

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING

HELD AT SCOPE HOUSE, HORTONWOOD 33, TELFORD, SHROPSHIRE. TF1 7EX
HELD ON TUESDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2023

Chairman: Wallace Gregg (WG)

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

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

Apologies: Richard Thomas (RT), Jane Whitaker (JW)

Minute Taker: Hannah Williams (HW)

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

1.1 Wallace Gregg welcomed the board members.

1.2 There were apologies received from Richard Thomas and Jane Whittaker

2.0 ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

2.1 Members for election were proposed.

2.2 Ben Yates proposed, Claire Jones seconded, and they were accepted by the board.

3.0 COMMITTEE UPDATES

3.1 FINANCE

3.11 The board reviewed and approved the 2023 Q3 management accounts.

3.12 The board reviewed and approved the 2024 Draft Budget.

3.13 The board were advised that the final planning decision was still outstanding for Scotsbridge House but was hoping to be resolved by the end of 2023.

3.14 The board agreed to review proposals for a move to paperless invoicing at the next board meeting in February.

3.2 OPERATIONS

3.21 The operations committee wished to pass on their thanks to the Holstein UK Group staff who they felt deserved praise for their ongoing hard work and efficiencies.

3.22 The Board asked the Management Team to bring a paper to the next meeting giving suggestions for a new rule which will allow older frozen embryos which are not able to meet the current rules regarding genomic testing to be registered.

3.3 SHOW & SALE

3.31 The board were informed of the method of results calculations agreed by the Show & Sale Committee for both the Regional & National Judging schools and were advised that the results would now be finalised and sent out to participants over the next couple of weeks. The board agreed a new section should be drafted on judging schools for the membership handbook to be approved at the February board meeting.

3.32 The board agreed to keep both the Maiden Heifer Classes held at the 2023 National Holstein Show for 2024.

3.33 The board reviewed the finance report from the All Breeds All Britain Calf Show which showed an increase in excess of £35,000 for the 2023 event at Stoneleigh in comparison to previous years at Peterborough. The board were advised that the management team were continuing to look at options for 2024.

3.34 The 2023 All Britain Award application form was approved for launching on 1st December.

3.4 SCIENCE

3.41 The board were informed that the recalculation of the Star Brood was now ready to run and would be made live once final checks had been completed and agreed a notice should be put in the journal.

3.42 The board reviewed the classification recalibration data and were happy with the ongoing results.

3.42 The board looked at the data on rump angle scores of high-ranking bulls and agreed this needed further analysis before any actions were considered.

3.43 The board reviewed the SP Award and agreed that in future the award may need an update to keep it fit for purpose.

6.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6.1 The next Holstein UK Board Meeting will take place on Thursday 22nd February 2024 at Scope House, Telford.