



# Pennsylvania Hereford Association

## 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

The **Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Hereford Association** was held on Saturday, **March 10, 2018 at The Hall at Kinton's Knob in Bedford, PA**

A social hour started the evening followed by Paul Slayton leading us in prayer prior to the meal. 45 adults and 4 children were in attendance.

### **President**

Dustin Heeter (2020)  
724-639-9159

### **Vice President**

Austin Howe (2021)  
610-787-1438

### **Secretary**

Tawnya Wigfield (2020)  
814-494-2780

### **Treasurer**

Kevin Diehl (2021)  
717-648-0086

### **Membership Chairman**

Julie Schmidt (2021)  
814-332-0627

### **Directors**

Cliff Black (2020)  
908-938-0387

Bill Dunn(2020)  
814-724-9343

Joe Cogan (2020)  
814-977-1444

Jerry Clapper (2021)  
814-766-3165

Mike Firestein (2019)  
717-507-5229

Joanne Fisher(2019)  
412-849-3075

Shawn Guyer (2019)  
814-766-3669

Sam Hunter (2019)  
301-824-4771

Les Midla (2019)  
724-267-3325

Luke Vogel (2021)  
724-816-4434

President, Kevin Diehl, called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM.

Members were given a copy of the **2017 Annual Meeting minutes** for review. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Joe Cogan and seconded by Jerry Clapper. Motion carried.

Members were given a copy of the **2017PHA Financial Statement** for review. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Luke Vogel and seconded by Dustin Heeter. Motion carried.

**PJHA Report** - Kaia Howe reported that the Juniors have had another successful year. Many of the 22 members who attended the Junior Nationals in Louisville, KY were winners!! PHJA members are looking forward to the upcoming Preview Show and the Junior National's, which will be held July 1-7, 2018 in Grand Island, Nebraska.

**Junior Scholarship Awards** – Jenny Howe announced this year's winners. They are Justin Schmidt of Conneautville, PA and Morgan Kingenof Waterford Pa. Congratulations and continued success in the future!!

**PHA Breeder of the Year Award** - Doug Howe announced this year's award to the Bar H Farm, Don and Madeline Hennon, along with Bob Glenn from Mercer. The Hennon family has raised Herefords since 1985. Don has served over 30 years in Hereford Associated related activities in PA. They were the PA Premier Breeder and Exhibitor for 5 consecutive years. Outstanding contribution to the Hereford breed. Congratulations!!!!

**Election of Board of Directors:** Outgoing Directors include: Kevin Diehl, Jerry Clapper, Doug Howe, Julie Schmidt, and Luke Vogel. With the exception of Doug Howe, the others have agreed to serve another term.

Nomination from the floor was Austin Howe, nominated by Doug Howe. Seconded by Les Midla.

With no further nominations, a motion to close was given by Joanne Fisher. Seconded by Jerry Clapper.

Since there was one vacancy and only one nomination, there was no need for a vote to be taken. Motion by Larry Chaikcic. Seconded by Joe Cogan. Motion carried.

**AHA Annual Meeting** – Les Midla attended the AHA Annual Meeting, which was held in Kansas City. Les reported an ear notch now replaces both blood and hair follicles and is more accurate. The AHA is using software called BOLT (Biometric Open Language Tools), which provides a greater evaluation and calculation on the true accuracy on animals. EPD's that had been done 10 times a year is now being done every weekend.

Les also reported there are two new EPD's:

1. SCF (Sustained cow fertility) EPD predicts a cow's ability to continue to calve from 3 years of age through 12 years, given she calved as a two-year old. The higher the number, the more likely she will be fertile and stay in your herd. Scrotal circumference will no longer be available.

2. DMI (Dry matter intake) EPD is based amount of animals in a test and the amount of food they consume and amount of weight they gain. The smaller number they eat and the more they gain, the better.

**Old business:** A moment of silence was held for former Board member and friend, Tom Palkovich, who passed last week.

**New Business:** Nancy Midla was named the 2017 Outstanding Woman in Agriculture presented by the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau. Congratulations!!!!

Doug Howe reported that there is a strong possibility that the Junior Nationals will be back in Pennsylvania in either 2021 or 2022.

John Wagner, from Catskill N.Y. introduced a proposal for the Pennsylvania Hereford Association to be part of the **Northeastern Fall Hereford Female Sale**. The Hereford Associations from New England, New Jersey, and New York have already been approved. John discussed multiple topics of the sale from advantage of a fall sale, goals, fees, and benefits a well as many other topics. After a short discussion, it was decided that a decision to participate in this sale would be passed on to the Board for a decision.

Our speaker for the evening was Butch Otto, from the **Eastern States Livestock Systems**. Butch provided informative tips on head gates, chute body, palpitation cages, tailgates, alleys, crowding tubs and corral gates.

Motion to adjourn by Joanne Fisher. Seconded by Cliff Black. Meeting adjourned @ 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

**Joanne Fisher**

Joanne Fisher, Secretary