

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING

HELD AT SCOPE HOUSE, HORTONWOOD 33, TELFORD, SHROPSHIRE. TF1 7EX
HELD ON THURSDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2024

Chairman: Wallace Gregg (WG)

Trustees: Andrew Williamson (AW), Ben Yates (BY), Claire Jones (CJ), David Lawson (DL), Dawn Coryn (DC), Jane Whitaker (JW), Jimmie Baillie (JB), John Hartley (JH), Matt Winter (MW), Richard Thomas (RT), Sandy Pirie (SP), Stephen Hill (SH), Wallace Patton (WP)

In attendance: Melanie Harmitt (MH), Andrew Jones (AJ), Michael Halliwell (MDH)

Apologies: William Williams (WW)

Minute Taker: Hannah Williams (HW)

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

- 1.1 Wallace Gregg welcomed the board members.
- 1.2 There were apologies received from William Williams

2.0 ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

- 2.1 Members for election were proposed.
- 2.2 Claire Jones proposed, Jimmie Baillie seconded, and they were accepted by the board.

3.0 COMMITTEE UPDATES

3.1 FINANCE

- 3.11 The board reviewed and approved the Draft 2023 Full Year management accounts.
- 3.12 Melanie Harmitt advised that the auditors were currently undergoing their annual audit of the accounts in preparation for the Annual Report.
- 3.13 The board reported on their visit to Scotsbridge House and agreed some work should be done to secure the boundary of the field on Laverock Lane.
- 3.14 The board were advised that the amended sale contract for Scotsbridge House was currently with the solicitor and the developers were still pushing for final planning consent.
- 3.15 The board agreed to remove the relocation of the CIS lab from the risk register as this was now complete.

3.2 OPERATIONS

- 3.21 The board discussed the accuracy of the data used for the production awards with reference to farms self-sampling and asked the management team to investigate.
- 3.22 The board discussed a paper on electronic invoicing and agreed to investigate the option of moving to mandatory electronic invoicing, with an option to opt-out at a cost, in the future.
- 3.23 The board considered the option of members registering animals with sire only parentage but agreed it was appropriate for the validity of the herd book that this should remain as full parentage as per the current rules in the membership handbook.

3.3 SHOW & SALE

- 3.31 The board agreed the venue proposal for the ABAB Calf Show for 2024 at Staffordshire County Show Ground on 20th – 22nd September.
- 3.32 The board were reminded of the date change for the Premier Herd Open Day now taking place on Tuesday 2nd July.
- 3.33 The board agreed the investment into a new system of ventilation fans for UK Dairy Day 2024.
- 3.34 The board agreed an amend to the rules for Reason Giving at the HYB competitions day moving from 2 minutes to 2 ½ Minutes.

3.4 SCIENCE

- 3.41 The board agreed an article should be placed in the next journal with further explanation surrounding the new Star Brood Rules.
- 3.42 The board agreed a change of the rump angle weighting in the Type Merit Formula to 0.3 to be implemented in August 2024.
- 3.43 The board agreed with reference to Polled animals that all animals would be marked with a single P and would only be marked PP following lab/genomic evidence.

- 3.44 The board agreed to increase the requirements of animals under 6 years of age for the master breeder calculation to 50% to be implemented with immediate effect.

4.0 TRUSTEE & PRESIDENT ELECT NOMINATIONS

- 4.1 The board reviewed the trustee nominations and agreed the timeline for the vote for the Northern Area trustee as there were two members wishing to stand.
- 4.2 The board voted on the president elect position to take presidency in 2025/26. The successful nominee was Mark Logan, Clandeboyne. A press release would be issued following the AGM in June once the current president elect Nick Helyer took his term as president.

6.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 6.1 The next Holstein UK Board Meeting will take place on Thursday 9th May 2024 at Scope House, Telford.