

VA Holstein Association 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes

The Virginia Holstein Association Annual Meeting was held on January 6, 2024 in a virtual format via zoom due to inclement weather. The meeting started off with a program at 10:00 am presented by Carl Kent, Holstein USA Field Representative, sharing about the dairy and Holstein industry around the world.

The Annual Meeting was called to order by President LaVaun Janney at 11:04 am. There were 17 members present on the zoom call meeting the quorum of 10 members.

Copies of the minutes from the previous annual meeting and financial statements were made available on the associations website. Randy Inman made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, Doug Mayhugh seconded it. Motion passed.

Becky Daubert provided the treasurer's report. The net worth for the association as of 12/31/2023 was \$93,108 with assets totaling \$94,397 and total liabilities of \$1,289. The accounts receivable is mostly current with a balance of \$305. The liabilities include the crime insurance policy that comes due every three years and prepaid receivables that are marked for the Junior Association Winter Retreat. On the profit loss statement the net income for 2023 was \$5,389. Due to the cancellation of the meetings this weekend some of these figures will change as we are offering folks to receive a refund or they can leave it as a donation to the junior association. Also, the final report for the VA Dairy Association investments will be available in the spring to update the investment account. Roger Miller made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Jeremy Daubert seconded it, motion passed.

The VA Dairy Expo report was given by Becky Daubert. The 2023 Dairy Expo was held on 7/14/2023 at the Shenandoah Valley Produce Auction. There was a very good attendance and a good line up of vendors. The association had a table where we handed out some giveaways and the junior association kicked off their raffle. The tentative date for 2024 is July 12th at the same location.

LaVaun Janney provided the Show Committee report. In 2023 LaVaun joined Heather Shinn as co-chair for the committee. The Association hosted two shows this past year. The Spring Show was held on 4/29/2023 with Abby Goldenburg judging 41 head. The spring show attendance was down. Grand Champion of the open and youth show went to Ayla Janney with Pineyvale McCutchen Lollypop. In August we hosted the VA Summer Showdown, which was revamped to combine both the Holstein and Color Breed Shows. Pat Lundy was the judge with 182 total head 8/4-5/2023, which was similar to 2022. Grand Champion open and youth went to Hayley Daubert with Stox Movin Kadence and Reserve Grand Champion went to Mar-Bil Farms with Humdinger Jacoby Springtime. The Trip Bopp Junior Herdsman Award was presented to Hannah Loftin of NC. Master Showman in memory of George Edgerton went to Ayla Janney and Rachel Craun was named Master Fitter in memory of Bunk Perrow. Looking forward to 2024, the committee will be making some changes to the schedule after receiving feedback from exhibitors. Their next meeting is January 13th. The dates for the 2024 shows are: Spring Show – May 4, 2024 and Summer Showdown – July 31 – August 3, 2024.

Randy Inman shared that the sale committee has not met, but will be scheduling a meeting in early 2024.

Becky Daubert provided the Publicity report for Jess Barb. In 2023 the association had reports in the VA Dairyman and Cowsmo was present for the Summer Showdown providing live updates during the show that can be viewed on their website.

The Junior Association update was given by Jr. President, Hayley Daubert. The juniors had a busy year with two shows. At the Spring Show we had a fundraiser with t-shirts and benefit auction for JD Brown who suffered injuries early April. At the Summer Show we had a food booth and participated in the fun auction. Other fundraisers during the year included a raffle for a Blackstone Griddle which was sponsored by B.I. , t-shirt sales and a photo contest that will turn into a notecard fundraiser which will be available in 2024. The National Convention was a success with 12 junior members competing. Sarah Craun received YDJM award and competed in the prepared public speaking contest. The senior dairy bowl team of Rachel Craun, Regan Jackson, Ayla Janney and Hayley Daubert placed 3rd. Trey Daubert won the Junior Jeopardy contest and Kenly Rhodes placed 3rd. Madison Hess, Walter Rhodes and Maggie Toothman all competed in Intermediate Jeopardy. Sedona Sifford competed in prepared public speaking, Salem Sifford (1st place Sr. Scientific) and Kenzi Dellinger both had folding displays. The Junior Association is recognizing Salem Sifford with the 2023 Scholarship. Finally, Hayley Daubert was recently recognized as a Judi Collinsworth Scholarship Recipient by Holstein Association USA.

There was no old or unfinished business.

In new business, Roger Miller made a motion to carry over the existing board of director terms for one year and form a subcommittee during that time to look at redistricting the association. Randy Inman seconded the motion and the motion passed. As Past President and part of the nominating committee, Roger Miller will head up the subcommittee. He asked anyone interested in being a part of that to reach out to him.

Dave Winston provided the update from the Virginia Tech School of Animal Science (formerly Dairy Science) and the VA Dairy Youth. He provided updates on the number of majors and faculty within the school and shared some overall updates on the dairy herd at Kentland Farm. The Dairy Club at Virginia Tech has also been active with milkshake sales, service activities, competing in SADSA/ADSA, Dairy Judging and Dairy Challenge contests. Dave also shared the results for the dairy youth who competed in Dairy Bowl, Dairy Skillathon, Poster Contest, Dairy Youth Field Day and the Junior Dairyman's contest at VA State Fair.

The Holstein Association USA update was given by Carl Kent. He commended the state for how well the juniors do at the national level and we should be proud of their accomplishments. He share that registrations and classifications were similar in 2023 as they were in 2022. The association had a very successful meeting in Kentucky which was the last state led convention and they are looking forward to the 2024 convention in Salt Lake City, UT. The delegate ballots will be finished soon and if anyone has any questions they can always reach out to him. The Holstein Marketplace Sires is another highlight for the association to market bulls from breeders and the early daughters are beginning to calve. He also encouraged producers to be sure to transfer animals when they sell them, if anyone needs help with that process to reach out.

LaVaun Janney thanked Carl for the updates and for providing the program for the meeting. There were no other announcements or new business brought forward.

Robert Pemberton motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jeremy Daubert seconded it. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Daubert, Sec./Tres.