

ONTARIO CHAROLAIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board had a conference call on January 8, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. Directors on call were Pete Neal, Brent Saunders, Brian Coughlin, Doris Aitken, Barry Potter, Chester Tupling, Owen O'Neil, Kelly Langstaff, Gord Tomlinson and Guest Carolin Turner of Holstein Canada. Pete called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. Pete gave a brief agenda of AGM; he said we were going to have a guest join in on the call.

Doris gave the financials. She had just invested in a GIC for \$13,000.00 which is redeemable after 30 days if need be and collecting interest of 3.75 per annum, which left us \$4832.45 in the bank with all outstanding bills paid. Barry replied that he is still working with Fed North for the rest of the money. Pete got a call to the barn, so Brian chaired till Pete's return.

Carolin Turner had just joined us on the call. Carolin is employed by Holstein Canada as a classifier that works nation wide. It first started as provincial only in Ontario then Quebec and then the west. Last year they classified 240,000 cows nationally. The Ontario Board was wondering if would be fisable to start classifying beef. The first thing Carolin said that needed to be done was to have a true type model of a beef animal, that would include people from AI, beef breeds, a classifier, the committee should be made up of 5-6 people. The Board felt that we would maybe be looking along the same traits as the Holstein Breed, with feet & legs, mammary system, head, stature, stage of lactation. Barry questioned Carolin as how they could classify a beef cow in the field or yard. Carolin reply was that they would have to kind of confine they you're not all over trying to get a look at her. Would there be reclassification, had old can the cows be classified. With the Holstein classification these proofs are also used on Bull Proof, how would this work with the beef as a lot of the beef bulls are privately owned or there is very few bulls in AI units. Holstein Classifiers are funded threw Holstein Canada and AI Units, they

have their vehicles, and a hand held computer a herd visit costs the breeder \$75.00 and \$11.00 for each animal classified. The Beef Breed may have to have a user fee. This program will take time to get it up & running, how technical do we want this program, will it producers driven. Carolin reported that 60% of dairy animals are classified now in this program. The board thought there could be a tool of the trade for breed improvement, marketing, and selling of embryos, but are the commercial buyers going to pay extra \$\$ for a bull that has a classified dam? Carolin was thanked by the board for her input in this topic, and it will get some discussion at the dinner table.

Barry thought that this could be an interesting topic for annual meeting for the membership. Pete to contact Carolin to see if this could possible for her to attend.

The AGM is March 1, 2008 at the Best Western Ontonabee Inn in Peterborough starting at 12:00. A motion by Pete that the AGM start time is 12:00 instead of 1:00, seconded by Kelly. Carried. This is held in conjunction with Ontario Simmental Association. Chester reported he will not be at the meeting. A motion Barry to charged \$25.00 per adult, and \$15.00 per juniors for the meal.

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There will be a fun auction to help raise funds. Barry questioned if our new fieldman John Meilhausen would be at the AGM. Brent said he would contact him to be there. A block of rooms will be reserved till February 15, 2008 at 705-742-3454. The steak draw was made December 30, 2008 and the winner was Manon Tasse of New Liskeard. She even works in the same office as Barry, I wonder who she bought the ticket from. Andy Miller to pick up steaks and delivered.

Meeting adjourn by Kelly 9:35 p.m.