

NJHA Board Plans 2012 JNHE, PRIDE Convention

During the American Hereford Association (AHA) Annual Meeting in conjunction with the American Royal in Kansas City, Mo., the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) board of directors had its fall board meeting during the course of two days.

We had a lot of good discussion on many topics surrounding the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) and the upcoming Program for Reaching Individuals Determined to Excel (PRIDE) Convention. Committees were selected to help organize and plan the many contests at the JNHE in Grand Island, Neb., July 2-8.

Our goals for each committee this year are to make sure all contests are ready to start on time and to ensure that we are not shorthanded. PRIDE will be at Michigan State University July 30 - Aug. 2. The theme for this year is "Lighting the Way," courtesy of Kyle McMillan. A schedule for the leadership event is still being planned; however, a tentative schedule should be available by the first of the year.

The night prior to the meetings, NJHA board members were invited to the home of Bob and Lisa Norton. Bob is president of Biozyme Inc. The Nortons prepared a fabulous meal for the board members and advisors in attendance. The junior board also participated in a team building exercise decorating "Sure Champ" gingerbread houses for Halloween. It was a great evening, and we thank the Nortons for their generous hospitality and continued support of Hereford youth.

We had another successful year selling calendar ads, so the annual calendar will be filled with ads from all of those who help support our junior organization. Selling calendar ads provides funding for the board to travel to many different events throughout the year including national and state shows.

We help out with contests and shows as well as interact with juniors to promote what the NJHA has to offer. This last spring I had the privilege to fly to the Northwest Regional Show in Moses Lake, Wash., where I met some

outstanding people and worked the ring for their show.

Our high seller for calendar ads this year is recently elected Krissi McCurdy from Georgia. She was able to sell more than double her quota, and we would like to thank all of you who purchased from her and the rest of the junior board for your support.

Another NJHA fundraiser is the street sign that sells in the Ladies of the Royal sale. On behalf of the entire board, I would also like to thank our advisors Gary and Kathy Buchholz of GKB Cattle from Texas for purchasing the street sign that will be displayed in front of AHA headquarters.

The NJHA board could not travel and do the programs that we offer without the support of all the Hereford breeders around the country. Thank you and happy holidays from the NJHA! **HW**



NJHA directors participated in a team building exercise at Bob and Lisa Norton's decorating "Sure Champ" gingerbread houses.

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