

2008 Annual Jr. Holstein Assoc. Meeting

February 16, 2008

Skagit Valley Casino

Attendees: Evan Anderson, Kelsey Anderson, Jerrod Boisseranc, Brook Calvert, Rebecca Casey, Josef Fohn, Jerrod Fohn, Timmy Lee Frohning, Shelby Hansen, Briar Jeg, Damon Jeg, Abby Lohman, Brooke Schoenbachler, Liz Soler, Brooke VanderVeen

President Liz Soler called the meeting to order at 9:37. Before the minutes from the 2007 Annual Meeting were read, Liz suggested introductions be made because of the number of new members present. We went around the room, with each individual introducing themselves, and saying where they were from, etc. Liz then presented the secretary's report for Melissa. Shelby moved approve the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Brooke V. and passed.

Old Business

Black and White Show

Brooke S and Timmy Lee gave a report on the Black and White Show at the Evergreen State Fair. Brooke reported the show went well, and that she was the recipient of the new Hannah Zylstra Memorial Trophy for overall showman. Timmy seconded that that the show went very well, and reported he had grand champion and reserve junior champion.

2007 National Jr. Holstein Convention in Knoxville, TN

Those who attended the 2007 Nat'l Convention went around the room and reported on their experiences. The universal opinion was that Convention was great fun, but it was too hot for Washington folk...and hotdogs get old quite fast.

Liz reported how well the senior dairy bowl team did, as they placed 2nd overall. As well, the state banner made by Kelsey & Evan Anderson, and Jerrod Boisseranc placed 2nd. In the first year of the contest, our tri-fold educational display on tractor safety placed 2nd. It was made by Andrea Smaciarz, Brandy Branch, and Rosanna Larson.

Shelby mentioned the wonderful educational opportunities and tours that took place during Convention. The group had the opportunity to tour the National Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, attend a local street fair and music festival, and tour Dollywood. As well, on the first day in Knoxville, a group of Convention goers were featured on a local radio station.

Awards in Memory of Dan Frohning and Hannah Zylstra

A brief report was given on those receiving the Dan Frohning Outstanding Junior Member Award, and the Hannah Zylstra Overall Showman Award. Briar Jeg was the recipient of Dan's award, while Brooke Schoenbachler was the recipient of Hannah's award. Briar spoke to the importance of the award, and how proud he was to be chosen as this year's winner. He emphasized what an outstanding individual Dan was, and how much it meant to him to be chosen as the first recipient of this award.

New Business

2008 National Holstein Convention in Wisconsin Dells, WI

A reminder was given to those who plan on attending the 2008 National Junior Holstein Convention about the importance of fundraising, as this year's expenses will easily surpass those of the previous year. As well, this reminder served as notification to those not attending of the wonderful opportunities they have to support those members who will be representing Washington at the national level. The Springtime Youth Calf sale will be March 22nd at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds, the 6th annual Soup & Pie Social will be held March 28th at the Tualco Grange in Monroe, and the Lewis County Holstein Sale will be April 12th at the Chehalis Livestock Auction. Additional opportunities for fundraising will be dispersed throughout the year, however these three events are the biggest moneymakers for the junior association.

Junior Holstein Award Opportunities

Ann Marie made a reminder of the numerous award opportunities the Washington Junior Holstein Association and Washington Holstein Association offer for junior members. The adult association offers a \$500 animal grant and \$1000 college scholarship. The animal grant is open to all junior Holstein youth in the state, and provides \$500 to be put towards the purchase of a registered Holstein. The scholarship is open Washington junior Holstein members in good standing and can be used at any accredited university or college. Briar emphasized the importance of the college scholarship, as it provides aid for an increasingly expensive, but important education. Ann Marie also reminded the group of the requirements to be eligible for Dan's award. Junior members must be in good standing with the Washington Junior Holstein Association, must have shown a registered Holstein at their county 4-H or open Holstein show, and be a freshman or older (yet under 21 as of January).

Summer Picnic

The group discussed having another summer picnic. Do we want to continue having it at the Steffen Farm in Monroe? Damon and Briar both suggested the Association continue holding their picnic at Steffen's. The suggestion was to consider sometime in July for a date, rather than August as in years past. Briar suggested holding some type of fun tournament such as the adults do with their Chinese Horseshoe tournament. Briar will be in charge of this tournament. Shelby suggested the Junior Association purchase a gift for the Steffens for all their support of the juniors, and allowing the Association to hold the picnic at their farm. This idea was met with resounding approval. Shelby will be in charge of finding said gift.

Elections

Presidential Nominations: Melissa Cook, Shelby Hansen, Briar Jeg
'08 President: Melissa Cook

Vice President Nominations: Damon Jeg, Shelby Hansen, Briar Jeg, Brooke Schoenbachler
'08 Vice President: Briar Jeg

Secretary/Treasurer Nominations: Kelsey Anderson, Shelby Hansen, Rebecca Casey, Brooke VanderVeen
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Board Members:

North County Nominations – Josef Fohn, Abby Lohman, Shelby Hansen

'08 North County- Shelby Hansen

South County Nominations- Brook Calvert, Buddy Furrer, Kelsey Anderson, Rebecca Casey

'08 South County- Buddy Furrer

The motion to create a Sergeant at Arms and Deputy Sergeant at Arms was made by Brooke V. and seconded by Shelby Hansen. Debby VanderVeen asked what our by-laws said regarding the creation of new officer positions and board regions. Are we breaking the by-laws by not giving due notice of, and voting on the creation of new offices and changing board representative regions? In regards to board areas, the decision was made, because of the by-laws, to continue with the current regions. Should anyone wish to change the way board representatives are selected, and from where, a by-law change will need to be made. Notice of these changes need to be dispersed to the general membership no less than 30 days prior to the impending election.

After this discussion, the motion to create a Sergeant at Arms and Deputy Sergeant at Arms was amended to state that these two offices would not be voting members of The Board. Should we wish to include them in the voting Board membership, an additional by-laws change would be required.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded at 11:12am. Motion passed.