

**Northwest Highland Cattle Association  
Board Meeting – Fall 2009  
September 18, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 4PM. Board members present were Tom Newton, Naomi Ewing, Bob Ames, and Robin Wolfe. Not present – Cheryl Kammerzell and Sharon Howard.

The spring 2009 Board Meeting minutes were approved as written.

**Secretary/treasurer report:**

- Financial status – we are currently within our budget for 2009 -- \$3,495 budget and \$2,996.86 spent to date.
- Money was spent to purchase a printer for The Fold publication. The expenses should be less than paying UPS for printing. The printer and supplies will be passed along to future newsletter publishers. There may be a change in publisher next year.
- Betty Jo Nolan asked if there were funds in the treasury for “New Exhibitor” and “Get of Sire” awards that she funds each year? Tom said he would investigate. (note from Sharon – yes, the funds were available, and they were mailed out per Betty’s request.)
- Membership status – 94 current farm members.
- Budget for 2010 – a concern was raised about adequate funding. Board members discussed the idea of raising the dues \$5 or reduce The Fold publishing costs. Member Gina Ames raised a concern about the silent auction. She speculated that the cost of items purchased to supply the auction items was greater than the profit generated. Was this an effective primary fund raising method? All agreed that the silent auction should not be eliminated. More discussion will occur at the spring meeting.

**Old Business**

- 2010 Spring Meeting – Tom and Cheryl Kammerzell, Maple K Farms in Colfax.
- 2010 Dues changes – any possible increase in membership dues will be discussed at the Spring Meeting Membership Meeting
- Newsletter update – members are encouraged to send in articles and photos. Thanks to Gary Hart for submitting a recent article.
- Farm Tours update – there appears to be no interest in hosting or touring, so we will stop promoting the idea unless interest is renewed.

**New Business**

- 2009 Regional Show Grand/Reserve Champion Trophies
  - The cow/calf trophy is not available
  - The heifer trophy, a silver tray, was presented to Robert and Doris Swalander for their 2009 Grand Champion female
  - The bull trophy has been completed and retired
- Recruitment of new show venues (e.g. SW Washington Fair at Chehalis)
  - Members are encouraged to network with their local fair boards to promote additional small, local Highland shows. If more shows are available, more points may be earned. Showing Highlands at local shows also increases exposure of and interest in the breed as well.
- Winter Board Meeting teleconference time will be set at a later date.
- Betty Jo Nolan noted that the \$50 cash prize for first-time Regional Show exhibitors had to be split between four new breeders this year. Betty Jo was willing to add another \$50 to bring each award to \$25. (note from Sharon – this was not necessary as Betty Jo had donated \$100, not \$50, for this award.) Checks for \$25 were given to Bob Swalander, Amy Allen, Paul Lagerquist, and Ian Schleh. Thank you new exhibitors!
- This year’s show trophies, lovely embroidered throws, were awarded to:

- Grand Champion cow/calf: Run-A-Muk Ranches
- Grand Champion female: Swalander Highlands
- Grand Champion bull: Run-A-Muk Ranches
- Reserve Champion cow/calf: Five Star Farm
- Reserve Champion female: Run-A-Muk Ranches
- Reserve Champion bull: Bitterroot Farms

Motion to adjourn.