

SUMMARY OF THE TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING

HELD THURSDAY 2nd August 2018 AT SPEIR HOUSE TELFORD

FOR ISSUE TO CLUB SECRETARIES

Present: -

Chairman: Andrew Birkle (AB)

Trustees: Aled Jones (AJ), Carl Smith (CS), David Jones (DJ), Edward Griffiths (EG), Iwan Morgan (IM), Mark Nutsford (MN), Michael Smale (MS), Peter Prior (PP), Peter Waring (PW), Stephen Brough (SB), Stephen Hill (SH), Wallace Gregg (WG)

In attendance: Sue Cope (SC), Melanie Harmitt (MH)

Apologies: Jane Targett (JT), David Yates (DY)

Minute Taker: Hannah Williams (HW)

1. MEMBERS FOR ELECTION

1.1. Members for election were proposed and accepted.

2. Q2 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS

2.1. The Q2 financial figures were reviewed by the Board.

2.2. It was reported that the 2018 Q2 financial performance for the Holstein UK Group was extremely positive.

3. JUNE 2018 REFORECAST

3.1. The June 2018 reforecast was reviewed by the Board.

3.2. The reforecast shows a forecast profit position for the Holstein UK Group for 2018.

4. AFFILIATED CLUBS

4.1. The Board agreed that clubs should be contacted and asked to confirm their desire to continue to be affiliated.

4.2. The Board agreed to provide a 'standard' constitution template for clubs to use, if required.

4.3. The Board agreed to provide confirmation of the insurance cover available to Affiliated Clubs through Holstein UK.

5. ELECTION PROCESS

5.1. The update to the process for electing Board members to Committees was accepted. All elections will occur the first meeting after the AGM.

6. LETTER FROM MILLEN HOMES

6.1. The Board reviewed the proposal for a footpath at Scotsbridge House to support Millen Homes' planning application.

6.2. The proposal was agreed subject to an amendment.

7. NOMINATION FOR THE DAIRY INDUSTRY AWARD

7.1. The Board were asked for nominations.

7.2. No nominations were received.

8. TIMELINE FOR TRUSTEE AND PRESIDENT ELECT NOMINATIONS

8.1. The Board reviewed the proposed timelines for the 2019 elections with communication sent to clubs before the end 2018.

8.2. The Board agreed the timeline.

9. EUROPEAN HOLSTEIN SHOW LIBRAMONT 2019

9.1. The Board reviewed the latest developments from the Belgian Health Authorities of their health protocols.

9.2. More clarification is still needed it is envisaged full regulations will be received from the Belgian authorities mid-September.

10. INCLUSION OF CLASSIFIERS ONTO THE HUK JUDGING PANELS

- 10.1. The Board agreed that Classifiers should be allowed to return to the panel they were on when they stood down.

11. EU HERDBOOK REGULATIONS

- 11.1. The Board reviewed the new EU requirements for certificates.

12. DATA MIGRATION PROGRESS

- 12.1. The Board were updated on progress of the project, the data centre is planned to be removed from Scotsbridge House within 2018.

13. HUK GROUP INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT

- 13.1. The Board were informed of the consultation paper responses submitted and the conferences attended.

14. COMMITTEE UPDATES

14.1. FINANCE:

- 14.1.1. Q2 Management accounts were presented and accepted by the committee.
- 14.1.2. The June 2018 Reforecast was presented and accepted by the committee.
- 14.1.3. The committee reviewed the improving cash position for the group.
- 14.1.4. The committee reviewed the investment portfolio and accepted the revaluation.
- 14.1.5. The committee interrogated the risk register.
- 14.1.6. A proposal for the sale of the Bungalow at Scotsbridge House was considered and rejected.
- 14.1.7. The Trustees for the Phoenix Pension Scheme were agreed.

14.2. OPERATIONS:

- 14.2.1. A review of the benefits of subsidising heifer classifications was considered and rejected.
- 14.2.2. The committee reviewed the new registration certificates proposed in response to new EU regulations and agreed the new format.
- 14.2.3. The committee agreed a new commission-only NI Whole Herd Grade Up role. This will be rolled out nationally if successful.
- 14.2.4. The committee received an update on the tenancy situation at Scotsbridge House.

14.3. SCIENCE:

- 14.3.1. The committee received a proposal for an updated to the TCS Box Breakdown.
- 14.3.2. The committee reviewed the heifer final score distributions.
- 14.3.3. The committee reviewed the Breed Performance Stats Update and suggested more visible marketing of the data.
- 14.3.4. The committee discussed the progress on the Genomic Parentage project.
- 14.3.5. Potential new improvements to the Web Animal Data search and factsheets were discussed.
- 14.3.6. The committee reviewed the Digital Dermatitis data.
- 14.3.7. The committee received updates on Webmate and AHDB Lameness Advantage.

14.4. SHOW AND SALE:

- 14.4.1. The shortlisted judges for ABAB Calf Show were reviewed and selected. The selections will now go to the coordinators for their vote.
- 14.4.2. The committee was informed that no interest had been received for National Young Stars so no team would be going.
- 14.4.3. The details for the 2019 Celebration are being confirmed.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

- 15.1. Michael Smale expressed his concern that the Cornwall show had not been covered in the journal. Coverage of shows will be reviewed.
- 15.2. A request to reinstate the Secretaries & Delegates meeting was discussed, it was felt that clubs could put forward suggestions and proposals at any time and would be brought to the quarterly Board meetings. This will be monitored.
- 15.3. David Jones asked for more marketing on Facebook to be undertaken on breed performance.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 16.1. The next Holstein UK Board Meeting will take place on Thursday 8th November 2018 in Speir House, Telford.