

## Conference call for the Ontario Charolais

President Jim called a conference call on October 28, 2015 @ 8:00. Present on call was Jim, Kirby, Doris Sherry, Brad, Owen, Shane, Kelly and Melissa. Also on the call were Barry Potter and John Meilhausen. Regrets from Keith, Brent and Ryan. Jim had e-mailed the agenda out. Main topics were Breeders School, field man activities and the Royal up-date.

Jim called the meeting to order at 8:10. Doris had given the financials. Bank Balance of \$13,695.97. There was a GIC rolled back into account on Oct. 5.

Kirby then took the floor to talk about the breeder's school. June 3 and 4 which is a Friday and Saturday has been tentatively book for the Holiday Inn in Barrie, starting Friday @ 1:00 and finishing on Saturday @ 3:00. Barry was on call to help with discussions on the school. Kirby, Melissa and Barry are the committee to organize this event.

Propose agenda to follow from Kirby.

After a lengthy discussion by the board. The committee is hoping for 50 plus attendees. There is money available hopefully from the Going Forward Program. The Going Forward program has to be applying by Corporation identity and the Ontario Charolais is a non-profit organization, but Kirby had no problem handling the application. Barry had report 80% of the groups applying don't get the funding. The committee had a ball park cost of \$10,000-\$12,000 to operate the school. Beef Farmers had said they could help out as well; there will be also a registration cost as well. It was mentioned that Helge By had put together a breeder's school in Saskatchewan but was disappointed with the attendance. Jim had made the motion that the OCA set a dollar valve of \$5,000 be put towards the school, but the motion was withdrawn. Then Kirby made a motion that the OCA support the breeder's school and the committee to apply for the grant and then come back to the board and get final approval from the board as to what it will costs, seconded by Owen. Carried.

The Feldman John spoke briefly on the fall activities so far. Calf sales have been very strong, the promotional items are going over good, coffee has been served at

3 fall sales, and there is a black calf sale on Oct. 29, the smokie calves have been selling well. John had ordered an Ontario Charolais logo decal for his truck window which looks good. John there will be some annual meeting and convention in the New Year to attend.

Brad reported that he and Shane were to the Royal barn boss meeting, there are 80 entries for the show. The barn will be available after 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday to set-up, weigh in will be Wednesday @ 3:00, has had a few entries for junior show, will have the ballots for next year judge, and the Don Turn bull Award will be awarded at the Royal as usual, there is a possibility the National Charolais will be at the 2016 Royal. Sherry has offered to help where needed.

Kelly motion to adjourn