



Pennsylvania Hereford Association

2016 Annual Meeting Minutes

The Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Hereford Association was held on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona, PA

A social hour started the evening followed by Paul Slayton leading us in prayer prior to the meal. 51 adults and 6 children were in attendance.

President, Bill Dunn, called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM.

Members were given a copy of 2015 minutes to review. Motion to accept the **minutes of the 2015 annual meeting** was made by Kevin Diehl and seconded by Doug Howe. Motion carried.

The **financial report** was distributed among the members. Sam Hunter made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report. Seconded by Luke Vogel. Motion carried.

Field Day - Doug Howe reported on the successful field day held at the Deanna Jak Farm. A local vet provided useful information on herd health and Purina representatives presented relevant information on nutrition. Austin and Andre Howe conducted a tour of some of their cow/calf pairs. About 25-30 attended the event.

Farm Show Steer Sale - Terry Shearer reported that the sale went very well and while the prices went above our price, he was able to place a number of bids to ensure the owners made out well! The Silent Auction at the annual meeting helps to replenish this fund.

PJHARreport - Aleesha Howe reported on several successful events throughout 2015, which included, election of new officers during a meeting at the Pa Farm Show, the Jr. Nationals held in Nebraska, and the Keystone event where they also attended a lecture on fundraising. In 2016, some of the Juniors will travel to Madison Wisconsin for the Jr. Nationals. Aleesha also thanked everyone for supporting the Pa Juniors.

Jr. Scholarship Awards - Doug and Jenny Howe received many applications from deserving young people, which made the selection process difficult. Doug and Jenny presented scholarship awards to the following young adults: Zoe Buckingham, Christine Helm, Matt Powers, and Jake Ritenour. Congratulations and much success in the future.

AHA Annual Meeting - Les Midla reported the general feeling of increased enthusiasm throughout the meeting. Leadership with Jack Ward is one we can have confidence in. Breeders are more aware of genomics as AI and ET #'s are up this year. New EPD's will be coming - carcass weight EPD is the latest to be added. With hair samples being labor intensive, the AHA is investigating using blood instead of hair to determine gene data.

Bill Dunn read an AHA update from **John Meents, our AHA Field Representative**, who was not able to attend our meeting. Hereford registrations, cowherd inventory, and AI use of Hereford breed are all up. AHA will be releasing Genetic Evaluations 10 times a year verses twice.

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Election of Board of Directors - Outgoing Directors included Larry Chaikcic, Jill Ott, and Denny Stockdale. Joanne Fisher and Les Midla, whose terms also ended, agreed to run for another term, if elected.

The **Nominating committee** introduced the names Mike Firestein, Shawn Guyer, and George Ley (none of which were present). Nominations from the floor included Sam Hunter, nominated by Les Midla. Seconded by Paul Slayton.

Paul Slayton made a motion to close nominations and seconded by Luke Vogel. Motion carried.

The results of a ballot election for a 3-year term are: Mike Firestein, Joanne Fisher, Shawn Guyer, Sam Hunter, and Les Midla.

PHA Breeder of the year award - Doug Howe introduced the 2016 PHA Breeder of the year award to Larry and Dot Chaikcic. Doug enlightened us to Larry and Dot's the many outstanding contributions to the community as well as many organizations, including the PHA. An outstanding choice and congratulations both of you!

Old Business: Joanne Fisher is updating The PHA Website. Joanne asks that any news, sales, future events, photos or sale info can be added by notifying Joanne at jmfpsufan1@aol.com.

New Business: Bobbi and Walker Dunn have completed one year of the newsletter and it has been a huge success and very informative. However, they would like to ask someone else to take this on.

Speaker: Dr. Tara Felix, Assistant Professor & Beef Extension Specialist at Penn State. Her specialty is cattle nutrition and management. Tara is a native of Venango County who graduated from Penn State with an Animal Bioscience major. She received her M.S. at the University of Florida, studying trace minerals. She earned her Ph.D. from Ohio State University in ruminant nutrition with a focus on the effects of feeding distillers grains on growth performance and ruminal metabolism of feedlot cattle. She has been traveling throughout Pennsylvania to meet producers on their home farms and speaking at Extension meetings about cow supplementation strategies and other timely topics. She is excited to be back in her home state and PSU and is looking forward to addressing the needs of the PA beef producer and how she can be a benefit to them in her Extension position.

Of special note: As of this date the PA State Budget has yet to be passed. While hundreds of programs are being affected, a number of agricultural programs are also in line for reductions. Bill Dunn asked that you talk to your legislators and Governor and let them know that the programs for the youth of this state are very important to the future of agriculture.

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug Howe and seconded by Sam Hunter at 7:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Fisher

Joanne Fisher, Recording Secretary