

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING

**HELD AT SCOPE HOUSE, HORTONWOOD 33, TELFORD, SHROPSHIRE. TF1 7EX
HELD ON THURSDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2023**

Chairman: Michael Smale (MS)

Trustees: Andrew Williamson (AW), Ben Yates (BY), Claire Jones (CJ), David Lawson (DL), Jane Whittaker (JW), Jimmie Baillie (JB), John Hartley (JH), Richard Thomas (RT), Sandy Pirie (SP), Stephen Hill (SH), Wallace Gregg (WG), William Williams (WW)

In attendance: Melanie Harmitt (MH), Tom Corns (TC), John Jamieson (JJ)

Apologies: Peter Prior (PP), Matt Winter (MW)

Minute Taker: Hannah Williams (HW)

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

- 1.1 Michael Smale welcomed the board members.
- 1.2 Michael Smale welcomed Tom Corns (Head of Finance) to his first board meeting.
- 1.3 There were apologies received from Peter Prior and Matthew Winter

2.0 ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

- 2.1 Members for election were proposed.
- 2.2 Ben Yates proposed, Jane Whittaker seconded, and they were accepted by the board.

3.0 COMMITTEE UPDATES

3.1 FINANCE

- 3.11 The board were advised that the cash position continued to be positive, although this had reduced due to spend on the refurbishment of Scope House.
- 3.12 The board reviewed the 2022 draft accounts which were due to go through the auditors at the end of February.
- 3.13 The board were advised that the refurbishment of the new Head Quarters at Scope House continued to remain within budget.
- 3.14 The board were advised that the current auditors were now on a rolling contract going forward until they saw fit to change.
- 3.15 The board agreed to keep the frequency of board meetings the same and were pleased with the savings made by moving the meetings back to the new meeting space at Scope House.

3.2 OPERATIONS

- 3.21 The board were updated that recruitment had been positive and the majority of all the current vacancies had been filled.
- 3.22 The board were advised that registrations had continued to rise.
- 3.23 The board agreed to the use of a number of ARC tag and test samples to be used alongside samples collected on farm for the random DNA sampling going forward.

3.3 SHOW & SALE

- 3.31 The board were updated on the current position regarding the 2022 All Breeds All Britain Calf Show due to the loss of the Peterborough venue. The board were advised that all possibilities were being investigated with the hope of finding a suitable alternative within the next month.
- 3.32 The board agreed an additional Holstein class for the 2023 UK Dairy Day.
- 3.33 The board agreed the judges for the 2023 ABAB Calf Show as James Doherty as Showmanship Judge and Andrew Patton as Calf Show Judge.
- 3.34 The board agreed that they would allow up to 2 nominations per club for the HYB Presidents medal if the candidates were in their final year.
- 3.35 The board agreed a change to the Long Service award which would include people who were not necessarily farm workers but had worked within the breed for the same period, such as club secretaries.

3.4 SCIENCE

- 3.41 The board approved following a tender process, to continue the genomic service with Neogen.
- 3.42 The board were updated with the continuing trends of heifer classification after the 2022 recalibration.

3.43 The board reviewed the current classification traits and were informed that the current angularity trait was to be renamed by The World Holstein Friesian Federation (WHFF) to rib structure at some stage in the coming year.

4.0 PRESIDENT ELECTIONS

4.1 The board reviewed the President Elect nominations and cast their votes with the successful candidate to be recommended at the AGM being announced as Nick Helyer.

5.0 AOB

5.1 The trustees discussed any updates required to the articles of association and agreed an updated version will be presented at the AGM for members approval.

5.2 The board agreed that Melanie Harmitt should apply to continue on the European Holstein & Red Holstein Confederation (EHRC) committee.

5.3 The board agreed to introduce a promotion to encourage new members with new prefixes to join the society through Whole Herd Grade Up (WHGU)

6.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6.1 The next Holstein UK Board Meeting will take place on Thursday 4th May at Progress House, Telford.