

Heartland Highland Cattle Association Board Meeting Minutes

December 5th, 2025

Called to order: 6:35 pm

Open Meeting:

Attendance

- Adam Michaud
- Chris Batz
- Steve Stewart
- Gloria Asmussen
- Jennifer Sutton
- Clint Deardorff
- Jo Ellen Ferguson
- Sue Dyke
- Becky Semmler Harold Ramey
- Dave
- Katherine Faulk

Old Business

- A. Financial report- Harold Ramey
 - a. QuickBooks will be set up by the board treasurer, Becky Semmler
 - b. The association's investment CDs are doing well
- Motion to approve the financial report made by Chris Batz
- Katherine Faulk seconded the motion
- B. 2025 Fall Auction Updates- Adam Michaud and Dave Embury
 - a. Dave reported that a consigned cow had a broken horn and had already been unloaded in the back of the auction barn. The cow could not be sold at the auction. However, an agreement was proposed that an independent buyer could purchase the cow while it resided at the sale barn, separate from the auction
 - b. A new and revised policy for sick/ill cows will be created and published in the HHCA auction rule. The policy will be discussed and voted on at the next board meeting (*amendment to minutes made on 3/7/2026*)
- Clint Deardorff made a motion to approve the agreed proposal
- Motion was seconded by Sue Dyke
- C. Registry Report- Harold
 - a. Monies are continuing to be made and received from the registry; the registry shall continue
- Jo Ellen Ferguson made a motion to approve
- Motion was seconded by Steve Stewart
- D. Event Coordinator- Dave Embury
 - a. Dave would like to pass on the role of event coordinator and would like to offer the position to someone with the association's membership. An email will be sent via the HHCA's office manager announcing the position

- E. By-laws– Chris Batz
 - a. The association’s by-laws have been revised and updated by Chris Batz and Steve Stewart
 - b. Language was changed in the by-laws to be up to date. The issues with the American Highland Cattle Association were kept in mind while the changes were being made
 - Motion to approve was made by Becky Semmler
 - The motion was seconded by Sue Dyke
- F. Genetics- Mike Senglaub
 - a. Concept analysis is a work in progress; specific farms’ cattle are being utilized to determine said concepts
 - i. It requires us to determine what characteristics we want our herd to be like. The software system that is being implemented can then be trained to search out the specific traits
 - b. The genetics research material will be distributed to the membership via the HHCA office manager

New Business:

- A. Legal- Becky Semmler
 - a. The attorney for the AHCA legal matter is owed \$700. The check will be set out by Jennifer Sutton
 - b. An inquiry for a new attorney was submitted
 - Motion to approve and pay was made by Chris Batz
 - Clint Deardorff seconded the motion
- B. 2026 HHCA Annual Gathering
 - a. Ideas for the annual gathering's guest speakers were pitched
 - i. Natural Resource Conservation Services for government programs for farmers
 - ii. No-fence pasture for cattle
- C. Membership Fees- Harold Ramey
 - a. Discussion regarding raising annual membership fees beginning January 26th, 2026
 - Becky Semmler made a motion to approve
 - Katherine Faulk seconded the motion
- D. Board Officer Positions and & Election- Harold Ramey
 - a. Clint Deardorff was nominated to be president elect of the HHCA board and voted in
 - Chris Batz made a motion to approve
 - Katherine Faulk seconded the motion

- b. Chris Batz was nominated to be vice president-elect of the HHCA board
- c. Conner Allender was nominated to be secretary-elect of the HHCA board
(amendment to minutes made on 3/7/2026)
- Voting for Chris Batz and Conner Allender has not been voted on yet
- E. 2026 Spring HHCA Annual Auction- Adam Michaud
 - a. Adam introduced the idea of a new catalog, which would allow for 3 photos on each page. The new format would allow for more advertisements
- Chris Batz made a motion to approve an extended budget for the catalog
- Katherine Faulk seconded the motion
- Later, an amendment was made to increase the catalog budget from \$2,000 up to \$3,200
 - The motion to approve was made by Clint Deardorff and was seconded by Sue Dyke
- F. Registry Fees- Harold Ramey
 - a. Harold Ramey proposed a question to raise the HHCA cattle registry fees
- Katherine made a motion to approve
- Clint Deardorff seconded the motion

Adjourned meeting: Approximately 9:33 pm

Minutes Recorded By: *Joyce Allender, Board Secretary*