

## Heartland Highland Cattle Association Board Meeting Minutes

06/08/2025

**Called to order:** 7:02p.m.

### **Open Meeting:**

#### A. Attendance

*Harold Ramey Jerry Thompson*

*Clint Deardorff Adam Michaud*

*Katherine Faulk Becky Semmler*

*Mike Senglaub Steve Stewart*

*Gloria Asmussen Chris Batz*

*Joyce Allender Sue Dyke*

*Jo Ellen missing*

#### B. Approved minutes of last meeting

- a. There were 3 different meeting minutes to approve:

Sue didn't receive any minutes-will check on her e-mail

March 8th meeting: Jim Morris attended Saturday [a.m.](#) meeting

Chris approved/Jerry seconded

Jo Ellen, Jerry Hill, and Gloria were there/Jennifer was not there

Katherine accepted/Chris seconded as amended

Meeting was held 5/2, not 5/1; Jo Ellen was there/Steve was by phone and this was amended.

- b. Hours awarded should have been 20.5 rather than 12- the number 12 was waived /\$2500 was approved for attorney fees/ Sue made the motion and Jerry 2nded

#### C. Financial report- Becky Semmler

- a. The number from the office and summaries on the current tabs are difficult to interpret/ Quick Books is an easy program to use and understand/\$99.90 mo./it can even do an inventory on merchandise

note: a year ago a decision was made that a new computer program for the Office would be attained for \$500 and that if more than that cost, board approval The finance committee will need receipt of all supplies/\$2837 of 15k has been allotted for these/ appreciation will be required/ Jennifer has a separate account for this

- b. Edward Jones account: Gloria states that we started an account years ago, that 3-6 months is the turn around time/discussion included the percentage of interest being earned now, options and how to inquire about them, and who would or should have the power to do any changes

- c. Taxes were signed May 1st

- d. Harold is concerned that we spend our money according to our mission statement, teaching about the highland cattle/ Jennifer says that giving out New Member packets is a good move towards that.

## Old Business:

### A. Committee Reports

- a. Genetic Reports- Mike Senglaub/DNA committee
  - i. Mike has sent out the samples taken @ the auction/225 have been taken in all/ Finding a student to continue work is difficult because of grant cancelling/ The priority is to link the genetics to the animal, a pattern analysis from their characteristics. He's looking for a way to attain info on the computer with a fire wall to protect the data once derived.
  - ii. Samples at the auction were taken with signatures of permission/one person refused the sample taking and the signature.
  
- b. Auction Report- Harold Ramey/Adam Michaud
  - i. Total sales: \$678,650  
Commission: \$47,212.50/ the average price was higher/  
The average price on line went up \$500  
[1. In](#) advertising, we gained a lot of contacts from this/  
38 animals sold thru on-line for \$140,700  
2. Gloria: may we have 10 older, ready to breed and 10 yearling bulls on our sales list from now on? There is a shortage of younger Breeding age bulls at this time.
  
- c. Registry report- Harold Ramey
  - i. January 1st to May 1st
    - 1. 30 H /151A/ 205B/ 3 Crosses or steers
    - 2. 182 transfers
  - ii. Earnings: \$14,370 Jan.-May  
There were 571 transactions: 103 were bulls  
283 females  
3 crosses
  
  - iii. Again the issue of chondro breeding brings up the need for caution.  
Becky said that genes are cropping up now from generations past.

d. By-law Committee

i. Steve and Chris are continuing to work thru the by-laws, making changes as needed. Each new registry has been given a number. /Committees whether they are standing or special shall be considered/these will be discussed more at the December meeting/Chris will send these to everyone to see

ii. 866 members (905 now)

Only 3% came to the meeting

11% were represented by mail-in ballot

iii. the need to change quorum for voting because of these numbers

e. Litigation

i. Becky is in communication with the attorney regarding their concerns/all references to ACHA must be removed from all written materials such as registration categories, etc.  
Kathy Peterson said that Jann is reworking the handbook and charts.

ii. Discussion of 840 numbers, state vets, suppliers and microchips/  
Premise is that animals come from your farm.

Concerns: what kind of attorney did we hire? As we are citing them as references. There should be no more concessions.

We should authorize Becky to continue her work with the attorney.  
Sue made the motion, Clint 2nded it.

**New Business:**

Harold was informed of drunken behavior at the auction:

Calls, glass bottles of beer. Occurred within the far pens during set-up. Becky made a motion that signage be added toward any offenders and Adam seconded it.

Post signs @ next auction: We're not responsible for accidents

No alcohol permitted

Do not enter pens

Watch your children

9:52 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Adam/ seconded by Jerry

