

**Pine Tree Holstein Association**  
Annual Meeting - March 15, 2008  
Governor's Restaurant, Waterville  
Eda Tripp, Secretary

The 2008 Pine Tree Holstein Annual Meeting was called to order by President Jim Strout. He welcomed all and thanked them for attending on a stormy day. The Secretary's report was accepted as printed on a motion by Blaine Moon, and a second by Bruce Haley. The Treasurer's report, also in printed form, was accepted on a motion by Peter Waterman and seconded by Bruce Haley. Show: President Strout reported that the 2007 Show had a few less entries. The show was judged by Bob Fitzsimmons. Premier Breeder was Brigeen Farms. The Grand Champion was Brigeen Convincer Rhonda shown by Brigeen Farms.

Breed Promotion: Jim Strout reported that the February Barn meeting was held in the new heated workshop at Ron Simpson's and thanked Ron for hosting a very successful meeting. There were about 75 present. The meeting was sponsored by Hammond Tractor. The prizes were sponsored by Cargill. The President said he would like to see the barn meeting combined with the Annual Meeting and have the business meeting in the morning and a farm tour, etc. after lunch.

Sale: No sale in 2008. The 2007 Donor Calf from Androscoggin Holsteins returned \$2,300 to our Association. The 2008 Donor Calf will come from Strout Farm.

Futurity: 2007 was the 35th Pine Tree Futurity and the last one. President Strout thanked Mike Wilson for keeping it going all this time. Mike said that Stanley Hall and Warren Shires were very instrumental in getting it going and deserved credit. The Treasurer noted that the remaining Futurity fund balance of \$2,138 was turned into the Association. Eda Tripp also said it was notable that the winner of the last futurity was Mike Wilson's grand-daughter, Michaela Davis with Wilsendale Champion Tess. She also noted thanks to Patty Caradonna for all her help keeping track of the Futurity. Membership: Eda Tripp reported that the March 2008 report showed Maine with 164 national members, 89 active and 54 youth giving us 2 national delegates.

Nominating: Peter Waterman presented the following slate of Officers and Directors: President: James Strout; Vice President: William Bullard; Secretary/Treasurer: Eda Tripp; Directors for 2 years: Heather Hall, Blaine Moon and Jayme Strout. Motion by Peter Waterman to have the Secretary cast one ballot for the slate; second Jim Davis, so moved.

Youth: President Strout said Debbie Keene had resigned as youth chair at the Fall Directors meeting. He was forming a new committee with no designated chairman: Leanne Moon, Sherry Davis, Kathy Haley and Pat Stack.

Special Finance: 2008 donor calf will come from Strout Farm.

N.E. Delegate/2007 N.E. Convention: Peter Waterman reported that the NE Youth Committee has no chairman, but will try to solicit one parent leader for each of the three contests; there was a good turnout for the January Area meeting with several subjects discussed including long range planning. Peter reported that the 2007 NE Convention (which we had hosted) had 107 at the banquet, 75 at the breakfast and 50 at the luncheon. There was not any expense for meals to any attendees as they were all paid for by sponsors. The Sale averaged \$4,535 on 95 head; Clark Woodmansee won the Master Breeder Award. The 2008 NE Convention will be held in Connecticut.

2007 National Convention: Steve Keene reported that the convention was held in Tennessee with very hot weather; early bird speaker talked on selecting healthier cows; President Gross spoke on the state of the

Association with an increase in all programs and that it was not necessary to withdraw from the Reserve Fund. Steve reported that the Resolution for the Political Action Committee to deal with consumer concerns passed. He said he and Debbie went out early to help judge the Distinguished Junior Contest with six people making the decision. He was glad to see how the contest was run. There was discussion on “time delegates can serve” being debated by the Governance Committee.

Old Business: John Nutting questioned what happened to getting info on all pedigrees w/Canadian data following the pedigree. It has been discussed several times and so far no changes have taken place (still a fee must be paid). Motion by Betsy Bullard to continue supporting Eastern States Trophy ; second Kathy Haley, so moved. Motion by Blaine Moon to donate \$50 to ME Ag in the Classroom; second by Jim Davis, so moved. Brian Keene presented info on Website usage and requested we continue supporting the site for 12 months at a cost of \$195. This was approved.

The 2008 Budget was approved: Show \$3,200; Youth \$1,400; Breed Prom. \$750; State Mtg. \$750; Misc. \$900; Website \$195; Total \$7,195. Also voted to support the three Juniors going to National Convention for the Folding Display as well as the Quiz Bowl participants. The Youth request to have a semen sale at the State Show Judge’s Reception was approved on a motion by Blaine Moon and a second by Mike Wilson. A request for a donation to help Juniors go to National 4-H Judging Contest was approved on a motion by Jim Davis in the amount of \$400, second by Mike Wilson. Betsy Bullard said that Cargill had donated \$200 to help pay for the Youth to go to the April 5th calf show at Cowtown, Derby, VT.

New Business: Rick Davis asked about having a “Get Class” at state show and John Nutting asked about having a “Young Dry Dow” class and an “Old Dry Cow” class at state show. Jim Strout will discuss it with the Show Committee.

Afternoon Speaker: The afternoon speaker was Kevin Ziembra, Select Sires, who spoke on Sexed Semen. He showed slides on the complete process being used and the evaluation of the completed process. A question and answer period followed.

Ashlie Hardy gave the speech she will use at the Public Speaking Contest at National Convention. The subject is Sexed Semen.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.