

**SUMMARY OF THE TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING**

**HELD AT THE HADLEY PARK HOTEL, HADLEY PARK EAST, TELFORD, SHROPSHIRE. TF1 6QL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021**

**FOR ISSUE TO TRUSTEES FOR DISTRIBUTION**

**Present: -**

**Chairman:** Michael Smale (MS)

**Trustees:** Andrew Williamson (AW), David Jones (DJ), Edward Griffiths (EG), Iwan Morgan (IM), Jane Targett (JT), Jane Whittaker (JW), John Hartley (JH), Sandy Pirie (SP), Stephen Hill (SH), Wallace Gregg (WG), William Williams (WW).

**In attendance:** Sue Cope (SC), Melanie Harmitt (MH), Robert Clare (RC), John Jamieson (JJ), David Lawson (DL), Richard Thomas (RT), Ben Yates (BY).

**Minute Taker:** Hannah Williams (HW)

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**1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

- 1.1 Michael Smale welcomed the room.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Matthew Winter, David Yates & Peter Prior

**2.0 ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

- 2.1 Members for election were proposed.
- 2.2 Jane Targett proposed, John Hartley 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 for the group continued to remain positive.
- 3.12 The board reviewed and accepted the Q1 2021 Management Accounts
- 3.13 The board were advised that the investment portfolio was performing well considering the current climate.
- 3.14 The board were updated on the progress of the SBH sale which was steadily progressing well.
- 3.15 The board reviewed the proposed spend on the new HQ building and agreed the refurbishment should be a fitting new HQ and made good use of Holstein UK funds as the expansion would open opportunities to increase income to the Group.

**3.2 OPERATIONS**

- 3.21 The board reviewed the current DEFRA consultation on Lump Sum Payments and agreed a response, should be completed highlighting that new entrants need to be supported and that the payment should not be capped at £100K.
- 3.22 The board reviewed a request to allow hyphenation within prefixes, the board decided that this rule would not be changed at the present time as it may endanger exclusivity of existing prefixes, by new members simply adding a hyphen into a known prefix.
- 3.23 The board reviewed a request to include more detail on the LP certificates and agreed that Lactation Number should be added going forward.

**3.3 SHOW & SALE**

- 3.31 The board were informed that permission had been given by the local council to proceed with the Premier Herd Open Day at Berryholme on 22<sup>nd</sup> July
- 3.32 The board were made aware of the concern from clubs including the host club Shropshire, for the upcoming HYB Weekend Rally. The board reviewed the feedback from the HYB Coordinators and decided that the Rally would be replaced for 2021 with a National Competitions Day to be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August in Shropshire, if the club and host farm were agreeable.
- 3.33 The board discussed the current position and possibilities of hosting a 2021 UK Dairy Day. The board saw no reason why the event should not go ahead and it was clear that there was a large support from both cattle exhibitors and trade for this to happen. It was agreed by the board that the management team would confirm that the 2021 UK Dairy Day would go ahead following the announcement of the relaxation of COVID restrictions from the UK Government.

- 3.34 The board were informed that the All Breeds All Britain Calf Show, planned to run on 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> October would go ahead assuming there were no future changes to government restrictions.
- 3.35 The board discussed attendance at the upcoming European Holstein Show planned for November 2022 in Verona. The board agreed to investigate the possibilities of attendance and host a meeting of interested parties at the 2021 UK Dairy Day, as it is hoped we will have the finalised health regulations by then and will have a better understanding of the associated costs.

#### **3.4 SCIENCE**

- 3.41 The board agreed as microsatellite testing was being phased out that all ET females would be genomically parentage checked from January 2022 if at all possible. As the cost was now in-line with microsatellite testing.
- 3.42 The board reviewed the current classification research traits and agreed to review them with the classifiers at the next workshop

#### **4.0 AOB**

- 4.1 The board reviewed the draft of a new brochure promoting the financial benefits of classification which will be launched at UK Dairy Day
- 4.2 The board reviewed the responses from the recent member survey.
- 4.3 The board held an initial strategy meeting to review the current Holstein UK strategy and discuss the future strategy of the society. The board will revisit this at the next board meeting.
- 4.4 The board agreed that going forward the management team would supply the trustees with the board summary for them to issue to their clubs rather than being done through head office. The board felt this would help with continuity of information.

#### **5.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 5.1 The date of the next Holstein UK Board Meeting will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021

#### **DID YOU KNOW.....**

- *Heifers that classify well achieve a higher Lifetime yield of CFP per day*
- *Higher scored heifers for Mammary tend to have lower SCC in their first lactation*
- *Heifers that classify well live longer and complete more lactations*
- *Higher Scored Heifers produce a higher Lifetime value of milk*