World Beef Expo Report. This will be the 25<sup>th</sup> year for the event. She said they would like to see more Herefords in the sale.
- Ken gave the publicity report. He reminded those in attendance to inform him of special happenings in their area for news items.
- There was no other business to come before the membership.
- Ruth was recognized for her retirement from the WHA Secretary position and was presented with a dozen red roses and a beautiful CJ Brown print called "A Cattlemen's Blessings".
- Dan presented retirement gifts to Kevin Bennett and Chet Lininger and gave a special presentation to retiring President Joe Starr.
- New directors are Chuck Badertscher, Dodgeville; Jerry Huth, Oakfield, who is finishing out Don Bolander's term; Jim Renn, Hartland; Cory Wagner- Pine River; and John Dalton who is returning for a second term from the NW district.
- There was a motion and second to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Ruth Espenscheid, WHA Secretary

#### Reorganizational Meeting of new WHA Board Members

##### 2017 Officer Election:

President – Dan Irwin- Unanimous ballot on a motion by Harold Lietzau and a second by Ken Pierce.

Vice-President – Nathan Reinke – Unanimous ballot on a motion by Dave Steinhoff and second by Chuck Badertscher.

Secretary for the first quarter – Ruth Espenscheid – Unanimous ballot by a motion from Chuck Badertscher and second by Dave Steinhoff.

Treasurer – Melissa Dahnert – Unanimous ballot by a motion from Holly Paulson and second from Dave Steinhoff.

The board will hold a spring meeting the end of March - time and place to be announced later.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ruth Espenscheid