

FEBRUARY 2012 BOARD SUMMARY

Reporting:

Membership

- The names of 14 New Full Members and 5 HYB members approved.
- Amendments to the Auction Sale Rules were approved. A copy will become available on the Holstein UK Website.
- With Effect from 1st April All MALE registrations will be subjected to parentage verification. The cost for verification of the Sire and Dam if required will be borne by Holstein UK.
- The approved Disciplinary and Showing Rules will be circulated to the general membership, and will be available on the web site.
- The Type Merit Working Group met recently and is evaluating a number of key points for consideration. Holstein UK are extremely concerned regarding recent comments by DairyCo regarding the value of 'Type'.
- Holstein UK and DairyCo will have Genomic Index calculations available in April – For males only.
- The Society will look to be proactive in encouraging participation in Health & Welfare Schemes.
- Nominations for office of President 2013/14 required for April.
- Lifetime Achievement Award Nominations required for April.
- New Trustees nomination form in circulation. Closing Date 31st March. (South Wales, Yorkshire, Southern and Scotland)
- Judging – Classifiers should not accept invitations to Judge.

Shows / Sale

- Holstein UK intend to enter a team of animals for the European Holstein Show 2013, Friborg Switzerland. All arrangements are currently under consideration. Members will be expected to make a contribution of £1000 per animal towards costs. UK Bred Animals only to form team.
- Genetic Elite Sale - Wednesday 13 June 2012 – Bristol – further entries required.
- National All Breeds Show 2012 (NEC, September) – Holstein UK are currently in discussions regarding the format of the Show.
- National All Breeds Show 2013 (NEC, July) – Members should communicate their views on change of venue and branding to their respective Trustee.
- International Trips for Holstein UK members are being considered.
- The Association of Show and Agricultural Organisations (ASAO) has issued guideline showing rules.
- The National Judging Conference will be held at Wyndford Herd (Shropshire) – 5 July.

Marketing

- Izzy Whittaker joins the staff at Holstein UK as Journal Editor.
- Vacancy still exists for a web content coordinator.
- Committee to review Society awards – both personal and animal.

Classification

- Classification numbers for 2011 of 140,723 are at an all time record.

Holstein Young Breeders

- 2012 All Breeds All Britain Calf Show to remain at Stoneleigh (5-7 October). Alternative venues for 2013 to be considered.
- Qualification for WHFF Youth Conference (Canada November 2011) to be via short essay (age criteria 19-30 year olds).
- HYB Team for European Show in Friborg to be determined throughout the forthcoming months. Carl Smith, David Dunlop and Mike Halliwell to consider candidates.

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MARCH	2-3	UK DAIRY EXPO – CARLISLE ALL BRITAIN AWARDS to be presented at post show dinner
	9	ALL IRELAND HOLSTEIN SHOW
	16	WESTERN CLUB SHOW
APRIL	13-15	HYB WEEKEND RALLY, PLUMPTON COLLEGE HOSTED BY SOUTH EASTERN CLUB.

ENTRIES FOR THE ELITE SALE ARE STILL
REQUIRED BY 1ST APRIL.

ENTRIES FOR THE HOLSTEIN UK EUROPEAN TEAM
FOR FRIBORG SHOULD BE ADVISED TO THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT SCOTSBRIDGE HOUSE.