

## **Pine Tree Holstein Association Fall Board Meeting**

**November 23, 2009**

The Fall Board of Directors meeting of the Pine Tree Holstein Association was held November 23, 2009 at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston, Maine. It was called to order at 10:15am by President Chris Kimball. The secretary's report was presented in printed form and upon a motion by Jim Strout and second by Peter Waterman was accepted as printed. The treasurer's report was also in printed format. After discussion, Jim Strout made the motion and a second by Bill Bullard, it was accepted as printed.

### Committee Reports:

Show/Breed Promotion Committee: Jim Strout gave the Show/Breed Promotion committee report. The committee had scheduled a winter barn meeting held in February, 2009 at Androscoggin Holsteins in Leeds. The meeting was scheduled for evening as John Nutting's request – some felt it hurt attendance. Those in attendance reported a good time even though it was quite cold. Holstein USA classifier Dave Page discussed classification programs and answered questions. There were 4 juniors in attendance and they had a judging contest. John Nutting provided a cash award for the winner. Jess Strout had Holstein USA packets for the juniors. The Maine State Show was held at Windsor Fairgrounds with a slight decrease in numbers but quality remained high. Jim Strout and Chris Kimball did a wonderful job getting numerous donations to help with keeping expenses as low as possible.

Host locations and topics of interest were discussed for a 2010 winter barn meeting. Possible topics included: Holstein USA's milk supply program and co-op proposals, the Maine Dairy Task Force, Alternative pricing formulas. It was decided to try to focus on Milk Marketing/Pricing with the meeting to be scheduled during the February school vacation to enable our junior members the option to attend. Jim Strout will try to schedule a meeting.

2010 State show will again be held at Windsor Fairgrounds on August 31, 2010. Possible judges include: Richard Lanvery or Tyler Doiron. Jim Strout has Richard Lanvery's contact information and if he is unable to judge, Chris will get Tyler's contact information. Motion by Pete Waterman and second by Lincoln Hawes to accept the Show/Breed Promotion committee report – carried.

Sale: Chris Kimball reported for Dennis Conant. Chris had talked with Dennis just prior to the meeting. There had been some discussion of having a Maine State Sale in the spring of 2010 possibly hosted at Juniper Farm in Gray. Bill Bullard reported that Brigeen Farms will be having a sale late July or early August 2010. The New England Holstein Association is contemplating running a high end sale with 60-70 head at Eastern States during the fair. The sale committee will explore the following sites: Juniper Farm, Jay Roebuck's farm, Windsor fairgrounds. It was suggested to keep the sale prior to May 1, 2010 for any animals juniors might be purchasing for show heifers. Possible sale managers to contact included: The Cattle Exchange and Brian Craswell. Discussion centered around fitting crews and the expense related to them. One possible solution was to enlist the help of some of our talented juniors to help with clipping and general sale preparations. Jim Strout made the motion and a second from Bill Bullard to accept the sale committee report.

Membership: Debbie reported the figures recently received from Linda Haggarty. She will check to see if Linda will be doing a second mailing on any unrenewed memberships. We have 49 junior members. Discussion centered around trying to get non-state active members to fill out membership applications. Pete Waterman made a motion and Jim Strout seconded it to approve the committee report.

Youth: Leanne Moon was unable to attend. Jim Strout reported that he thought there were some of our juniors that would be attending the 2010 National Holstein Convention in Minnesota on some of the various junior quiz bowl teams.

Special Finance: Pete Zacharias was unable to attend. Pete Zacharias has asked to be replaced as chairman of this committee. Chris Kimball thanked Pete for all his hard work to secure the donations and commented on the success of this project. Names of farms were discussed as possibilities to future donations. Debbie is to try to find a list of all past donations to avoid duplication. Jim Strout volunteered to try to secure a donation for 2010.

Previous special finance committee donations include:

2009 – none

2008 – Strout Farm

2007 – Androscoggin Holsteins – John Nutting family

2006 – Pineland Farms

2005 – Kay-Ben Farm – Ed and Becky Benson family

2004 – Smiling Hill Farm – David Knight family

2003- Veazland Farm – The Veazie family

2002- Dirigo Holsteins – Steve & Debbie Keene and family

2001- Silver Valley Farm – The Davis family

2000- Martin Place Farm – The Norm Martin family

1999 – Waterman Farms

1998 – Zacharias Holsteins

New England Delegate Report: Pete Waterman reported on the New England Convention held in New Hampshire in October. October 24, 2009 began with farm tours to Stewart Farm and Alt-Mor Holsteins. A Genomics panel discussion was held at Alt-Mor and a bbq. There was a tour of the UNH facility. Committee meetings were held and the group had dinner at Newick's Seafood Restaurant. The annual meeting was held the next morning. Association assets increased – the cd's did better than the stock market. Linda needs a new copier for the New England office. The group voted to have her get one. Guests included Bob Wilson and Gordie Cook. Adult membership is down a bit but the junior numbers are up. Breed Promotion reported 131 head showed at Eastern States but sponsorships were down. The calf summit was a huge success with 142 youth and 60 adults attending. Tim Abbott and Bob

Fitzsimmons worked with the juniors. Publications committee will be hosting a photo contest in the World in conjunction with the NE Annual in March, 2010. Jim Koebke is a one man committee working on long range planning. There have been discussions on a New England Sale. There is discussion to have the sale in the same location and time of year each year. There was not much support for that idea. The New England sale committee will explore having a sale at Eastern States during the fair as well as possibly a spring sale for commercial heifers. The committee is to report to the board at the January, 2010 board meeting. Massachusetts Holstein is planning to host the 2010 annual meeting in the Northhampton area either October 16 or 23, 2010 and are hoping to host a sale as well. Bob Wilson reported 10-15 new members – some large herds. He reported getting juniors involved often helps get parents interested as well.. New England officers elected are: President – Chris Hannan, Vice President – Chris Kimball, Secretary – Melissa Greenbacker, Treasurer – Doreen Morris, Assistant Treasurer – Jim Strout. The meeting concluded with an awards luncheon. On a motion by Bill Bullard and second by Lincoln Hawes the report was accepted.

2009 National Convention: Pete Waterman reported that he and Jim Davis were our delegates to the 2009 National Convention held in California. He reported that he had prepared a report for the recent New England Holstein Association Newsletter. He mentioned that the big topic was the low milk prices. Our 2010 delegates are: Pete Waterman and Jim Davis.

Budget:	Show - \$3200
	Youth – 1000
	Breed Promotion – 750
	State Meeting – 750
	Web Site – 195
	<u>Misc – 900</u>
	Total - \$6795

Pete Waterman made a motion that was seconded by Jim Strout that the budget figures reflect those of 2009. Motion carried.

New Business: Debbie read a thank you note from Eda Tripp for the gifts she received from the Association upon her retirement.

2010 Annual Meeting: Possible panels/guest speakers for annual meeting included: methane digestors, Craig DeMuth – a NY vet doing ultrasounds, independent energy brokers. Possible locations mentioned were Gray and Lewiston with a mid-March date if possible.

Upon a motion by Bill Bullard and second by Pete Waterman the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Keene

Secretary/Treasurer

