

Board | Board Meeting Highlights

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Catch the highlights from the summer meeting of the American Hereford Association (AHA) Board of Directors held at the Loews Hotel in Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 2-3.

Finance/Audit

Joe Waggoner, committee chairman, reviewed the 2020 financials through June 2020 with a consolidated net income of \$234,356. The Board approved a consolidated surplus 2020-21 budget of \$89,379 before depreciation. After depreciation, the net consolidated loss is \$104,048.

Breed Improvement

The Board approved a policy change to require all AI-permitted (artificial insemination) sires to be tested for all genetic abnormalities starting Sept. 1, 2020.

The Board approved the following pricing structure for Mandibulofacial Dysostosis (MD) testing:

- Stand-alone MD test: \$20
- Basic test that includes MD, parentage, all other abnormalities and genomic-enhanced expected progeny differences (GE-EPDs): \$55
- Basic test that includes H/P (horned/polled), MD, parentage, all other abnormalities and GE-EPDs: \$71

Jon Beaver, Ph.D., updated the Board on gene-editing technology and his progress on researching cosmetic Hereford traits. Mike MacNeil, Ph.D., joined the Board to discuss the AHA profit indices.

Member Service

The Board was given a demonstration of the new customizable-list option to be added to MyHerd.

Show and Sale

The Board adopted the following policy for selecting judges for the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE):

- The junior board will recommend 10-15 names (no rank, no specific show) to be considered for JNHE shows (owned heifers, bred-and-owned heifers, steers, bulls and cow-

calf pairs). These names will be determined at the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) fall board meeting prior to the AHA Show and Sale committee meeting.

- The Show and Sale committee will add or remove names and recommend two to three names (in no particular order) from this list for each JNHE show.
- The Show and Sale committee will present the list to the full AHA Board for approval and will then send the approved list to the junior board.
- The junior board will rank judges from the approved list presented by the AHA Board. The NJHA board chairman and vice chairman will contact the selected judges immediately with a goal to have all judges confirmed by the end of that day.
- The junior board can name junior show judges for the American Royal, the North American International Livestock Expo and the National Western Stock Show from the judges the AHA Board approved for JNHE shows.

Hall of Fame/Merit

The Board voted to induct the following persons into the Hereford Hall of Fame and Hall of Merit:

Hall of Fame

Billy Ashe
Warren and Isabel Brown
John and Ginger Dudley

Hall of Merit

Burke Healey **HW**